

Ocean County Board of Health
175 Sunset Avenue
Toms River, New Jersey
November 13, 2024
9:30 AM

The Regular Meeting of the Ocean County Board of Health was called to order on November 13, 2024, at 9:30 a.m. in the Board Room, at 175 Sunset Avenue, Toms River, Ocean County, New Jersey, with Chairman John J. Mallon presiding.

1. Reading of “Open Public Meeting Act:”

2. Pledge of Allegiance:

Mr. John J. Mallon, Chairman asked everyone to join him in honoring our military service members who protect our freedom every day.

3. Roll Call:

Ms. Jennifer Bacchione
Dr. Avinash Gupta
Dr. Maurice Hill
Dr. Theresa Kubiel
Ms. Veronica Laureigh
Mr. Henry Mancini
Mr. John J. Mallon, Chairman

Daniel E. Regenye, Public Health Coordinator
James Holzapfel, Board Counsel

4. Acceptance of Meeting Minutes:

On motion made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Dr. Maurice Hill, the open meeting minutes from the October 23, 2024, meeting, were approved.

Name	Bacchione	Gupta	Hill	Kubiel	Laureigh	Mancini	Scaturro	Singer	Mallon
Ayes		X	X		X	X			X
Abstain	X			X					
Nays									
Absent							X		

Mr. John J. Mallon, Chairman, asked for a motion for the consent agenda on resolutions 292(24) through 323(24) and to follow the abstention list. Motion was made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Dr. Theresa Kubiel, and unanimously approved.

5. Adoption of Resolutions:

Resolution 292(24) – Finance Committee Report – November 13, 2024 - \$622,616.00– Motion was made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Dr. Theresa Kubiel, with Dr. Theresa Kubiel abstaining on Item #24-02898, and 24-02783, and Dr. Gupta abstaining on Item# 24-02898, and Mr. Mancini abstaining on Item # 24-02608 and 24-02791 and unanimously approved.

Resolution 293(24) – Personnel Committee Report – November 13, 2024 – Motion was made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Dr. Theresa Kubiel, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 294(24) – Authorization to accept the recommendations of the Local Advisory Committee on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse to allocate funds from the New Jersey Department of Human Services, Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services and the Ocean County Board of Health – totaling amount not to exceed \$1,621,480.00 – effective January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025 – Motion was made Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Dr. Theresa Kubiel, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 295(24) – Authorization to extend the correct contract terms with NexTraq for GPS service for motor vehicles with an amount not to exceed \$16,627.80 for the new extended period of January 1, 2025, through December 31, 2025 – Motion was made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Dr. Theresa Kubiel and unanimously approved.

Resolution 296(24) - Authorization to amend Resolution 111(24) for a new amount not to exceed \$710,442.00 with Santorini Construction for Area B renovations – Motion was made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Dr. Theresa Kubiel and unanimously approved.

Resolution 297(24) – Authorization to amend Resolution 237(24) for McKesson Medical – Surgical Government Solutions for a new amount not to exceed \$160,000.00 for the period of September 5, 2024, through March 31, 2025 – Motion was made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Dr. Theresa Kubiel and unanimously approved.

Resolution 298(24) – Authorization to approve write off and cancellation of uncollectible receivables for a total of \$4,315.08 from 2023- Motion was made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Dr. Theresa Kubiel and unanimously approved.

Resolution 299(24) – Authorization to amend the amount not to exceed for Barnabas Fitness for Duty for a new amount not to exceed \$45,675.00 for the period of January 1, 2024, through December 31, 2024 - Motion was made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by with Dr. Theresa Kubiel, with Dr. Kubiel and Dr. Gupta abstaining and unanimously approved

Resolution 300(24) - Authorization to enter into an agreement with Monmouth Feed Supply, Inc. for the provision of animal litter for an amount not to exceed \$17,250.00 for the period of January 1, 2025, through December 31, 2025 – Motion was made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Dr. Theresa Gupta and unanimously approved.

Resolution 301(24) - Authorization to enter into an agreement with Animal Birth Control for Animal Spay and Neuter services for an amount not to exceed \$26,250.00 for the period of January 1, 2025, through December 31, 2025 – Motion was made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Dr. Theresa Kubiel and unanimously approved.

Resolution 302(24) - Authorization to enter into a contract to procure catering services with Mulberry Street on an as needed basis for the period of January 1, 2025, through June 30, 2025 – Motion was made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Dr. Theresa Kubiel and unanimously approved.

Resolution 303(24) – Authorization to sign any necessary agreements and pay the annual administrative fee of \$150.00 for the MVC’s Online Access Program for the sole purpose of retrieving driver abstracts for those citizens ordered to attend the Ocean County Intoxicated Driver Resource Center for calendar year 2025 – Motion was made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Dr. Theresa Kubiel and unanimously approved.

Resolution 304(24) – Authorization to accept the County of Ocean Competitive Contract Proposal for Substance Use Prevention and Early Intervention for a maximum of \$200,000.00 for the period of January 1, 2025, through December 31, 2025, with a possible option to renew for up to one additional 12-month period – Motion was made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Dr. Theresa Kubiel with Mr. Mancini abstaining and unanimously approved.

Resolution 305(24) – Authorization to accept the Ocean County Department of Human Services Opioid Prevention Consulting Services for a total amount of \$200,000.00 for the period of January 1, 2025, through December 31, 2025, with a possible option to renew for up to one additional 12-month period – Motion was made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Dr. Theresa Kubiel with Mr. Mancini abstaining and unanimously approved.

Resolution 306(24) - Authorization for the establishment of the 2025 clinical sliding fee schedule for indicated clinical services offered by the Ocean County Health Department effective January 1, 2025 – Motion was made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Dr. Theresa Kubiel and unanimously approved.

Resolution 307(24) – Authorization to enter into a memorandum of agreement with the New Jersey Department of Human Services' Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired – at no cost to the agency – for the period January 1, 2025, through December 31, 2025 – Motion was made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Dr. Theresa Kubiel, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 308(24) Authorization to enter into an agreement to accept and provide referrals to the New Jersey Housing Collaborative's Homeless Hotline at not cost to the agency for the period of November 14, 2024, through September 30, 2025 – Motion was made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Dr. Theresa Kubiel and unanimously approved.

Resolution 309(24) – Authorization that Chanon Chant – Berry Esq. of Toms River is recommended to the Ocean County Board of Commissioners for the appointment to the Local Advisory Committee on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse (LACADA) to replace the Ocean County Prosecutors representative position from Timothy Kelly's previous LACADA appointment – Motion was made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Dr. Theresa Kubiel and unanimously approved.

Resolution 310 (24) - Authorization to enter into a five (5) year Shared Services Agreement with participating municipalities for the provision of animal facility services for the period of January 1, 2025, through December 31, 2029 – Motion was made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Dr. Theresa Kubiel, with Ms. Bacchione and Mr. Mancini abstaining on Berkeley, Mr. Mancini abstaining on Brick, Jackson, Lacey, Little Egg Harbor, Seaside Heights, Seaside Park, Stafford, Toms River Township, and Tuckerton, Ms. Laureigh abstaining on Lacey, and Mr. Mallon abstaining on Pine Beach, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 311(24) - Authorization to enter into a one (1) year Shared Services Agreement with non-participating municipalities for the provision of animal facility services for the period of January 1, 2025, through December 31, 2025 - Motion was made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Dr. Theresa Kubiel with Mr. Mancini abstaining on Long Beach, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 312(24) – Authorization to enter into a one (1) year Shared Services Agreement with United Communities, McGuire/Dix/Lakehurst for the provision of animal facility services for the period of January 1, 2025, through December 31, 2025 – Motion was made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Dr. Theresa Kubiel and unanimously approved.

Resolution 313(24) – Authorization to enter into an agreement with Georgian Court University – to accept students – for the period January 1, 2025, through December 31, 2025 – at no cost to the agency – Motion was made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Dr. Theresa Kubiel, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 314(24) – Authorization to enter into an agreement with Kean University, School of Nursing – to accept nursing students – for the period January 1, 2025, through December 31, 2025 – at no cost to the agency – Motion was made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Dr. Theresa Kubiel, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 315(24) – Authorization to enter into an agreement with Monmouth University – to accept graduate students – for the period January 1, 2025, through December 31, 2025 – at no cost to the agency – Motion was made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Dr. Theresa Kubiel, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 316(24) – Authorization to enter into an agreement with Ocean County College, Department of Nursing and Allied Health – to accept nursing students – for the period January 1, 2025, through December 31, 2025 – at no cost to the agency – Motion was made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Dr. Theresa Kubiel, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 317(24) – Authorization to enter into an agreement with NJAES Office of Continuing Professional Education, Rutgers, the State University of New Jersey – to accept Public Health students – for the period January 1, 2025, through December 31, 2025 – at no cost to the agency – Motion was made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Dr. Theresa Kubiel, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 318(24) – Authorization to enter into an agreement with Seton Hall University – to accept graduate students – for the period January 1, 2025, through December 31, 2025 – at no cost to the agency – Motion was made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Dr. Theresa Kubiel, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 319(24) – Authorization to enter into an agreement with William Patterson University – to accept students – for the period January 1, 2025, through December 31, 2025 – at no cost to the agency – Motion was made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Dr. Theresa Kubiel, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 320(24) – Authorization to enter into an agreement with Thomas Edison State University – to accept students – for the period October 31, 2024, through December 31, 2025 – at no cost to the agency – Motion was made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Dr. Theresa Kubiel, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 321(24) – Authorization to enter into an agreement with University of New England to accept students – for the period October 31, 2024, through December 31, 2025 – at no cost to the agency – Motion was made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Dr. Theresa Kubiel, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 322(24) – Recognition of December 2024 as National Impaired Driving Prevention Month – Motion was made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Dr. Theresa Kubiel, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 323(24) – Recognition of December 1, 2024, as World AIDS Day – Motion was made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Dr. Theresa Kubiel, and unanimously approved.

6. Comments: Commissioner Deputy Director Gary Quinn, Liaison to the Board of Health:

Comments from Commissioner Deputy Director Gary Quinn: Commissioner Deputy Director Gary Quinn, Liaison to the Board of Health was absent from today's Board of Health meeting.

7. Other Matters:

Mr. Daniel Regenye, Public Health Coordinator/Health Officer updated the Board on our flu clinics. They are well under way and there will be a full report in the December meeting. We encourage residents to get the vaccine, it's not too late and this year's vaccine is a close match and effective in preventing or minimizing illness with the virus in circulation.

There has been no further update on the Toms River Animal Shelter. We are still waiting on the two original signed signatures and the explanation on the certification of funds.

Ms. Jennifer Bacchione thanked the Board of Health and the Ocean County Health Department on the great job that was done at the Berkeley Health Fair that was held on October 29, 2024. There was a great turnout.

Dr. Maurice Hill congratulated Ms. Bacchione on her election results as Commissioner Elect and mentioned that Monday November 18, 2024, is the official opening and ribbon cutting of the Veterans Clinic in Toms River.

8. Comments from the Public: Comments from members of the audience were invited at this time with a limit of five (5) minutes per speaker: Mr. John J. Mallon, Chairman, asked if anyone from the public wished to speak.

Ms. Julie Adamec, a resident of Toms River, asked if the money provided through Resolution 301(24) for Spay and Neutering was the same amount as last year and Mr. Daniel E. Regenye confirmed the amount was increased from \$ 17,500.00 last year to \$26,250.00 for 2025.

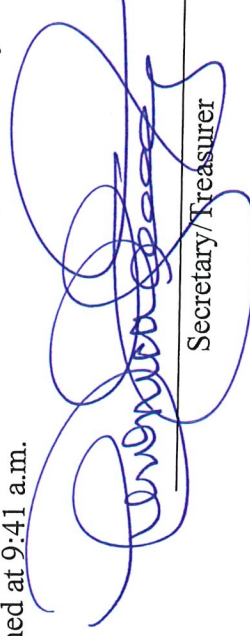
Mr. Daniel E. Regenye also explained the difference between Resolutions 310(24) and 311(24) which are Shared Services Agreements with municipalities, the 5-year agreement falls under the towns that participate in the Ocean County Health Department and the remaining towns that participate in a 1-year Shared Service Agreement are included in the Long Beach Island Health Department.

Ms. Adamek also inquired about the closure to the Stafford site while repairs and updates are being made and Barnegat being used, she asked if there can be awareness made of this closure so if there are any animals that are lost the resident will know where to call or go to. Mr. Regenye explained that we do have messaging out on our social media and website and to the towns so, they would be guided to the correct location. Signage will also be posted on the door at SOCAF with directions to the Barnegat Facility.

Ms. Dawn Lazar inquired if Toms River was included in the Shared Services Agreement with the 27 municipalities and Mr. Regenye explained that yes, it is but that agreement is separate from the agreement between Toms River Township Animal Shelter and the Ocean County Health Department. Contracting with the Township of Toms River for animal facility services has been in place for many decades.

9. Authorization to Enter Into Closed Session If Necessary: Closed Session was not needed at this time.

10. Adjournment: A motion was made by Dr. Theresa Kubiel, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, and the meeting adjourned at 9:41 a.m.



Secretary/Treasurer