

Ocean County Regional Ethics Committee Meeting

October 21, 2008 held at Laurelton Village

The meeting was called to order by Cathy Vakulchik, Chairperson. Cathy welcomed everyone and introductions were made around the room.

Cathy asked about the website and Ed Mount reported that the site is up and running and all links are working. Go check it out: [www.oceancountyethics.com](http://www.oceancountyethics.com).

Kathy Bogajevski, Treasurer reported a balance in our account of \$2,526.95

Discussion was held about presenting more Continuing Education programs in 2009. Two of the hot topics were stress and patient abuse. There seems to be continuing disagreement with the Dept of Health vs. the Ombudsman when it comes to abuse cases. Cathy Vakulchik said she will speak with Debra Branch about the patient abuse topic.

Two case studies were brought up with a lot of back and forth dialogue. As always, good suggestions were made by everyone. And again remember, you can go on the website to request a case consultation.

The meetings for 2009 will be as follows:

January 20 – Magnolia Gardens  
February 17 – Bey Lea Village  
March 17 – Laurelton Village  
April 21 – Green Acres Manor  
May 19 – Shorrock Gardens  
June 16 – Meridian at Home  
July – No meeting  
August – No meeting  
Sept. 15 – Holiday Care Center  
October 20 – Bartley Healthcare  
November 17 – Alert Ambulance

Next meeting to be held on November 18<sup>th</sup> @ Brentwood Assisted Living, 1657 Silverton Road, Toms River, NJ 08755 732 941-8100.

Minutes prepared by: Janice Noll, Meridian at Home

Meeting attended by:

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