



# Town of Orange, Connecticut

ORANGE BOARD OF HEALTH  
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Board of Health Minutes  
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Present: Bob Fodero, Carol Luddy, Dr. Norman Marieb, Dr. Sohail Kayani  
Staff: Brian Slugoski, Judy Benson  
Absent: Dr. Paul Barash, Michelle Tenney, Kristy Macchi

Chairman Fodero opened the meeting at 7:05 p.m.

Dr. Kayani moved that the minutes of December 17, 2018 be accepted as published, seconded by Dr. Marieb and approved by the members.

## Staff Reports

### Director of Health

Judy Benson gave Dr. Mohammed's report in his absence. A letter has been sent to Southern Connecticut State University requesting a student who might be interested in serving an internship with the Health Department.

There has been a slight "uptick" of flu cases in our town. Vaccine is still available

### Environmental Division

Brian Slugoski briefed us on some of the drainage problems in Orange created by the heavy precipitation we have experienced in the last 2-3 months. There was some flooding, runoff from neighboring properties.

He commented on the proposal to build ten town houses on the Meisenheimer property on Cranberry Lane and a draft he reviewed of the septic system feasibility for all the units.

### Visiting Nurses/School Nurses

Judy Benson indicated there are presently some absences on her staff. She has been unable to hire some school nurses since fingerprinting services are not available from agencies that have been part of the partial closure of governmental agencies.

In response to a question she stated that about 75% of patient referrals to the the OVNA are from hospitals and the remaining 25% primarily from M.D. offices.

At this point in time, people requesting flu inoculations are asked to call for an appointment.

Generally, the OVNA is doing well.

Old Business: No report

New Business

It had been recommended at a previous meeting that the Board review and discuss three of the Ten Essential Public Health Services at each meeting. Carol Luddy led the discussion of:

- #1. Monitor health status to identify community health problems.
- #2. Diagnose and investigate health problems and health hazards in the community.
- #3. Inform, educate and empower people about health issues.

After referral to our Annual Report to the State Health Department and much discussion it was generally agreed that the Orange Health Department, for the most part, met the intention of these standards.

There being no additional business to discuss, Dr. Marieb made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Carol Luddy, and approved by the members. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Severio D. Fodero*