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Orange Board of Health
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Board of Health minutes
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Present: Bob Fodero, Carol Luddy, Dr. Marieb, Dr. Baltimore, Dr. Kayani
Staff: Judy Benson, Brian Slugoski

Absent: Dr. Mohammed, Dr. Barash, Kristy Macci, Rhoda Gorenberg

Chairman Bob Fodero called the meeting to order at 7:31 pm.

Approval of the Minutes of March 19, 2018
Carol Luddy made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Dr Marieb seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Joni Nordstrom, ODAAC

The chairman mentioned that Joni Nordstrom was previously scheduled to attend the April meeting which was cancelled and was unable to attend the May meeting. Judy Benson explained that Joni Nordstrom's discussion would be on the opioid epidemic and other issues. Judy explained that Joni would like to get in touch with Town Hall to touch base on her programs and would like to set up a date and time to meet with the Board of Health.

Working Tools for Community Health Problems

The chairman mentioned the working tools for Community Health Problems which Judy Benson would be informing the Board.

Staff Reports

Environmental Health

Brian Slugoski reported that the past month was very busy with 134 office conferences. Brian also mentioned that the Town has been using the Viewpoint software for permits and the department is now seeing information in regards to permits more than previously shown on the permits taken through the Building Department.

There are a few restaurants coming into Town and a few that have gone out of business. Discussion continued in regards to the closing restaurants and what businesses would replace them.

He also mentioned that that LA Fitness has closed as well. Discussion continued throughout the Board.

Discussion continued on restaurant scores and inspections as well as septic system inspections. The food truck festival is coming up so there will be more inspections to

come. There will be a veteran's rehabilitation facility under construction soon on Indian River Road which will hold a restaurant with veteran's serving veteran's food.

OVNA

Judy Benson reported on Community Programs in the area which included flu clinics, health & safety fairs and other events. Discussion continued in regards to how much staff time would be needed to work the community events.

Brian mentioned that due to the Town's annual report, the state considers the Town's Health Department as a part-time Health Department which it is. Discussion continued on ways to show that the department provides as much services as surrounding towns with full time health departments.

Another discussion on the hoarding problem in town continued on what can be done to educate people.

In addition, there was a discussion about possibly reaching out to surrounding health departments to collaborate on various programs for residents.

On June 6th, the OVNA is sponsoring a digital mammogram van to come to Town. Notices were given to each department head to spread the word.

Old Business

Pre-Diabetes Program

Dr. Marieb reported that the presentation went well; there is a small number of people participating and all but one are losing weight. The participants are being seen every two weeks. There was an article in a local paper which brought some interest.

New Board Members

Discussion regarding bringing on new board members continued.

New Business

Incidence of Measles Cases

Dr. Baltimore reported that there were a few cases of measles. One case was thought to be a rash and was sent home. The second time, the same case was determined to be measles upon going through the patient history. Discussion continued on the MMR vaccine.

Carol Luddy made a motion to adjourn. Dr. Marieb seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 8:21 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Kelly Kearney
Recording Secretary