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## **Orange Board of Health Minutes**

May 16, 2022

High Plains Community Center Cafeteria

Members in Attendance: Kristy Macci, Scott Rocchio, Ron Castillo, and Joseph Kim

Members Absent: Sanjay Aggarwal, Sohail Kayani, Anne Jasorkowski, Norman Marieb, and Michelle Tenney

Staff in Attendance: Amir Mohammed, Brian Slugoski, and Lynn Beckham

Staff Absent: Terri Waldron and Lisa Pimenta

### 1. Approval of Minutes – March 14, 2022

- Due to a lack of quorum, the March 14<sup>th</sup> OBOH minutes were tabled until next month.

### 2. Update on Vaccination Clinics – Dr. Mohammed

- Dr. Mohammed gave an update on the final April vaccination clinic, noting that 125 people overall were vaccinated, from ages 5-105. The demographic information of those seeking vaccinations has been posted on their website. The State mandates that the OBOH continue to offer Covid vaccinations to those homebound and disabled. To date, seven homebound individuals have contacted them for the vaccination. The OBOH has not been mandated by the State to administer flu vaccinations to the homebound, although this could happen during actual flu season.
- Dr. Mohammed reported on other communicable diseases, noting that tick season is now upon us. There has been an increase in hepatitis among children in the United States, but not in Connecticut. He mentioned that there have been two cases of tuberculosis in Orange. One is actively being treated and the other individual has completed full treatment. The treatment is a minimum of eight weeks and it can be sometimes challenging to obtain sufficient medications for full treatment. Chair Macci inquired if there has been any established correlation between the Covid vaccinations and tuberculosis and Dr. Mohammed indicated that there has been no documented correlation between the two.

### 3. Staff Reports– Brian Slugoski

- Mr. Slugoski noted that while 87% of the Orange population has been vaccinated, and 55% have received their booster vaccinations, Covid cases are on the rise, particularly in the elementary to high school population. Symptoms have been mild and there have been no hospitalizations or deaths.
- Mr. Slugoski discussed the permit process and the pre-inspection of all food trucks, noting that this will be an ongoing task in light of the many events scheduled during the Bicentennial celebrations over the summer.
- Mr. Slugoski discussed the liability issues to the Town regarding “hoarding.” He recommended that an emergency plan of action be written in the Town ordinance to accommodate residents who must be temporarily relocated due to unsafe living conditions. He spoke with the State Housing Authority Attorney and was advised that this topic of discussion must include the First Selectman of Orange. To date, no action has been taken. He also noted that in 2023 and 2025 there will be changes to the lead standards and info will be mailed to homeowners. This could also necessitate resident relocation plans.

### 4. OVNA Report – Lisa Pimenta

- There was no report at this time.

### 5. Blue Zone Presentation – Ms. Tenney

- There was no report at this time.

### 6. Vision and Mission Statement of OBH – Attorney Vincent Marino

- There was no report at this time.

### 7. Suggestions to Promote Better Community Health for Residents

- Dr. Mohammed led a brief discussion on the Public Health Initiative back in 2017-1018 through a CDC grant. Dr. Marieb was involved in this initiative. The purpose was to address the prevention of diabetes. Results were impressive and Dr. Roccio felt that these results should be made available to the public as an encouragement for participation with future public health initiatives.

The meeting adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Deborah Satonick  
Recording Secretary