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Board of Health Minutes May 28, 2019

Present: S. Fodero, Michelle Tenney, N. Marieb, M.D.

Staff: B. Slugoski, R.S., J. Benson, R.N., A. Mohammed, M.D.

Absent: C. Luddy, R.N., P. Barash, M.D., K. Macci, S. Kayani, M.D. R. Baltimore, M.D.

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 by the Chairman

Since there was not a quorum of members present, review and acceptance of the minutes of April 15, 2019 was delayed until the June meeting.

Alcohol and Drug Discussion: Joni Nordstrom, Director/Coordinator of the Bethany, Orange and Woodbridge Drug/Alcohol Action Committee was our guest presenter.

Ms. Nordstrom briefly reviewed the roles of her office. She spoke about collaboration with various groups and their effort to prevent drug and alcohol addiction. Various events and activities include:

- Displays on billboards warning about the potential to become addicted to drugs and alcohol.
- Free Narcam training programs are being held. In response to a question she indicated the Orange police have been trained and are in possession of Narcam.
- There was a short discussion about the opioid incident involving many people on the New Haven Green a few months ago.
- Ms. Nordstrom related a case involving substance abuse to impress on us that addiction can happen to anyone.
- She spent a few minutes talking about vaping that is becoming popular among adults and young people.
- We touched on the issue whereby some CT towns are raising the age to buy tobacco, as opposed to attempts to legalize recreational marijuana.

We thanked Ms. Nordstrom for her presentation with a request that she come before our Board again.

Staff Reports

Director's Report: Dr. Mohammed gave us an update on the outbreak of measles in this country.

(Dr. Mohammed continued)

Fortunately, there have been no reported cases in CT, but there are now several hundred cases reported throughout our country. Several children in Orange have not yet received the inoculation, some for a variety of reasons such as the fear of the vaccine; religious reasons, medical issues.

Environmental Health: Brian noted there has been an increase in requests for and inspection of temporary food service operations such as food trucks that now are a part of many summer activities. In response to a question involving the amount of rain this year, he responded that it is possible we could have more ticks and mosquitoes this summer.

OVNA: Judy reviewed the report “Disease Monitoring Required by the CT State Department of Public Health” and “Total Monitored Disease Cases for 2018-2019.” Both she and Dr. Marieb indicated the Pre Diabetes Prevention Program is going well.

An improved telephone system has been installed in OVNA offices.

Old Business – None

New Business – The next Board of Health Meeting will be held on June 17, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. in the High Plains Community Center conference room.

There being no additional business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Severio D. Fodero, Chair