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Orange Board of Health Minutes

March 14, 2022

High Plains Community Center Cafeteria

Members in Attendance: Kristy Macci, Michelle Tenney, Scott Rocchio, Anne Jasorkowski, Norman Marieb, Sohail Kayani, Ron Castillo, and Joseph Kim

Members Absent: Sanjay Aggarwal

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

Staff Absent: Terri Waldron

1. Staff Reports – Brian Slugoski

- Mr. Slugoski gave an update on the COVID infections. There were 600 plus cases in January, and the numbers have been on a steady decline. The trajectory is moving in a positive direction.

2. Update on Vaccination Clinics – Dr. Mohammed & Ms. Beckham

- Dr. Mohammed gave a complete update on the two COVID vaccination clinics. Ms. Beckham, R.N., contributed to this update, noting that they were primarily pediatric clinics for children ages 5-11 year old. Walk-ins were also welcome. Two more clinics are scheduled from March 17th and 24th. The month of March has seen a dramatic decline in positive COVID cases. Dr. Mohammed added that they have used about 10% of the budget given them by the Orange Board of Finance.
- The town and the schools have distributed take home COVID text kits and face masks are now optional in the schools. Ms. Tenney advised that she will be present at the upcoming COVID clinics to distribute information on the adverse effects of the COVID vaccination on children. She desires to present this information claiming that the CDC has not been forthcoming with presenting both viewpoints. Dr. Rocchio and Ms. Tenney suggested a “cease and desist” order on the upcoming clinics but there was no action taken by other Board members. The other Board members, while aware of potential risk factors from the COVID vaccination, felt that the overall benefits outweigh the risk factors both in adults and children.

2. Mission and Vision Statement for the Orange Board of Health – Attorney Jasorkowski

- Attorney Jasorkowski discussed the Orange Town Charter and the role of the Director of Public Health. She also contacted the Town Attorney, Vincent Marino, and indicated that he is willing to

come before the Orange Board of Health to discuss and clarify their jurisdiction and their role and responsibilities to the Orange residents. It was suggested that questions be prepared and forwarded to Attorney Marino in advance of this meeting.

Attorney Jasorkowski made a motion to officially request Town Attorney, Vincent Marino, to speak before the Orange Board of Health. Ms. Tenney seconded the motion and all were in favor. The motion PASSED.

3. OVNA Report – Ms. Pimenta, R.N.

- Ms. Pimenta, R.N. read the OVNA report to the Board members. She shared the statistics on the reportable diseases and gave information of the flu vaccination.

4. Blue Zone Presentation – Ms. Tenney

- Due to time constraints, this discussion was tabled until the April meeting.

5. Building Immunity in our Community – Ms. Tenney

- This item was also tabled until the April meeting.

6. Approval of the Minutes – January 10, 2022 & February 21, 2022

Dr. Kayani made a motion to approve both the January 20th and February 21 Orange Board of Health minutes. Attorney Jasorkowski seconded the motion and all were in favor. The motion PASSED.

6. Adjournment

Attorney Jasorkowski made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:04 p.m., seconded by Dr. Kayani. All were in favor and the motion PASSED.

Respectfully Submitted,

Deborah Satonick
Recording Secretary