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## **Orange Board of Health Minutes**

September 12, 2022  
High Plains Community Center Cafeteria

Members in Attendance: Kristy Macci, Sohail Kayani, Anne Jasorkowski, Norman Marieb, Sanjay Aggarwal, Scott Rocchio, Ron Castillo

Members Absent: Michelle Tenney and Joseph Kim

Staff in Attendance: Amir Mohammed and Brian Slugoski

Staff Absent: Terri Waldron and Lynn Beckham

Guests: Mary Swanstinger, Griffin Hospital

### 1. Diabetes Prevention Proposal – Dr. Marieb & Mary Swanstinger, Diabetes Care Specialist at Griffin Hospital

- Ms. Swanstinger distributed handouts with data and statistics regarding diabetes. She presented information about the program, noting that this program is supported by the CDC. The program should have no more than 20 preselected individuals that meet the criteria for the program. They would be a part of a virtual meeting led by a facilitator that meets once a week for four months, then twice a month for an additional four months, and monthly for the balance of the year. She would like to begin the program by mid-October or in November in honor of Diabetes Awareness Month. Ms. Swanstinger will draft flyers and circulate to Dr. Marieb and Ms. Macci for review. Once finalized, they will be shared with Dr. Aggarwal so he can identify patients in his practice who may qualify for the program. The program will be free of charge to participants. The Orange Board of Health and the Health Director agreed to support and advertise the program to local residents.
- Dr. Mohammed advised that they are currently interviewing for a Director for OVNA to replace Ms. Pimenta.

### 2. Town Code – Town Attorney Vincent Marino

- Town Attorney Marino explained that the Town of Orange has an independent Board of Health as allowed by the State of Connecticut according to Chapter 70 in the Town Code. He

reviewed the Town Code with the Board members, in particular, the function of the Board as an overseeing body for establishing policies, but not directly involved in the day-to-day business of the Town administration. Change in policies require a vote at a Public Hearing, versus their monthly meetings.

- Attorney Marino explained that the local health agencies may establish policies that are more stringent than the State mandates, but not less stringent. The Orange Board of Health may include provisions of services that exceed the basic public health program, and may levy fines and penalties for public health code violations. He proceeded to answer specific questions from the Board members. Chairperson Macci thanked Attorney Marino for his time and for coming to the meeting.

### 3. Approval of Minutes – June 13, 2022

***Mr. Castillo made a motion to approve the June 13, 2022 Orange Board of Health minutes, seconded by Ms. Jasorkowski. All were in favor and the motion PASSED.***

### 4. Staff Reports – Mr. Slugoski

- As the meeting was going beyond the designated time, Mr. Slugoski gave a very brief Staff Report.

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Deborah Satonick  
Recording Secretary