

Pima County Board of Health
Hand Washing Committee
Minutes
October 22, 2010
Room 1104, Abrams Building
3950 S. Country Club Road
Tucson, Arizona 85714

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Dr. Brumm called the meeting to order at 3:02 p.m.

Mr. Schlueter called the roll as follows:

Dr. Brumm
Ms. Gonzales
Mr. Stopani

A quorum was established.

2. HAND WASHING DISCUSSION / RECOMMENDATIONS

Health Department Director Sherry Daniels stated that many of Dr. Brumm's proposed code changes (page 2 of his handout) appeared doable. Regarding the recommendations in the handout, Ms. Daniels supported recommendations for hand washing facilities or hand sanitizer for mobile food establishments; hand washing facilities or hand sanitizer for chemical toilets or vault privies, depending on the nature of the event or setting; hand washing signage and hand washing facilities for venues where human-animal contact occurs; and added support for hand washing facilities or hand sanitizer for farmers markets. However, due to the lack of enforceability she did not support the second recommended code change, which was to require all employee and public restrooms have signage encouraging hand washing.

Dr. Brumm gave a call to the audience and the Committee heard comment from Steve Nash from the Pima County Medical Society. Mr. Nash spoke predominantly in favor of what Ms. Daniels supported, but wanted to qualify the human-animal contact venues would refer to venues like petting zoos versus livestock settings. He also said that he is willing to bring proposals back to the infectious disease community, which is in favor of code changes consistent with those discussed.

Ms. Daniels indicated that if the Committee recommends the code changes to the full Board of Health, and the Board also supports the changes, then she would work with the County Attorney's office to develop the proposed ordinance language. She also stated that further steps would need to include public / stakeholder input and Board of Supervisors action.

The motion was made and seconded (Brumm/Gonzales) that the Committee recommend the code changes supported by Ms. Daniels, to the full Board for approval and subsequent development. The motion carried.

3. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 4:07 p.m.