

Pima County Board of Health
Community Health Advocacy Committee Meeting
Minutes
May 25, 2011
Room 1106, Abrams Building
3950 S. Country Club Road
Tucson, Arizona 85714

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Dr. Horwitz called the meeting to order at 2:10 p.m.

Mr. Schlueter called the roll as follows:

Ms. Allen
Dr. Brumm - absent
Dr. Fulginiti - absent
Ms. Gonzales
Dr. Horwitz
Ms. Trowbridge

A quorum was established.

2. MINUTES ADOPTION – BOARD OF HEALTH

Adopt Board of Health Community Health Advocacy Committee April 27, 2011 Minutes

The motion was made and seconded (Gonzales/Horwitz) that the April 27, 2011 Community Health Advocacy Committee Minutes be adopted as written. The motion carried.

3. DEFINE COMMUNITY HEALTH ADVOCACY COMMITTEE PURPOSE

Dr. Horwitz opened by saying he has a hard time relating to initiatives without having a budget to accomplish the objective. The Committee referred to County Administrator Huckelberry's April 19, 2011 memorandum to the Board of Health and it was suggested that Mr. Huckelberry is seeking an ally and leverage with the Board of Supervisors and State. There was discussion on gathering groups related to the three bullet points from the aforementioned memorandum to identify issues and risks related to these items and then advocate for those issues. The Arizona Hospital Association was mentioned as a group worth being involved with to deal with health issues particularly in relation to the State's current AHCCCS changes. Ms. Allen suggested that the Committee's purpose could be to bring together key leaders as well as the community based groups across Pima County in order to advocate to public and private entities for fulfilling the mission of the Pima County Health Department; or to develop, recommend and, as necessary, modify the policy and strategy of the Pima County Health Department in disease prevention and protection of the public health. In general the first suggested purpose from Ms. Allen was more accepted by the Committee. There was a reference to discussion from the Committee's last meeting about working on objectives that are

measurable. There was also mention of possibly meeting with Mr. Huckelberry to discuss and clarify his intentions related to his aforementioned memorandum.

In response to a request for input, Health Department Director Sherry Daniels reiterated ideas she expressed at the Committee's previous meeting including legislative support from the Board of Health for better proof of immunity in childcare and congregate settings and garnering the right sponsors, including community sponsors, when seeking to change legislation. She discussed building a health safety net within the community to address certain groups which will otherwise fall through the cracks in the system. Ms. Daniels also mentioned that the County is applying for a Community Transformation Grant and there will be opportunity for the Board of Health to help influence policy and/or advocate within the community related to the grant. The grant requires that tobacco, obesity issues and strategies to increase access to competent clinical care to affect preventable conditions be addressed.

4. POSSIBLE HEALTH ADVOCACY INITIATIVES

A number of possible health advocacy initiatives were touched on as part of item 3, Define Community Health Advocacy Committee Purpose. However, there was no decision made regarding any initiative that should be presented to the Board of Health for action.

5. COMMUNITY HEALTH ADVOCACY COMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULE

Dr. Horwitz established that the next Committee meeting will be at 2:00 pm on June 22, 2011.

6. CALL TO AUDIENCE

There were no speakers from the audience.

7. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.