



MEMORANDUM

Date: December 1, 2014

To: The Honorable Chair and Members
Pima County Board of Supervisors

From: C.H. Huckelberry
County Administrator 

Re: **Governor's Council on Infectious Disease Preparedness and Response Preliminary Report**

On October 21, 2014, Governor Janice Brewer issued Executive Order 2014-08 establishing the Council on Infectious Disease Preparedness and Response. This 21-member Council included two representatives from Pima County: Sean Elliott, MD, Medical Director, Infection Control, University of Arizona Health Network; and Francisco Garcia, MD, MPH, Director of the Pima County Health Department.

Earlier today, the Governor released a Preliminary Report that outlines the development and implementation of a statewide infectious disease response system. A copy of this report can be found at <http://azdhs.gov/phs/oids/advisory-council/documents/gcidpr-preliminary-report.pdf>

In my November 21, 2014 memorandum to the Board, I indicated there was a possibility a hospital in southern Arizona will be designated as one of two "Infectious Disease Centers of Excellence" in Arizona. I stated that I believe this will be beneficial to our community in that both diagnostic and therapeutic services will be available to people in need in Pima County. Please note this Preliminary Report states that Maricopa Integrated Health Systems and the University of Arizona Health Network are the two systems designated as Infectious Disease Centers of Excellence.

As reported on November 21, as part of the selection and designation process, the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) will be actively vetting candidate institutions to identify their current capacity, as well as potential ability to simultaneously respond to these unlikely threats while continuing to serve the local community in a safe and effective manner. All appropriate County staff is engaged in the various elements of decision making and communications processes.

CHH/mjk

c: Jan Leshar, Deputy County Administrator for Medical and Health Services
Dr. Francisco Garcia, Director, Health Department