

Pima County Board of Health
Minutes
March 23, 2011
Room 1108, Abrams Building
3950 S. Country Club Road
Tucson, Arizona 85714

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Dr. Horwitz called the meeting to order at 3:04 p.m.

Mr. Schlueter called the roll as follows:

Ms. Allen
Mr. An
Dr. Brumm
Mr. Elías
Dr. Fulginiti
Ms. Gonzales
Dr. Horwitz
Mr. Rojas- absent
Mr. Stopani
Ms. Trowbridge - absent

A quorum was established.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Dr. Fulginiti led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. MINUTES ADOPTION – BOARD OF HEALTH

- Adopt Board of Health February 16, 2011 Minutes

The motion was made and seconded (Allen/Brumm) that the February 16, 2011 Minutes be adopted as written. The motion carried.

4. PIMA COUNTY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH BRIEF

Pat Benchik, Pima County Behavioral Health Administrator, provided an outline he utilized to address the Board on his duties and the general behavioral health system within Pima County. Pima County spends an estimated \$40 million a year on behavioral health. Mr. Benchik has had a major role in facilitating the interoperability with the University of Arizona and the Community Partnership of Southern Arizona (CPSA) in relation to the two new Kino Campus buildings, the Behavioral Health Pavilion (BHP) and the Crisis Response Center (CRC), which are expected to be completed in August. The buildings were funded through bond issues from 2004 and 2006 totaling approximately \$66 million. The BHP will house a new emergency department;

psychiatric patient beds; a courtroom for court ordered treatment hearings; and an empty floor for future development. Mr. Benchik stressed that the BHP represents a substantial development of the University of Arizona on the Kino Campus. The Community Partnership of Southern Arizona, the State agency responsible for mental health care, will manage the CRC which will take the pressure off of local hospital emergency departments which have been overwhelmed with mental health emergencies. The CRC will focus on recovery, not just intervention; and the service model is designed to give patients quicker access to behavioral health care.

Mr. Benchik is also the liaison with the Department of Institutional Health (DIH) in their relations with the Pima County Adult Detention Center (PCADC) and CONMED the medical provider at PCADC. He has a role in the Title 36 Court Ordered Evaluations system and the Restoration to Competency (to stand trial) program; and also serves as the County's liaison with CPSA and with DIH and the Pima County Juvenile Detention Center.

Mr. Benchik gave a brief historical overview of behavioral health care which started with churches caring for the mentally ill; to them living in State hospitals; to deinstitutionalization and using strong medication to maintain the mentally ill in the community; to new medications which actually make recovery possible being developed in the 1990s. In Pima County there are three main routes of access to behavioral health care: law enforcement and jail; emergency departments; and CPSA. CPSA should be the primary access point. He also pointed out that State budget challenges have resulted in a 45 percent cut in funding in the last two years. The Board indicated they would like to hear more from Mr. Benchik on other behavioral health topics.

5. COMMUNITY HEALTH ADVOCACY COMMITTEE SCHEDULE

In response to questions from the previous Board of Health meeting, Health Department Director Sherry Daniels conferred with the Paula Perrera from the County Attorney's Office and relayed to the Board that a Committee may contain as many members as the Board wishes and that all meetings are considered open meetings and as such require public notices, agendas and minutes.

Dr. Horwitz said he would like the Committee to start meeting beginning on April 27, 2011 at 1:00 pm (prior to the regular Board meeting). Dr. Horwitz said he would chair the Committee, which also included Dr. Fulginiti, Ms. Trowbridge and Ms. Gonzales who volunteered at the last meeting. Ms. Allen and Dr. Brumm then also volunteered to serve on the Committee. It was discussed that the Committee needs to establish its charter or purpose. Mr. Elías requested that the Committee report back to the Board at the next regular meeting and Dr. Horwitz agreed to do so. The Board referenced County Administrator Huckelberry's recent participation in a Board of Health meeting during which Mr. Huckelberry made comments which led to formation of the Committee

The motion was made and seconded (Allen/Elías) that the Board send a letter to County Administrator Huckelberry thanking him for his participation in the meeting and to inform him of the formation of the Committee in response to his comments. The motion carried.

6. NEW DEPARTMENT ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE AND INTRODUCTION OF NEW DIVISION MANAGER MARCY FLANAGAN

Ms. Daniels cited the retirement of Division Manager Karen Martin as an opportunity for Department management to review the lines of business and reorganize to maximize efficiency and improve service methodologies. Divisions were realigned to more closely associate programs with similar functions, challenges and clients. She also referred to County consolidation as one reason for the need to review and realign the divisions. Ms. Daniels reviewed the new Department organization chart (handout) with the Board. Highlights include grouping Community Nutrition programs with clinical setting programs, since they serve similar clients and face similar challenges related to waning service demand and funding; grouping Epidemiology, Consumer Health and Food Safety, and Vector Control into the same division due to their functional interrelationship; and moving the Vaccine Preventable Disease program over with the Public Health Nurses who administer the vaccinations.

Ms. Daniels introduced new Division Manager Marcy Flanagan who was promoted from the Tobacco - Play - Chronic Disease program. Ms. Flanagan has a Master's Degree in Business Administration from the University of Arizona and is working on her doctorate. She started with the Department in 2000 and worked in grocery retail prior to that.

7. PROJECT PUBLIC HEALTH READY RECOGNITION DETAILS

Public Health Emergency Preparedness Program Manager Louie Valenzuela utilized his handout to address the Board on this topic. The National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO) recently recognized Pima County as having met the Project Public Health Ready (PPHR) criteria. Receiving the recognition required successful completion of a two-year application process. The handout provided examples of types of exigent circumstances the Department has response plans for and examples from the 242 standards the Department met. The Department was identified for four best practice documents which will be shared nationally; in fact NACCHO wants to use the entire submission as a model for how the plans integrate with each other.

8. MEASLES AFTER ACTION REPORT

Ms. Daniels gave an overview of the recent measles incident and response and said the final formal report will be posted on our website. On January 18, 2011 an ill individual with recent foreign travel presented at a local hospital and lab results confirmed the next day the illness as measles. The Health Department immediately activated the Incident Command System and began pushing out information to physicians, hospitals, pharmacies, schools, correctional facilities, etc. In contrast to, and as a result of, the 2008 measles outbreak almost all hospital workers had proof of immunity. Staff made 708

phone calls to exposed individuals and investigated 24 suspect cases which were all ruled out. The entire response lasted 40 days. The 2011 measles response cost approximately \$35,000 in contrast to the 2008 response which cost approximately \$828,000. Ms. Daniels stated that lessons learned from the 2008 response were attributed as reasons for there being no spread of measles in this response, and that she plans to share this observation with community partners.

9. PIMA ANIMAL CARE CENTER PROPOSED ORDINANCE CHANGES

Pima Animal Care Center Manager Kim Janes provided draft ordinances to amend various sections of Animal Control Regulations found in Chapter 6.04 of Pima County Code and addressed the Board on this issue. The first ordinance was to amend section 6.04.030 to add canine wild-animal hybrids to the section which presently deals with just dog waste, waste removal and penalty. The second recommended ordinance was to create a new section, 6.04.035, which gives authority to remove and impound animals exposed or possibly exposed to rabies. The next ordinance was to amend section 6.04.040 to add canine wild-animal hybrids to this section, which presently deals with impounding and micro chipping just dogs. An ordinance amending 6.04.110 was presented to clarify tie out restrictions; limit veterinarian waiver provisions and clarify that required medical treatment is under the direction of a licensed veterinarian. The next ordinance presented was to amend section 6.04.090, which covers mandatory spay and neuter. The ordinance expands the Code's definition of shelter into agreement with changes made in Arizona Revised Statutes. The State's definition of shelter includes rescue groups. The last ordinance presented was to amend section 6.04.100, which establishes the Pima Animal Care Center Advisory Committee (PACCAC). The proposed amendment was to properly identify the rescue groups listed by their current official names.

The ordinance cover memo included, "clarifying bond posting procedures and limiting Justice of the Peace authority to waive or reduce fees," as one of the ordinance changes; however, Mr. Janes stated that ordinance (regarding section 6.04.140) has been tabled and it was not presented for consideration. All ordinances presented by Mr. Janes were approved by PACCAC. Mr. Janes requested the Board endorse the ordinances for presentation to the Board of Supervisors for adoption.

Mr. Elías cautioned that he typically encounters negative responses, particularly from pet owners and the press, when there are animal ordinance changes; and he wanted to ensure the Department has made, or will make, ample efforts to engage stakeholders. Mr. Janes said there were public meetings, but they were not well attended. Dr. Brumm, who serves on PACCAC, added that the Advisory Committee devoted considerable time on the ordinances which were well debated.

The motion was made and seconded (Fulginiti/Horwitz) that the Board endorse the ordinances as presented, with strong encouragement to put out press releases on the changes.

10. DISEASE INFORMATION REPORTING

Due to time constraints this item was not addressed.

11. CALL TO AUDIENCE

There were no speakers from the audience.

12. DIRECTOR'S SUMMATION OF ACTION ITEMS

Ms. Daniels summarized action items from the meeting as well as some items still pending from past meetings. The action items identified were:

- Item 10. was not addressed and will be moved to the beginning of next month's Agenda.
- The Community Health Advocacy Committee will meet at 1:00 pm prior to the regular monthly meeting; and Mr. Elías requested they report back to the full Board.
- Mr. Benchik will return to discuss other local behavioral health topics.
- Staff will draft a letter to County Administrator Huckelberry per the approved motion from item 5.
- The Board will have access to the full measles after action report once it is completed.
- Mr. Elías has requested the Board of Supervisors receive an update on the Kino Teen Center.
- Hand washing ordinances, as discussed in previous meetings, will be ready for the next meeting.
- The Department will work to improve its public notification efforts as referenced in item 9.
- Ms. Allen, in a previous meeting, had requested data on uncompensated services and her request will be addressed.

13. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:07 p.m.