

Pima County Board of Health
Minutes
December 8, 2010
Room 1108, Abrams Building
3950 S. Country Club Road
Tucson, Arizona 85714

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Ms. Trowbridge called the meeting to order at 3:01 p.m.

Mr. Schlueter called the roll as follows:

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

A quorum was established.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

3. INTRODUCTION OF NEW BOARD MEMBER MIGUEL ROJAS

Mr. Rojas introduced himself to the Board and gave a brief overview of his background which includes thirty-five years of service as a County employee, being one of the original incorporators of the El Rio Clinic in 1970 and serving on the El Rio Board for 40 years.

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

- Adopt Board of Health October 27, 2010 Minutes

The motion was made and seconded (Allen/Brumm) that the October 27, 2010 Minutes be adopted as written. The motion carried.

- Hand Washing Committee Members Adopt Committee October 22, 2010 Minutes

The motion was made and seconded (Brumm/Gonzales) that the September 22, 2010 Nominating Committee Minutes be adopted as written. The motion carried.

5. REQUESTED BUDGET TREND COMPARISONS

Kurt Cooper, Finance and Risk Management Accounting Officer, utilized a PowerPoint presentation to address the Board reference questions they had previously asked regarding the budget. Mr. Cooper's data estimated a population growth of 22 percent from 2000 to 2012. Department General Fund support has increased from \$4,826,331 in Fiscal Year (FY) 00/01 to a projected \$8,096,913 in FY 11/12. In contrast grant revenues have stayed relatively even during the same period, with the exception of one anomaly caused by the current, substantial, two-year Communities Putting Prevention to Work grant. Per capita revenue has been fairly steady over the same time period.

Comments pointed out that the charts and figures don't take inflation into account and do not translate into human impact such as disease and immunization rate trends. The Board discussed the disconnect between budget numbers and community health outcomes, and some expressed a desire to invite County Administrator Huckelberry to the next meeting to discuss the relationship between budget and community health issues.

6. COMMUNITIES PUTTING PREVENTION TO WORK GRANT UPDATE

Communities Putting Prevention to Work (CPPW) Program Manager Donald Gates utilized a PowerPoint presentation to address the Board on this item. The program goal is to prevent or reduce the spread of obesity and related chronic diseases by enhancing nutrition and physical activity opportunities via policy, systems and environmental change. Dr. Gates shared program objectives and accomplishments under six different action plans. Efforts by the food systems team have lead to expanded gardening cooperatives, adding 622 new participants, and the establishment of one new farmers' market and two new farm stands. The CPPW program has contracted with eight teams to meet program objectives and to date has created 58 jobs between the County and these teams.

7. BUDGET COMMITTEE UPDATE

Dr. Brumm, Chair of the Budget Advisory Committee, touched on the Board's statutorily obligation related to the Health Department budget and discussed that the Board provides advice, as asked, and lends the Department credibility with the public. He informed the Board that County Administrator Huckelberry is requiring the Department incur a 1.5 percent general fund support reduction for FY11/12. The County Administrator sets the General Fund budget amount and the Department Director decides the details on how the budget is utilized.

8. DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ASARCO MINE UPDATE

Ursula Kramer, Director of the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) addressed the Board on this item. She pointed out that DEQ's ASARCO air quality dealings are all recorded and accessible on their website at www.deq.pima.gov. Over a period of time DEQ issued ASARCO several Notices of Violation for air quality issues related to mine tailings. Dust problems were caused by berm building and Ms. Kramer reported that ASARCO now plans to build berms in small sections to reduce dust emissions. ASARCO recently settled with DEQ and agreed to pay a \$100,000 civil penalty and \$350,000 for Supplemental Environmental Projects related to the Canoa Conservation Park project in the Green Valley area. The \$350,000 will be utilized for three main projects: an educational complex restroom facility, well redevelopment and Santa Cruz watershed restoration. The Board was provided a handout which provided more details on how the funds will be spent.

9. BADGING FOR BOARD OF HEALTH MEMBERS

Sherry Daniels, Health Department Director related that Dr. Horwitz had requested credentials to facilitate giving Board members access to participate in Department events. Members wishing to do so had their pictures taken to be issued an identification badge.

10. CALL TO AUDIENCE

There were no speakers from the audience.

11. DIRECTOR'S SUMMATION OF ACTION ITEMS

Ms. Daniels summarized action items from the meeting. The action items identified were:

- From item 5. there were questions about the fund balance and those questions will be answered at the next Budget Advisory Committee meeting.
- From item 7. there was a request that staff articulate health improvements in relation to the budget.
- Also from item 5. the Board expressed the desire to have Mr. Huckelberry participate in budget discussions at the next meeting and Mr. Elías said he would invite him.

12. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 4:39 p.m.