

Pima County Board of Health  
Minutes  
February 16, 2011  
Rooms 4108 and 4110, Abrams Building  
3950 S. Country Club Road  
Tucson, Arizona 85714

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Dr. Horwitz called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

Mr. Schlueter called the roll as follows:

Ms. Allen - absent  
Mr. An  
Dr. Brumm  
Mr. Elías - absent  
Dr. Fulginiti  
Ms. Gonzales  
Dr. Horwitz  
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. MINUTES ADOPTION – BOARD OF HEALTH

- Adopt Board of Health January 26, 2011 Minutes

The motion was made and seconded (Horwitz/Rojas) that the January 26, 2011 Minutes be adopted as written. The motion carried.

- Budget Advisory Committee Adopt January 26, 2011 Budget Advisory Committee Minutes

The motion was made and seconded (Brumm/Gonzales) that the January 26, 2011 Budget Advisory Committee Minutes be adopted as written. The motion carried.

4. PROJECT PUBLIC HEALTH READY RECOGNITION

Health Department Director Sherry Daniels informed the Board that Department received notification of its Project Public Health Ready (PPHR) recognition in late December / early January, making the Department one of six Arizona Counties to receive this

recognition. The recognition is an honor and comes from the National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO). The Department has demonstrated through plans, exercises, workforce development and after action reports that it is ready to respond to a wide array of exigent situations such as natural disasters, disease outbreaks or acts of terrorism.

Ms. Daniels introduced Public Health Emergency Preparedness Program Manager Louie Valenzuela, who then addressed the Board. Mr. Valenzuela said the process whereby the Department received PPHR recognition took two years and included the submission of 96 documents totaling approximately 19,000 pages. There are only 163 counties nationally which have received PPHR recognition. There were over 240 items that had to be addressed in the process. All items were successfully addressed and the program was referred to as a best practices model for other departments seeking PPHR recognition. The recognition is for four years and is to be renewed in 2014.

5. MEASLES UPDATE

Ms. Daniels asked Chief Medical Officer Michelle McDonald to brief the Board on this item. Dr. McDonald said the index case did involve foreign travel during the incubation period, which is typical for United States measles cases. Known exposure venues included a hospital, airline, grocery store, pharmacy and restaurant. A list of approximately 160 exposed individuals was developed from the hospital and airline exposures and staff was able to contact almost all of them. Twenty-five suspect cases have been looked at. Presently 20 have been ruled out, four are doubtful and one is a maybe. One full incubation period has elapsed since the last known exposure; it expired February 7, but surveillance will continue for a second precautionary incubation period of three weeks. Discussion brought out that the Department did considerable communication with health care facilities providing information, protocols and signage.

6. FUTURE BOARD OF HEALTH COMMUNITY HEALTH ADVOCACY

Dr. Horwitz referred to County Administrator Huckelberry's attendance at the last meeting and his comments on the Board taking a larger role in health policy and services in our community. Dr. Horwitz introduced the idea of a subcommittee to explore this expanded role, with the committee meeting fairly regularly. Dr. Horwitz, Dr. Fulginiti, Ms. Trowbridge and Ms. Gonzales all expressed interest in serving on such a committee.

The motion was made and seconded (Horwitz/Fulginiti) that the Board form the aforementioned committee comprised of the four members who volunteered, with more details on the committee to be developed later. The motion carried.

7. BUDGET LETTER

Dr. Horwitz read a draft letter from the Board of Health to the Board of Supervisors recommending the Health Department budget as submitted.

The motion was made and seconded (Trowbridge/Gonzales) that the Board send the letter. The motion carried, with Dr. Fulginiti abstaining from the vote.

8. PROPOSED FEE INCREASES: FAMILY PLANNING, VITAL RECORDS, TUBERCULOSIS PROGRAM, HIV/STD PROGRAM, PIMA ANIMAL CARE CENTER

Ms. Daniels referred to her packet on fee changes and began by referring to Mr. Huckelberry's instructions to review fees for animal care services. As detailed in Ms. Daniels' February 10, 2011 memo included in the packet, the Department has already taken a number of steps which could generate up to \$120,000 in additional revenue. These steps include initiating a late dog license process; notifying dog owners of the need to license when a rabies certificate is received; identifying a process to apply for Pascua Yaqui Tribe revenue sharing; and increasing Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System (AHCCCS) billing for vaccine administered to children. The meeting addressed the proposed fee changes as they were presented in four different attachments.

Attachment A proposed a five dollar increase in Vital Records fees primarily due to an increased State surcharge. Failure to raise these fees would result in over \$400,000 of lost revenue.

The motion was made and seconded (Fulginiti/Rojas) that the Board endorse the Vital Records fee increase as presented. The motion carried.

Attachment B dealt with immunization fees and proposed an increase in the fee for a second adult immunization to make the fee consistent with what is charged for children. Additionally, three new ten-dollar fees were proposed, two associated with special requirements related to yellow fever vaccination and one for a duplicate immunization record. Ms. Daniels had Nurse Manager Kathleen Malkin assist her in fielding questions related to Attachments B and C.

The motion was made and seconded (Brumm/Horwitz) that the Board endorse the immunization fees as presented, with the exception of combining the two special yellow fever fees into one \$20 fee. The motion carried.

Attachment C covered fee changes related to clinical services. Fee changes were largely due to market changes, with proposed fees being at or below market value/cost. Ms. Daniels pointed out that no one is denied service based on their inability to pay and that the majority of clients pay nothing for these services. These fees were last adjusted in 2009. Discussion pointed out that although most fees were even dollar amounts, others went down to the penny. This was due to those figures being the AHCCCS rates.

The motion was made and seconded (Rojas/Fulginiti) that the Board endorse the clinical services fees as presented, with authorization to round to an even dollar amount, if possible. The motion carried.

Attachment D covered proposed Pima Animal Care Center (PACC) fees. PACC Manager Kim Janes said the postage/processing fee has not increased since he started in 1996. The proposal included increasing this fee to one dollar, which would be responsible for the majority of anticipated increased revenue from PACC fee changes. There were a number of small increases proposed for various animal care, diagnosis and treatment fees, and a tier of new late fees for multi-dog (kennel) licenses. Dr. Horwitz did a call to the audience prior to entertaining any motion on Attachment D.

The motion was made and seconded (Horwitz/Brumm) that the Board endorse the PACC fees as presented by the Department. The motion carried.

9. CALL TO AUDIENCE

Ms. Jane Schwerin, President of People for Animals in the Prevention of Cruelty and Neglect and member of the Pima Animal Care Center Advisory Committee, addressed the Board regarding proposed fee changes at the Pima Animal Care Center (PACC). She passed out an alternative set of fee increases focused at raising fees for unaltered animals. Ms. Schwerin stated too many animals are euthanized at PACC and asserted that breeding is the major reason for this. She said that raising fees for unaltered animals would encourage more owners to have their animals altered and reduce the euthanasia numbers.

10. DIRECTOR'S SUMMATION OF ACTION ITEMS

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

- From Item 4 Dr. Brumm requested more information on the measures for the PPHR assessment and the information will be provided at the next meeting.
- Barring the emergence of another measles case, Ms Daniels said she would have a measles after action report at the next meeting.
- Related to Item 6 there was a request for information regarding uncompensated or unreimbursed care to help guide discussion on stressors to community health.
- The budget letter will need to be forwarded to the appropriate parties.
- Related to Item 6 there were questions about the requirements and legalities related to the new committee, such as, can the whole Board serve as a committee? These questions will be researched with the County Attorney.

11. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 4:55 p.m.