

Pima County Board of Health
Minutes
February 22, 2012
Room 1108, Abrams Building
3950 S. Country Club Road
Tucson, Arizona 85714

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Dr. Horwitz called the meeting to order at 3:02 p.m.

Mr. Schlueter called the roll as follows:

Mr. An
Mr. Elías
Dr. Fulginiti
Ms. Gonzales
Dr. Horwitz
Ms. McComb-Berger
Mr. Rojas
Mr. Stopani - absent
Ms. Trowbridge - absent

A quorum was established.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

3. MINUTES ADOPTION

- Adopt Board of Health December 7, 2011 Minutes

The motion was made and seconded (Rojas/Gonzales) that the December 7, 2011 Minutes be adopted as written. The motion carried.

- Community Health Advocacy Committee Members Adopt December 7, 2011 Community Health Advocacy Committee Minutes

The motion was made and seconded (Horwitz/Fulginiti) that the December 7, 2011 Community Health Advocacy Committee Minutes be adopted as written. The motion carried.

4. INTRODUCTION OF NEW BOARD MEMBER CHRISTINA MCCOMB-BERGER

Christina McComb-Berger, a new Board appointee from District 1 (Supervisor Day), introduced herself to the Board and briefly spoke about her background which included moving to Tucson in 1969; working at Palo Verde Hospital for 18 years and serving on numerous boards, including 14 years on the District 1 Board of Adjustment.

5. DISTRIBUTION OF 2012 BOARD OF HEALTH INFORMATION

Health Department Director Sherry Daniels provided each Board member with a binder containing reference materials germane to the Board. The content included the Board's By-Laws; contact information; the Health Department's Mission Statement, organizational chart and current adopted budget; applicable Arizona Revised Statutes; and an Arizona Health Futures article related to strategic health initiatives. There was a request to add Supervisory Districts to the contact information page of the Board of Health Information book and a new contact list will be provided with the Districts added.

6. PROPOSED ORDINANCE FOR FEE WAIVER / REDUCTION FOR TEMPORARY FOOD PERMITS

Deputy County Administrator for Medical and Health Services Jan Leshar explained that the community has a number of public charitable events that restaurants participate in; and in the interest of public health, County Code requires each restaurant be inspected and receive a permit to participate. Typically the non-profit event organizer pays for the permits because the restaurant is donating the food. Many non-profit organizations go to the Board of Supervisors to have the fees reduced or waived; while others may be unaware that is an option. The proposed ordinance (attached) would amend Title 8 to allow the "health officer" to reduce or waive the fees. The Health Department's intent is to reduce the fees for these charitable events by 50 percent, utilizing the proposed eligibility criteria in Ms. Daniels' August 12, 2011 memo. Ms. Leshar expressed that the objective of this proposal is to provide a balance which would allow non-profit organizations to operate and raise money and at the same time provide for some cost recovery for the County. Discussion highlighted various points including that the 50 percent reduction creates approximately \$8,000 in unrealized revenue. There was a concern about consistency in granting the fee reductions; discussion on the various types of non-profit events; and comments on the valuable contributions to our community made by charitable organizations which hold these events.

The motion was made and seconded (Rojas/Gonzales) that the Board endorse the fee reduction ordinance as written for presentation to the Board of Supervisors. The motion carried (4/1), with Mr. Elías and Dr. Horwitz abstaining from the vote.

7. DISCUSSION ON HEALTH DEPARTMENT FY 2010/2011 ANNUAL REPORT

Ms. Daniels utilized the attached PowerPoint presentation to highlight some of the Department's Fiscal Year 2010/2011 accomplishments through a thematic approach. Looking forward, the Department is formalizing its Community Health Assessment and working on the Community Health Improvement Plan. Additionally the Department has started its Environmental Scan to look at how the Department sees itself, including strengths and weaknesses, and to help in planning for the future in order to carefully allocate resources and seek out applicable grants.

Discussion turned toward what needs are not being met, either in general or by census tract or zip code. Ms. Daniels pointed out that data is collected in numerous stand-alone systems and is not easily combined or converted from, for instance, zip code to census tract. Woman, Infant and Children Nutrition Program (WIC) numbers and birth rates are down across the state. Family Planning numbers are also down. Two years ago immunization numbers were down; however, they increased last year. State and Federal TB and HIV/STD grant funding has been considerably reduced, resulting in shifting staff and lay-offs.

8. BOARD OF HEALTH REPRESENTATION ON PIMA ANIMAL CARE CENTER ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Pima Animal Care Center (PACC) Manager Kim Janes gave a brief overview of the operations of PACC which include protecting animals from people; protecting people from animals; licensing and rabies control; operating the animal shelter and clinic; and responding to complaints. County Code establishes the Pima County Animal Care Advisory Committee and specifies its membership composition to include a member of the Board of Health. The purpose of the Committee is to serve in an advisory capacity to the Board of Supervisors and to the manager of the Pima Animal Care Center; review and evaluate the operations of the center; and review complaints from the public. The Committee's Board of Health position was recently vacated and Mr. Janes requested the Board provide a member for the Committee. Ms. McComb-Berger expressed interest; however, it was discussed that not all Board members were present and given the opportunity to volunteer for the position. Dr. Horwitz said he would contact the absent members about the Committee opportunity and get back with Ms. McComb-Berger.

The motion was made and seconded (Rojas/Horwitz) that Ms. McComb-Berger would serve on the Committee, barring interest from the absent Board members. The motion carried.

9. COMMUNITIES PUTTING PREVENTION TO WORK GRANT UPDATE

Due to time and quorum limitations this item was not discussed.

10. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Due to time and quorum limitations this item was not discussed.

11. CALL TO AUDIENCE

There were no speakers from the audience.

12. SUMMATION OF ACTION ITEMS

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

- Dr. Horwitz will contact absent Board members regarding the Board's representation on the Animal Care Advisory Committee (Item 8.) and let Ms. McComb-Berger know if the other members are interested in serving on the Committee.
- The proposed fee waiver ordinance (Item 6.) was approved by the Board for presentation to the Board of Supervisors. The process will include another review by the County Attorney's Office and public posting of the proposed ordinance before it goes before the Board of Supervisors.
- There was a request for more information on unmet needs (Item 7.) and the Department will compile information for the Board.

13. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 4:27 p.m.