

Pima County Board of Health
Community Health Advocacy Committee Meeting
Minutes
June 22, 2011
Room 1106, Abrams Building
3950 S. Country Club Road
Tucson, Arizona 85714

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Dr. Horwitz called the meeting to order at 2:06 p.m.

Mr. Schlueter called the roll as follows:

Dr. Brumm
Dr. Fulginiti - absent
Ms. Gonzales
Dr. Horwitz
Ms. Trowbridge - absent

A quorum was established.

2. MINUTES ADOPTION – BOARD OF HEALTH

Adopt Board of Health Community Health Advocacy Committee May 25, 2011 Minutes

The motion was made and seconded (Brumm/Horwitz) that the May 25, 2011 Community Health Advocacy Committee Minutes be adopted as written. The motion carried.

3. DEFINE COMMUNITY HEALTH ADVOCACY COMMITTEE PURPOSE

Dr. Horwitz opened by saying there were a number of good suggestions recorded in the Committee's May 25, 2011 Minutes, but added he would still like to meet with County Administrator Huckelberry. Discussion included that if a quorum of the Committee or Board met with Mr. Huckelberry, then that would constitute an open meeting.

The motion was made and seconded (Brumm/Horwitz) that Dr. Horwitz contact Mr. Huckelberry and set up a meeting with Mr. Huckelberry, Dr. Horwitz and Dr. Brumm to seek guidance and discuss specifics related to the Committee's role. The motion carried.

Health Department Director Sherry Daniels indicated she would confer with her supervisor, Deputy County Administrator Jan Leshner to determine if Ms. Leshner would attend the aforementioned meeting.

The committee reiterated some of the items discussed in previous meetings as topics to bring to Mr. Huckelberry. These items included health care after the Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System (AHCCCS) changes and requiring documentation of immunization in child care settings.

Ms. Daniels discussed the process of moving legislative initiatives up through County administration; how that some legislative changes come about rapidly without time to assess and weigh in on them; and how that moving information in a timely manner is critical in these matters. She indicated that having the Board and other key supporters advocate for legislation is beneficial.

In response to questions, Ms. Daniels said the State is continuing to shift costs to the local level and touched on the contraction of the State Health Department. She mentioned that discontinued State lab services have caused the local Health Department to pay private labs to do tests the State once did for free.

The Committee talked about the importance of being connected to other health related entities; the possibility of gaining access to other health related meetings and information; and the possibility of inviting specific individuals to attend Board of Health meetings.

4. POSSIBLE HEALTH ADVOCACY INITIATIVES

A number of possible health advocacy initiatives were touched on as part of item 3, Define Community Health Advocacy Committee Purpose. However, there was no decision made regarding any initiative that should be presented to the Board of Health for action.

5. COMMUNITY HEALTH ADVOCACY COMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULE

Dr. Horwitz established that the next Committee meeting will be at 2:00 pm prior to the next regular Board of Health meeting which is expected to be set for August 24, 2011.

6. CALL TO AUDIENCE

There were no speakers from the audience.

7. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 2:55 p.m.