

Pima County Board of Health Budget Subcommittee Meeting Minutes  
January 30, 2019  
Abrams Building, Room 3102  
3950 S. Country Club Road  
Tucson, Arizona 85714

**1. CALL TO ORDER:**

Mr. Geoffrion called the meeting to order at 10:34 A.M.

Attendance was as follows:

Board Members:

Mr. Charles Geoffrion

Ms. Mary Lou Gonzales

Ms. Carolyn Trowbridge – arrived at 10:41

**A quorum was established (2)**

Non-Board Members:

Dr. Bob England, Health Department Director – Absent

Paula Mandel, Health Department Deputy Director

Dr. Don Gates, Health Department Budget Manager

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mr. Geoffrion led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**3. MINUTES ADOPTION – BOARD OF HEALTH BUDGET SUBCOMMITTEE**

- Adopted Board of Health Budget Subcommittee Minutes January 7, 2020

A motion was made and seconded (Ms. Gonzales / Mr. Geoffrion) that the January 7, 2020, minutes be adopted as presented. The motion carried 2-0

**4. CONTINUATION OF PCHD FY20/21 BUDGET REVIEW**

- Mr. Geoffrion shared that Mr. Humphry, Board of Health Member, has suggested two initiatives that could use funding from the surplus available to reduce the balance. They are:

- Suicide Review Committee under the auspicious of the Health Department's (HD) Behavioral Health Unit.

Ms. Mandel shared that Mr. Person, Behavioral Health Program Manager, is currently working on identifying funding for a Suicide Mortality Review Board. There have been four grants awarded and Mr. Person will confirm if funding is available for a Suicide Review Committee.

- Assisting the City of Tucson with a Gun Violence Survey to help identify areas within our community affected by gun related violence and develop possible interventions to reduce gun violence.

Dr. Gates shared that this initiative may relate to a Public Health Data Services unit that is developing the social determinates of health and can be funded with little consequence to the health fund balance. Collaboration with the different municipalities will likely occur.

- Mr. Geoffrion requested to hear from Dr. Gates if there is more that the Board of Health Budget Subcommittee can do to aid the efforts to reduce the surplus.

Dr. Gates shared that the HD received direction to modify the manner of presentation of budget changes. For FY21 budget changes had been based off the revised budget of the previous year, but moving forward HD is to use the adopted budget for the previous year. This is a significant difference between the adopted budget and revised for the current year, resulting in \$0.6M greater health fund impact (\$3.2M vs \$2.6M). This new presentation changes the optics of the health fund and projects a loss of \$3.2M next year which about half of our surplus. There will still be opportunity for supplemental packages to pursue to include the Public Health Nurse Salary adjustment which may have a \$250,000 - \$500,000 impact.

Dr. Gates encouraged the Board to speak with their Board of Supervisor representative to advocate for a Public Health Nurse Salary adjustment.

Dr. Gates is waiting on movement regarding the Golden Pin property and the Homeless Advocacy projects and how that these will impact the health fund balance.

Mr. Geoffrion inquired about how the HD is proceeding with the Coronavirus situation. Ms. Mandel stated the local hospitals are prepared. There is daily communication with the community partners and are feeling comfortable with responses. Ms. Mandel encourages the Board to look at the HD website at [www.pima.gov](http://www.pima.gov) with the most up-to-date information.

Ms. Gonzales inquired if there will be a cost of living increase for staff. Dr. Gates responded that these proposals come from the County Administrator's Office after the budget has been approved in September/October.

**5. SUMMATION OF ACTION ITEMS & PROPOSAL OF FUTURE ITEMS**

- Mr. Geroffrion stated that unless warranted there is not a need for another Budget Subcommittee meeting. The January 30, 2020, minutes will be placed on the February 22, 2020, Board of Health Meeting Agenda for approval.

**6. ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting adjourned at 11:03 A.M.