

Pima County Board of Health Minutes
December 16, 2020
Teleconference / MS Teams Meeting / In-person
Abrams Building, Room 2359
3950 S. Country Club Road
Tucson, Arizona 85714

1. Call To Order

Dr. Horwitz called the meeting to order at 3:00 P.M.

Attendance was as follows:

Board Members:

Mr. Bin An-Absent

Ms. Betty Villegas

Mr. Rene Gastelum

Mr. Charles Geoffrion, Vice President

Ms. Mary Lou Gonzales-Absent

Dr. Paul Horwitz, President

Mr. Mike Humphrey

Dr. Kathryn Kohler-Absent

Mr. Miguel Rojas-Absent

Dr. Gail Smith

Ms. Carolyn Trowbridge

A quorum was established (7)

Non Board Members:

Dr. Francisco Garcia, Deputy County Administrator, Pima County

Dr. Theresa Cullen, Pima County Public Health Director

Ms. Paula Mandel, Pima County Health Department, Deputy Director

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Due to Teleconference Meeting the Pledge of Allegiance was not conducted.

3. Minutes Adoption

- Adopted Board of health Minutes November 18th, 2020

A motion was made and seconded (Mr. Humphrey / Dr. Smith) that the November 18, 2020, minutes be adopted as presented. The motion carried 7-0.

4. Call to Audience

- No speakers for call of the audience

5. Recommendations in Regard to the Pima County Board of Supervisors Emergency 12-04-2020 COVID-19 Related Items Meeting and Communication with Regional Cities and Towns within Pima County

- Dr. Cullen started the discussion for a proposed endorsement/ approval by the Board of Health for proposed COVID-19 mitigation actions endorsed by the Board of Supervisors on December 4th, 2020. Dr. Cullen highlighted the six items in the Board of Supervisors COVID-19 mitigation plan. The six things included:
 - Revised proclamation on the possibility of suspension or revocation of licenses related to COVID-19 mitigation.
 - Mask resolution with a civil fine included in it for both individuals and businesses not abiding by mask regulations.
 - Voluntary curfew passed on December 4th meeting of Board of Supervisors- that was elected to be mandatory by Board of Supervisors the week December of 12th.
 - The Governor's executive order regarding events of 50 or more people.
 - Disclosure and posting of compliance requirements
 - Public Health Advisory from the Public Health Department
 - Draft vaccination strategy
- Dr. Garcia shared we are running out of tools to pull out of our toolbox. He spoke further on the tools being passed by the Board of Supervisors. He explained there are legal constraints on what can and cannot be done. With the COVID-19 vaccine there is now a light at the end of the tunnel.
 - Dr. Garcia made himself available to answer questions on actions that were taken by the Board of Supervisors.
- Dr. Horwitz explained these actions could not have been discussed before they came to the Board of Health because the Board of Supervisors had an emergency meeting. He explained the need to put professional not just political support behind these six actions. He mentioned the Board of Health's support will put some teeth behind these recommendations. He encouraged the group to think about making a motion to reach out to other entities such as Oro Valley to get more people on board.
- Dr. Garcia explained that the Board of Health is uniquely positioned to reach out to electives from partner jurisdictions.
- Mr. Humphrey asked- Is the Pima County Health Department enforcing curfew?
 - Dr. Garcia- The enforcement authority being exercised is delegated by the food permitting function of the department. The Health Department is not able to stop folks on street. A process has been created in which the department can get complaints about curfew violations as they pertain to businesses. They will receive documentation to notice businesses of a violation and take action if they see subsequent complaints. Inspectors will investigate subsequent complaints to see if the business is open after 10 P.M. and take action appropriately.
- Ms. Trowbridge made a motion and seconded (Mr. Geoffrion) that the Board of Health support the six resolutions the Board of Supervisors passed for COVID-19 mitigation

efforts. They will show their support through outreach to other communities, reaching out to their Supervisor and other elected officials in surrounding communities, and produce a letter to the editor and/or press release at the discretion of Dr. Cullen. All this should be done using consistent messaging from the entire group.

- Motion passes unanimously, 7-0.
- No further discussion on topic after motion passes unanimously.

6. Summation of Action Items and Proposal of Future Agenda Items

- Supervisor Villegas said some parting words as this was her last meeting and said thank you to the Board of Health.

7. Adjournment

The motion was made and seconded (Mr. Geoffrion / Ms. Trowbridge)

Meeting adjourned at 3:27 P.M.

The Next Meeting is scheduled for January 27, 2021, at 3:00 P.M.