

Teleconference / MS Teams Meeting

Abrams Building, Room 2359

3950 S. Country Club Road

Tucson, Arizona 85714

1. CALL TO ORDER

Dr. Horwitz called the meeting to order shortly after 3:00 P.M. The meeting recording did not start at 3:00 P.M.

ATTENDANCE:

Dr. Rebecca Franz-Osborne - Absent

Mr. Rene Gastelum - Absent

Mr. Charles Geoffrion, Vice President

Supervisor Adelita Grijalva - Absent

Dr. Paul Horwitz, President

Mr. Mike Humphrey

Dr. Kathryn Kohler

Mr. Miguel Rojas

Dr. Lisa Soltani

Dr. Gail Smith

Ms. Carolyn Trowbridge – after roll call

A quorum was established (8)

Non-Board Members

Dr. Francisco Garcia, Pima County Deputy Administrator

Dr. Theresa Cullen, Pima County Health Department Director

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The virtual meeting recording did not begin in time to capture the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. MINUTES ADOPTION

- Adopt Board of Health September 28, 2022 Meeting Minutes.

The motion was made and seconded (Mr. Geoffrion/Dr. Kohler) that the September 28, 2022 Board of Health Meeting Minutes be adopted as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

4. CALL TO AUDIENCE

- Ms. Ann Rose Dichov spoke about abnormal blood clotting reported from COVID-19 vaccine injections.
- Ms. Terra Radliff discussed the level of effectiveness of COVID-19 vaccines during the pandemic, specifically regarding infection and transmission.
- Ms. Lauren McElroy spoke about the correlation between the COVID-19 vaccination rate and higher case rates.
- Ms. SueAnn Christenson discussed negative mRNA COVID-19 vaccine efficacy versus natural immunity.
- Ms. Pendleton Spicer spoke about neutralizing antibodies and non-neutralizing, or enhancing, antibodies, and the increased risk of infection from Antibody Disease Enhancement (ADE), as well as the multiple shortcomings of the COVID-19 vaccines.
- Ms. Dru Heaton discussed the pattern of COVID-19 vaccine shortcomings, all-cause mortality and the failure of the COVID-19 vaccines as a public health intervention. Ms. Heaton requested that the Board of Health (BOH) place a hearing on the agenda of the next in-person meeting to discuss the harms of mass COVID-19 vaccine policies.

- An unidentified gentleman shared Arizona-specific data on the increased numbers of adverse events from COVID-19 vaccinations and urged the Pima County Health Department (PCHD) to begin independently collecting and analyzing data at the county level.

5. DIRECTOR'S UPDATE

- Ebola Virus Disease outbreak confirmed September 20, 2022 by the Ugandan Ministry of Health.
 - The outbreak is not contained; there are eight Districts affected by the Sudan ebolavirus, and there is no vaccine.
 - There are no known cases in the United States.
- Pima County COVID-19 Update as of October 25, 2022
 - Community level is low at 58.7 cases per 100K people.
 - CDC testing positivity is high at 16.14% as determined through lab testing; it is difficult to interpret testing positivity due to home test use.
 - COVID-19 vaccines are available at PCHD clinics, at Abrams Public Health Center, and at some mobile clinics.
 - 1,762 total Paxlovid e-prescriptions were given as of October 24, 2022.
 - 10.6% of fully vaccinated people in Pima County have had 1 bivalent booster
- PCHD Equity-focused response to Monkey pox:
 - Monkey pox response followed an Educate, Prevent, Vaccinate, Test, Treat and Trust protocol.
 - Vaccination provided at PCHD clinics as well as community based events and PODS.
 - Coordinating TPPOXX treatment for appropriate cases.
 - El Rio also providing Monkey pox vaccine and TPOXX treatment.
 - Community itself controlled this outbreak with change in activity, increased awareness, and increased education.
- Dr. Cullen congratulated the Medical Reserve Corps of Southern Arizona (MRCSA) for 20 years of service as the longest running volunteer group in the country, and which has been instrumental in providing PCHD assistance at clinics and other community events throughout the COVID-19 pandemic and Monkey pox outbreak.
- Dr. Cullen congratulated Ms. Loni Anderson, PCHD Division Manager for Consumer Health and Food Safety, on receiving the 2022 Arizona Public Health Association's Pete Wertheim Public Health Leadership Award.
- Dr. Cullen announced the publication of the article "Making Vaccines Equitably Available to All Person in Pima County, Arizona, 2020-2021" in the American Journal of Public Health 112, co-written by Theresa Cullen, Jennie Mullins, Crystal La Tour Rambaud, Pierce Lawlor, and Mary V. Davis.
- Mr. Geoffrion asked Dr. Cullen to comment on the heat-reported death rates in Pima County in 2022. Dr. Cullen noted that Pima County showed a minimal increase in heat-reported deaths, and she will get that data sent out to the BOH members when the report is finalized.

6. OPIOID SETTLEMENT SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING UPDATE AND DISCUSSION

- Dr. Horwitz advised that Pima County has been awarded a \$48 million settlement to be distributed over the next 18 years following specified criteria to combat opioid abuse and treatment.
- The BOH formed a subcommittee to decide how to utilize the money.
- Dr. Francisco García presented general guidelines to the subcommittee.
- The subcommittee will make recommendations to Dr. Cullen to take to the Board of Supervisors.
- All distributions will require an intergovernmental agreement (IGA) between the entity and Pima County. Each entities can opt-in with Pima County and share the money and direction,

or opt out and take their portion of the settlement to use the funds as they see fit within the established criteria.

- The subcommittee is planning to meet every 2 weeks moving forward.

7. HOLIDAY SCHEDULE:

- Dr. Horwitz noted that the remaining two BOH meetings would be held virtually.
- The motion was made and seconded (Ms. Trowbridge/Dr. Smith) that the next BOH meeting be held virtually on November 16, 2022. The motion passed unanimously.
- A December BOH meeting date will be discussed at the November meeting.

8. ETHICS COMMITTEE UPDATE – STANDING ITEM

- Ms. Jennie Mullins advised that the Ethics Committee had an abstract accepted at the American Public Health Association (APHA) and that a panel presentation on public health ethics will be held at the upcoming APHA National conference in Boston, MA.

9. DECLARING RACIAL & ETHNIC INEQUITIES & INCOME INEQUALITY IN PIMA COUNTY TO BE A PUBLIC HEALTH CRISIS – STANDING ITEM

- No report.

10. SUMMATION OF ACTION ITEMS AND PROPOSAL OF FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Dr. Horwitz reiterated that the September 28, 2022 Board of Health Meeting Minutes were adopted as presented, with the caveat that the minutes are not complete and may or may not be accurate.
- Dr. Horwitz reminded Board members to email him with any proposed future agenda items.

11. ADJOURNMENT

The motion was made and seconded (Mr. Geoffrion/Dr. Kohler) that the October 26, 2022 meeting adjourn. The motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at the meeting recorded time of 3:55 P.M.

The next meeting is scheduled for November 16, 2022 at 3:00 P.M.