

1. CALL TO ORDER:

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

Attendance was as follows:

Mr. An
Mr. Elías - absent
Mr. Emich - absent
Mr. Gastelum
Mr. Geoffrion
Ms. Gonzales
Dr. Horwitz
Ms. McComb-Berger
Mr. Rojas
Dr. Smith
Ms. Trowbridge

A quorum was established.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

3. MINUTES ADOPTION

- Adopt Board of Health September 24, 2014 Minutes

The motion was made and seconded (Gastelum/Rojas) that the September 24, 2014 Minutes be adopted as written. The motion carried 9-0.

4. REPORT FROM NOMINATING COMMITTEE AND ELECTION OF BOARD OFFICERS

Dr. Horwitz said he wasn't able to speak to everyone prior to the meeting but was able to speak to board members prior to the meeting. None of the members expressed interest in being President or Vice President except the current officers.

The motion was made and seconded (Rojas/McComb-Berger) that Dr. Horwitz remain President and Ms. Trowbridge remain Vice President. The motion carried 9-0.

5. COMMUNICABLE DISEASE UPDATES

Dr. Francisco García, Health Department Director, discussed current disease issues. The first issue is Syphilis is on the increase in Pima County. There are 120 cases of primary and

secondary syphilis so far this year, whereas there were only 33 in all of last year. Only four of the 120 cases are in women; and the overwhelming majority of the cases are among men who have sex with men ages 20-45 years old. The Pima County Health Department has treated about 90 of these cases. The Department continues to utilize non-traditional outreach and advertising methods to reach the outbreak's target demographics. Other sexually transmitted diseases have been diagnosed through these efforts.

The second issue is the Midwest's outbreak of Enterovirus D68 (EV68). There have been 800-900 cases across the Midwest with no current cases in Arizona. Enteroviruses are related to the Polio virus, but typically do not produce neurological symptoms; however a small amount of EV68 cases in children is causing paralysis, neurologic problems and in some cases death. Currently there are no confirmed cases in Pima County, but there are more tests pending. Proper hand washing and covering coughs are the best ways to prevent spreading the disease.

Dr. García touched on West Nile Virus (WNV). The summer rainy season is when WNV is more of an issue locally. There have been three cases of West Nile in Pima County and a few deaths in Maricopa County.

TB is the fourth issue that Dr. García discussed with the Board. There was a large scale of TB exposure at Cragin Elementary School which led to 16 children and three adults being exposed to TB. All the children except for five children received care at the Pima County TB Clinic. Most exposed individuals had insurance, but most were treated through the Health Department. The County will be working on a new billing infrastructure to provide for cost recovery, especially when there is an insurance company involved. Dr. García, also shared an October 15, 2014 memo to Deputy County Administrator Jan Leshner informing her on our state mandates related to TB; on how the Health Department has historically also been doing essentially occupational TB testing; and on how the Department will be eliminating the nonessential services to better focus on the mandates. Related to the service change, Dr. García also provided an extensive list of local resources for TB testing.

The Health Department is in the process of preparedness planning related to the Ebola Virus. This virus has been around in Africa and the main source of this virus is bats. Bats are infected and when they bite wildlife and humans consume the wildlife they become infected. There are estimated 8,000 cases in Liberia, Guinea and Sierra Leone and about half of the infected will die. The African outbreak is fueled by poor infection control measures, poverty and the lack of medical infrastructure. Dr. García stated that when the US imported the case from Liberia he realized there may be a vulnerability related to international travel, so he is getting his team together to plan for Ebola and is participating in the CDC and ADHS calls. October 1, 2014 was the first Public Health Alert meeting on Ebola Virus. On October 8, 2014 Dr. Garcia had a meeting with about 62 stakeholders from hospitals, schools and public safety personnel to develop baseline information and to break up into five different working groups to handle an outbreak.

6. BOARD OF HEALTH HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Dr. Horwitz discussed that the Board normally modifies their schedule do to regular meeting dates being close to the holidays. Alternative dates were discussed.

The motion was made and seconded (Horwitz/Rojas) that the next meeting will be December 17, 2014. The motion carried 9-0.

7. CHANGE OF BOARD COORDINATOR

Health Department Deputy Director Marcy Flanagan informed the Board members that Michael Schlueter is now going to be assisting Kim Janes with the Pima Animal Care Center and that the Board will now be contacted by the new Board of Health coordinator, Yvette Pina, for all future Board of Health meetings.

8. HEALTHY PIMA AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Ms. Flanagan introduced Program Coordinators Montserrat Caballero and Javier Herrera who utilized the attached PowerPoint presentation on Healthy Pima and Community Engagement efforts which began in April of 2013. Mr. Herrera said the focus was to have the Health Department become a leader in community public health issues; to align internal efforts around community outreach and engagement; and to expand our ability to create, convene and support strategic partnerships. Mr. Herrera pointed out that they work on interacting with other programs and organizations to create a relationship to better understand one another's goals for a better healthy community. Current strategies include having an internal outreach team, with representatives from all Department programs, which meets quarterly to coordinate and strategize event participation. Externally the Department seeks to identify opportunities to expand its presence and be actively involved in large community events.

Ms. Caballero informed the Board about Healthy Pima, which was once called CHAT. Ms. Caballero stated there are four priorities within Pima Prospers, and the County's ten year comprehensive plan, which was adopted into the Department's Strategic Plan and integrated into Healthy Pima as four action groups. These four groups are Access to Care, Health Equity, Healthy Lifestyles and Health Literacy. The goals under Access to Care are to improve urban and rural community access to medical, behavioral, and specialty health care services in Pima County; and to improve workforce development in the medical, behavioral, and specialty health care fields in Pima County. The goal under Health Equity is to address health disparities by promoting a better understanding of community assets, health conditions, and health status within Pima County. The goal under Healthy Lifestyles is to promote and support healthy lifestyles for all Pima County residents; and the goal under Health Literacy is to promote health literacy to Pima County residents with emphasis on populations of need.

9. PIMA COUNTY ANIMAL CARE ADVISORY COMMITTEE REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL FIELD OFFICERS

Dr. Gail Smith, who is the Board's representative on the Pima County Animal Care Advisory Committee, referred to the Advisory Committee's September 26, 2014 letter to the Board of Supervisors, in which the Committee requests four additional Field Officers. She, and the letter, referred to the recent Review of Animal Care Services in Six Cities/Counties which demonstrates the Pima Animal Care Center (PACC) is woefully understaffed in comparison to other jurisdictions. Kim Janes, Pima Animal Care Center, Chief of External Affairs said the Center has approximately 4,400 annual calls for service that got unaddressed due to current staffing. The Board discussed some concern that these proposed positions could draw money from other Health Department programs; however, Mr. Janes and Ms. Flanagan

indicated that PACC's budget is separate from the regular Department budget. Dr. Smith requested the Board's support for the Committee's request for the four additional officers.

The motion was made and seconded (Gastelum/Gonzales) and the Board support the Committee's request for four additional Field Officers with the recognition that funding the positions will not impact other Health Department programs. The motion carried 9-0.

10. CALL TO AUDIENCE

There were no speakers from the audience.

11. SUMMATION OF ACTION ITEMS AND PROPOSED AGENDA ITEMS

There was no summation given or action items presented.

12. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 4:42 p.m.