

**Approved
March 23, 2016**

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
Mr. Gastelum
Mr. Geoffrion
Ms. Gonzales
Dr. Horwitz
Mr. Humphrey
Mr. Rojas - Absent
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 January 27, 2016 Minutes

The motion was made and seconded (Mr. Humphrey/ Mr. Gastelum) that the January 27, 2016 Minutes be adopted as written. The motion carried 9-0.

4. DIRECTOR'S UPDATE

Dr. Francisco García, Health Department Director informed the Board that the Accreditation site visit had been confirmed for March 8 and 9, 2016 and the meeting with the members from the governing body will be held on March 9 from 10am to 11am. Dr. Garcia introduced Dr. Carlos Perez-Velez, New Health Department Deputy Chief Medical Officer to the Board. Dr. Perez-Velez is an infectious disease specialist of both adult medicine and Pediatrics who will be the over site of the TB, Epidemiology and the Communicable Infectious Disease team. Dr. Garcia stated that Dr. Perez-Velez would be updating the Board on the current status of the Zika virus. People with Zika virus disease usually have symptoms that can include mild fever, skin rashes, conjunctivitis, muscle and joint pain, malaise or headache. These symptoms normally last for 2-7 days. Not every person who gets bitten by a mosquito gets infected. Currently there is no vaccine or medication that exists to prevent or treat Zika virus infection. The virus is known to circulate in Africa, the Americas, Asia and the Pacific.

Dr. Perez-Velez stated on February 1, 2016 the W.H.O Emergency Committee declared that the clusters of microcephaly and other neurological disorders associated with Zika virus infection constitute a Public Health Emergency of International Concern. CDC has expanded travel advisories for a total of 28 countries and territories where there are reports of the Zika virus currently being transmitted from mosquitoes to humans. Zika virus got its name after the Ugandan forest where it was first isolated in a rhesus monkey in 1947. No local mosquito-borne Zika virus disease cases have been reported in US states, but there have been travel-associated cases. During large outbreaks in French Polynesia and Brazil in 2013 and 2015 the national health authorities reported potential neurological and auto-immune complications of Zika virus disease. Recently in Brazil, local health authorities have observed an increase in Guillain-Barré syndrome which coincided with Zika virus infections in the general public, as well as an increase in babies born with microcephaly in northeast Brazil. Agencies investigating the Zika outbreaks are finding an increasing body of evidence about the link between Zika virus and microcephaly. However, more investigation is needed to better understand the relationship between microcephaly in babies and the Zika virus. Other potential causes are also being investigated.

Dr. Perez-Velez spoke on prevention of the Zika virus. The Health Department has started a campaign to educate the public on ways to protect themselves from mosquito bites but eliminating breeding spots, repair holes in screens, and assure exterior doors do not have gaps, wear long sleeves and pants and use insect repellent. Pregnant women should consider postponing travel to areas where Zika is circulating. If illness with Zika is suspected, Pima County can help coordinate testing for the virus for pregnant women who have traveled to an area where Zika virus is known to be present. Dr. Perez-Velez stated they have been conducting weekly meetings with the Arizona Department of Health Services to make sure they have the capacity to handle an outbreak. The Pima County has been allowed to redirect funding from the Ebola preparedness supplemental grant to Zika preparedness activities.

5. PACC REORGANIZATION UPDATE

Dr. Francisco García, Health Department Director shared with the Board that the Pima Animal Care Center will have two Co-Directors in place of Kristin Barney who has stepped down from her position. PACC has been reorganized into two divisions: Internal Operations, and External Outreach. Dr. Garcia has decided to have Jose Ocano as the Internal Operations Director and Justin Gallick as the External Outreach and Community Engagement Director. Dr. García introduced Justin Gallick, Division Manager to the Board and Mr. Gallick informed the Board that PACC has divided the functions of the job into two areas. Operations is over seen by Jose Ocano whose responsibilities include the Shelter, Clinic, Dispatch and Enforcement. The Shelter takes in about 20,000 pets a year and the Clinic now has three veterinarians on staff that sees or interacts with about 70% of the animals at PACC. Dispatch receives about 35,000 calls for services each year and Enforcement has received about 27,000 calls each year. External Outreach and Community Engagement is over seen by Justin Gallick which his responsibilities include the Live Release (Volunteer, Foster, Rescue, Adoptions and Outreach), Development, Business Operations and Licensing.

Mr. Gallick stated the Volunteer program currently has about 700 volunteers who at least give 6 hours a month. There are also a few volunteers who give more than 50 hours a month. The Foster program was launched last year and has found foster homes for about 1,000 pets. PACC works with 50 different Recue partners within the community. 1,500 pets were taken in by these Recue partners that PACC was unable or had limited resources to care for. Last year PACC had over 12,000 adoptions, which was the highest number in PACC history since 2009. PACC also has an Outreach Coordinator who goes out into the community and speaks to neighborhood associations and animal fairs to get the message out to the

public of what services PACC provides. The Development department last year brought in about 1 million dollars' worth of grants to help offsite the costs to the PACC budget. Business Operations handles all the contracts, onsite facilities and Maintenance. Mr. Gallick stated that the Licensing department has done about 105,000 licenses this year and they are now working with the City of Tucson to establish retail outlets at their park and recreation centers for the public to have a more convenient location to license their pets. Mr. Gallick stated that the live release rate for dogs is 87.1% and for Cats its 95.8% and by working together we have a year to date total live release rate of 90.1%.

6. PACC ADVISORY COMMITTEE ORDINANCE CHANGE PROPOSAL

Dr. Francisco García, Health Department Director informed the Board that the Advisory Committee was originally made up of representatives of animal welfare organizations, some of which are not in existence. During recent years it has become increasingly important to include stakeholder representation from the partner jurisdictions with which Pima County has intergovernmental agreements, and more recently the non-profit organizations that support PACC. It is important for the structure and function of this group to be consistent with that of other Pima County Boards and Commissions. Dr. Garcia stated that the new proposed ordinance will include 2 appointees from the County Administrator, 5 individual appointees representing each member of the Board of Supervisors, 1 PACC volunteer, 1 nonprofit fundraising, 1 Jurisdictional Partners and 1 Southern Arizona Veterinary Medical Association. Dr. Garcia asked the Board to make a motion as written for the new ordinance.

The motion was made and seconded (Ms. Trowbridge / Dr. Smith) that the Board will endorse the County's approach as written with an addition that it will include 1 Board of Health member that is appointed from the Board of Health to be on the PACC Advisory Committee. The motion carried unanimously 9-0.

7. PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT PLAN

Dr. Francisco García, Health Department Director introduced Alan Bergen, Program Manager Senior to update the Board on the Performance Management Plan. Mr. Bergen provided the Board with the final booklet of the Performance Management Plan 2015-2019. The Performance Management Plan is how we grade the performance of our department. It is setting and monitoring, performance expectations which allows us to focus our efforts to ensure healthier outcomes throughout the community. The Performance management system includes: setting organizational objectives across the department, Identifying indicators to measure progress, monitoring and reporting on progress, Identifying quality improvement opportunities.

Mr. Bergen stated that the Health Department uses a bus route to represent their performance management system and there are 8 different stops along the route. Each stop identifies a specific action that we take to improve the health of our community. These stops are called: Community Input, Strategic Planning, Standards, Measurements, Monitoring & Tracking, Quality Improvement, Quality Assurance and Reporting. Performance Management is using data to ensure we provide the best possible programs and services with the objective of having an impact on the health of the people we serve and the data collected from our performance management activities lead to opportunities to improve the quality of the programs and services we provide to our community. Performance management and quality improvement assist with creating a culture of quality that leads to improved decision-making, program development, and strategic planning.

8. CALL TO AUDIENCE

There was 1 speaker from the audience.

- Jane Schwerin with the foundation of People for Animals in the Prevention of Cruelty and Neglect Inc. Ms. Schwerin address the Board that she opposes the ordinance because it removes individuals who care about animals and adds individuals to the committee who don't have the animal's best interests at heart.

9. SUMMATION OF ACTION ITEMS AND PROPOSED AGENDA ITEMS

Dr. Horwitz gave a summary of the agenda items.

One motion was made:

1. The motion was made that the Board will endorse the County's approach as written with an addition that it will include 1 Board of Health member that is appointed from the Board of Health to be on the PACC Advisory Committee. The motion carried unanimously 9-0.

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:04 p.m.