

Pima County Board of Health
Minutes
September 23, 2015
Room 1108, Abrams Building
3950 S. Country Club Road
Tucson, Arizona 85714

APPROVED
10/28/15

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Dr. Horowitz called the meeting to order at 3:00 pm.

Attendance was as follows:

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

A quorum was established.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

3. MINUTES ADOPTION

- Adopt Board of Health July 22, 2015 Minutes

The motion was made and seconded (Mr. Rojas/ Mr. Gastelum) that the July 22, 2015 Minutes be adopted as written. The motion carried 8-0.

4. Director's Update and Report on Vector Borne Diseases

Dr. Francisco García, Health Department Director addressed the Board providing them an update on vector borne diseases and began by briefing them on the Salmonella Poona outbreak which has been linked to affected imported cucumbers. Nationally there have been three deaths with the latest occurring in Pima County. The deceased woman had multiple medical issues and was residing in a nursing home at the time of being contaminated. The PCHD was able to test the stock at the Nursing home and was able to link the death back to the infected cucumbers. The contaminated cucumbers were voluntarily recalled and pulled from stock. There have been approximately 18 total cases associated with that outbreak with 5 hospitalizations which were transient and of little consequence. In our jurisdiction, 75% of the cases occurred in children less than 10. All of the fatalities occurring from this outbreak have been in older adults. The PCHD Consumer Health and Food Safety group first become aware of the affected cucumbers when

they received a complaint regarding a person becoming ill at a local restaurant and went out to investigate and found the restaurant had the infected stock. Based on discovery of infected stock within the community, PCHD department reached out to community partners in the hospital, nursing homes and assisted living to let them know of the issue and to work with their infection control to remind them of safe food handling practices and believe that the situation is in hand and will not be linking anymore cases to this outbreak.

Dr. Garcia stated that the PCHD continues to monitor the situation with Vector Borne Diseases intensely. There have not been any further cases of Dengue or Chikungunya. However, West Nile Virus is increasing in number mostly in the Southeast side of town. A single death has occurred among the medically most vulnerable population which is the very young, older and the immune compromised and are continually monitoring the situation carefully. The PC Consumer Health and Safety group has deployed a number of mosquito traps in the affected areas and test the mosquitos to determine if they are infected. Strangely even though the numbers of West Nile Virus cases are up the actual numbers of mosquitos taken from those traps are down when compared to other years.

Dr. Garcia updated the Board on the near misses in the rabies realm and that they are closely following up and continually monitoring of the situation; especially the situations that occurred in schools where some rabid bats were found and handled by children.

Dr. Garcia updated the Board on the Syphilis outbreak indicating the numbers of occurrences are down to less than 1/3 of the cases than last year. PCHD's social media campaign continues to be aggressive and is used as a way of reaching out to do partner tracing and identify contacts and the social media campaign and strategy has been picked up and used by the State and Maricopa County.

5. PACC Bond Project Update

Health Department Deputy Director, Marcy Flanagan introduced Martyn Klell, Architect Pima County Facilities Management who will give an update on the progress on the PACC facility. Ms. Flanagan also introduced Michael Kirk, Director Pima County Facilities Management. Mr. Klell addressed the Board to let them know the current status of the new PACC facility. Immediately following the bond election, the procurement policy mandated by Pima County and the State to solicit a design team began in early December. The panel members consisted of several different county departments, PACC, County Administration and community partners. Out of the 10 written proposals received, five firms were interviewed and Line and Space was chosen as the most qualified designer. By late June, Line and Space was under contract and the same procurement procedure was implemented to solicit bids for a contractors. After interviewing the firms, Sundt Construction was awarded the contract. Four days of programming sessions were conducted to establish design guidelines for the team. The process included 29 workshops which included community stakeholders, representatives from all Pima County departments, community partners and volunteers. At the end of the sessions, a program was put together that was reviewed and approved. At this point the concept design was started which provides the first chance to see how the building lays out at the site. The estimated completion of this phase is October 6th and a public unveiling is planned on October 20th. The project budget is \$22,000,000 of which \$15,000,000 is earmarked for construction. The goal is to begin construction in December 2016 with a move in date of November 2017.

Mr. Klell also discussed plans for solar energy at PACC to minimize operational costs and make the building more energy efficient. To this end, there have been discussions with TEP regarding solar energy options. Currently the County has contracted with a private company called Solon and has 3 sites and expanding to a total of 15 sites within the next year. This company provides solar covered parking at no cost to the County. They also lock in the Kilowatt rate for 20 years and maintain the equipment.

Mr. Klell also updated the Board on the Public Art Component of the project which is required by Pima County Policy. This art component is 1% (\$200,000) of the project and they have partnered with Tucson Pima Arts Council. There have been 50 proposal received from artists all over the U.S. and a Committee has been appointed to review the proposals. The committee is comprised of BOS appointed members, PACC, a volunteer and City Council members.

6. Status of Public Health Accreditation Application

Health Department Deputy Director, Marcy Flanagan introduced Senior Program Manager, Alan Bergan to update the Board of Health members on the current status of the Public Health Accreditation Application. The PCHD has been involved in the accreditation process for 2 ½ years and are now in a new phase of the process. The goal of the accreditation process is about how the HD goes about improving and protecting the health of our community and advancing the quality and performance of the services we provide; this equates to a performance improvement opportunity for the HD while going through the accreditation process.

The Public Health Accreditation Board oversees the process of health department accreditation. They were formed in 2007 and are a non-profit organization. The national voluntary process of public health accreditation began in 2011. As of today, there are fewer than 80 nationally accredited health departments throughout the US including tribal, state, territorial and local health departments. This puts the PCHD on the cutting edge of the accreditation process as there are as many as 6,000 health departments in the US.

Mr. Bergen informed the Board that once accredited there is forms that will need to be filled out and a re-application process will occur in five years. He also led the Board through steps 1- 4 of the accreditation process: Step 1 – Pre-application timeline was from 2010 to 2012 conducted the Community Health Needs Assessment, 2012- 2013 developed Community Health Improvement Plan, 2013 to 2014 developed Strategic Plan and finally on January 28, 2014 submitted our statement of intent, Step 2 – Last May 2014 the application and fees were submitted to PHAB, August 2014 attended required PHAB training, Step 3 – August 14, 2015 all documents submitted to PHAB, Step 4 – before the 2-day site visit can occurring in February or March 2016, a completeness review is done by our assigned PHAB accreditation specialist and has been completed and the PHAB site team has been formed. The Board's role during the site visit will be an interview with the PHAB site team and questions will center on the documents submitted and the role the Board played in developing the Strategic Plan, Community Health Assessment, and Community Health Improvement Plan.

Mr. Bergen also briefly mention steps 5 (accreditation decision), 6 (accreditation annual report) and 7 (reaccreditation). The accreditation decision will be late spring. If not approved, we will be put on an action plan for 1 year then be re-evaluated.

7. PCHD Workforce Development

Health Department Deputy Director, Marcy Flanagan presented to the BOH the PCHD Workforce Development Plan 2015-2019 which was important for Accreditation process. A committee was formed. The committee developed the plan into a 3-level competency framework – organizational, public health core and professional. The 6 organizational competencies (communication, cultural competency, customer service, leadership, quality improvement, staff recognition) were developed by the workforce development team through staff interviews and department wide on-line surveys. The public health core competencies used nationally established standards. Staff was asked to take a self-assessment to see how they measured against those competencies. The professional competences are those that require staff to have licensure, certifications or specialized training to perform their jobs. The next step in the process was to give the results of the assessment to the University of Arizona to analyze and provide feedback on our strongest and weakest competencies. These were then used to develop all the trainings to be offered to staff. The next phase will be manually tracking all the trainings staff took and reporting the results back to management.

Additionally, the County is looking at improving workforce development and has formed a committee to look at workforce development countywide and report back to Mr. Huckelberry. The process is very early on and the HD has been a great resource to the committee by presenting the HD accomplishments.

8. CALL TO AUDIENCE

There were no speakers from the audience.

9. SUMMATION OF ACTION ITEMS AND PROPOSED AGENDA ITEMS

Dr. Horowitz gave a summary of the agenda items.
Ms. Trowbridge asked that Glyphosate be added to the agenda.

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 4:33 p.m.