

**Approved
July 26, 2017**

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
Dr. Smith
Ms. Trowbridge

A quorum was established.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Ms. Trowbridge led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. MINUTES ADOPTION

- Adopt Board of Health April 26, 2017 Minutes

The motion was made and seconded (Mr. Rojas / Mr. Geoffrion) that the April 26, 2017 Minutes be adopted as written. Motion carried 10-0.

4. DISCUSSION OF SUMMER SCHEDULE

Dr. Paul Horwitz, Board of Health President discussed the summer schedule with the Board members and they concluded to move forward with the meetings and resume in July 2017.

The motion was made and seconded (Dr. Horwitz / Ms. Trowbridge) to move forward with the meetings and resume in July 2017.

5. DIRECTOR'S UPDATE

Dr. Paul Horwitz, Board of Health President introduced the newly hired Marcy Flanagan, Health Director and Paula Mandel, Deputy Director. Both Ms. Flanagan and Ms. Mandel stated they were very excited to be starting their new roles at the Health Department. Ms. Flanagan informed the Board she has been with the Health Department for sixteen years, started out as an Administrative Support Specialist, has moved up in the ranks, and now feels she connects with all her staff at all different levels and can better understand and meet their needs as she moves forward into her current role as Director. Ms. Mandel also informed the Board she has been with the Health Department for six years; she worked

in Public Health in Indiana before coming to Arizona. Ms. Mandel started off as a Nurse Manager at the East Office located on Broadway and Kolb, following that Ms. Mandel was asked to implement the Nurse Family Partnership program here at Abrams and the following year she took on the task of the Community Health Services, which pulled Clinical Services and Outreach and Education programs together. Ms. Flanagan informed the Board that she and Ms. Mandel have been in their current roles for about a month and have visited all the Health Department locations, including Abrams where they held two hour sessions at all the locations to get the staff together to hear feedback on how things are going within their departments and what issues or concerns they may have. Ms. Flanagan stated she will share with the Board what feedback they receive once the process is over and also returning to discuss the overall big plan she and Ms. Mandel will be working on for the upcoming year. The one year anniversary of having been Accredited has arrived and Ms. Flanagan worked with Alan Bergen to submit the first half of the documentation for the Health Departments annual report and the second half will be due in the next thirty days.

Ms. Flanagan stated that Governor Ducey issued a Statewide Health Emergency for Opioid Epidemic, which now requires mandatory reporting. Governor Ducey wanted to start reporting so the community can have a better understanding of what the Opioid Epidemic looked like. It is now mandatory for all Public Health Care agencies to report Opioid related deaths, overdoses, Naloxone doses administered in response to either condition, Naloxone doses dispensed, and Neonatal abstinence syndrome. The declaration is good for ninety days and the Governor has indicated to the Arizona Department of Health Services, if this helps the Public Health Care with Opioid Epidemic, he will extend the declaration for longer. In addition, the state was awarding funding to asset this emergency outbreak, a large amount of that went to Access, and about three hundred thousand went to the Arizona Department of Health Services, which they have decided to purchase Naloxone. Ms. Flanagan stated the Health Department is helping by having their Public Health Nurses dispense Naloxone to the Community. The drug naloxone is sometimes called a "save shot" or a "rescue shot" because of its ability to bring someone back from an overdose. It has long been used in hospitals and by emergency medical technicians, now first responders, drug users and their family members may soon have access to it.

6. TUCSON WATER AND WATER SAFETY UPDATE

Dr. Paul Horwitz, Board of Health President introduced Mike Humphrey, Board of Health Member who briefly updated the Board on his discussion with Tucson Water about Fluoridation. On May 30th he and Margaret Perry, Program Coordinator met with Tucson Council member Kozachik's, Assistant Director and the Director of Tucson Water. They provided a White Paper that indicated it would cost 25 million dollars for Water Fluoridation equipment be installed, due to Tucson's multiple well system that has 193 disruption points, if installed could higher rates. While 75% of American who use community water systems get fluoridated tap water, in Arizona 57% of Arizona population gets fluoridated water. Tucson Water estimates that only 30% actually drink tap water. For now, with the information at hand - it does not seem feasible for Tucson to fluoridate the water. As additional information becomes available - it will be shared with the Board. Dr. Paul Horwitz, Board of Health President and Ursula Nelson, Environmental Quality Director also wanted to briefly inform the Board that the Marana Water conducted water quality testing for unregulated compounds called perfluoroalkyl substances (PFAs). Two of these compounds, PFOA and PFOS, have health advisories from the United States Environmental Protection Agency. Recent testing by Marana Water has shown that some of our drinking water wells have these compounds present. Dr. Horwitz wants the public to be aware of this issue and be able to be inform on what they can do moving forward.

The motion was made and seconded (Mr. Humphrey / Mr. Rojas) to have the Board work in conjunction with staff to develop information about Fluoridation and water safety that would be presented to Tucson Water for distribution.

7. SECOND HAND SMOKE/VAPING ORDINANCE UPDATE

Dr. Paul Horwitz, Board of Health President introduced Gregory Rivera, Pima County Health Department's Tobacco and Chronic Disease (TCD) Program Manager Sr., who presented an update on suggested language changes to the County's ordinance on smoking. Mr. Rivera and Ms. Itule-Klasen have been working with Board members Mike Humphry and Charles Geoffrion to develop language that would replace existing vocabulary in Chapter 8.50 – Smoking. Mr. Rivera explained that after initial review of the chapters current language, it was determined the best course of action was to replace the whole section due to extensive outdated definitions and language that predated current, more restrictive Arizona law. In addition, new tobacco vaping products, which have emerged as a growing health concern, are not addressed in the current code.

TCD staff were directed by the Board to give technical guidance with drafting language that included vaping. Mr. Rivera gave an overview of the last several months, in which TCD staff had met with the Board subcommittee to discuss supporting research, best practices, and evidence-based approaches to help guide the development of the updated ordinance language. During this process, TCD took direction from the Board subcommittee members to model new language around the Smoke-Free Arizona Act (SFA) and to include additional meaningful protections against tobacco exposure. After the subcommittee approved an initial draft, TCD staff shared the draft with the Pima County Attorney's Office, Arizona Attorney General's Office Tobacco Unit and a number of agencies working on tobacco issues. Mr. Rivera expressed that all feedback was considered and some were included in the new draft that was discussed and approved by the Board subcommittee members.

Mr. Rivera reviewed all significant changes to language and how changes could possibly affect the community. During this time Dr. Horwitz inquired about smoking in cars and expressed the need to address tobacco use in commercial vehicles in a similar manner as the restriction put on hotels turning smoking rooms into non-smoking to avoid exposure to third hand carcinogens. Mr. Rivera explained that his direction was to follow the language of SFA, which put some restrictions on tobacco use in commercial vehicles but not at the level in which Dr. Horowitz was seeking. Mr. Rivera stated he would include additional language on tobacco use in commercial vehicles if the Board approved. The board members discussed the addition and directed Mr. Rivera to add more restrictive language prohibiting all smoking in commercial vehicles. The Board advised that restrictions should apply to public transportation, employer owned vehicles, ride share services, and rentals. Mr. Rivera continued to review the remaining recommended changes to Chapter 8.50 and explained the proposed process for education, complaint submissions, enforcement, and penalties. Mr. Rivera ended his presentation with direction from the Board to add suggested new language around commercial vehicle restrictions and to plan to present a final draft to the Board for approval at the next meeting in July.

8. HEAT ILLNESS AND MOSQUITO PREVENTION CAMPAIGN UPDATE

Marcy Flanagan, Health Department Director introduced Aaron Pacheco, Program Manager to address the Board on heat illness and mosquito prevention. Mr. Pacheco stated each year, about three hundred people visit a Pima County emergency room for heat related illness and most are emergencies that occur through May – September. June is typically the most dangerous month in Arizona and most people who seek emergency care for heat illness are local residents, not visitors. This heat illness campaign is intended to reduce the number of heat related illness cases in Pima County, make visitors aware of the unique climate and necessary precautions when enjoying the outdoors, provide awareness without impacting travel/commerce and improve the overall heat resiliency of Pima County residents and visitors. The key message for this campaign is to inform the community to stay hydrated, understand the risks of heat illness, avoid outdoor activity at the hottest times of the day and wear protective clothing.

Mr. Pacheco stated the Health Department has develop partnerships with other County departments, State and local partners, Southern Arizona Attractions Alliance, Visit Tucson, Southern Arizona Health Care Association and local media outlets. The public can visit the www.pima.gov/heat website for any heat related information. Mr. Pacheco provided the Board with the current electronic display graphic, that is easily used on public businesses and the handout graphics that will be distribute to the public are also being made in Spanish.

Mr. Pacheco also addressed the Board on Mosquito Prevention and stated the campaign wanted to focus more on the prevention of mosquito bites. Mosquitos in southern Arizona can transmit many harmful diseases as West Nile Virus, Chikungunya, Dengue Fever and Zika Virus. Currently there are no locally acquired cases of Zika Virus in Arizona, Texas, Florida or Puerto Rico. Mosquito activity in Pima County lasts from late February to as late as October and it is at the highest in July/August. The key message for this campaign is to prevent bites by keeping mosquitos off your body, out of your home and out of your yard. The public can access www.pima.gov/mosquito or www.pima.gov/zika website for more information. Handouts and electronic displays were also made for this campaign for the public. The mosquito campaign also comes with support from the Arizona Department of Health Services to put out more engaging media information to the public. The media material is being shared on Sun Tran Bus Wraps, 30 Radio Spots, Social Media Advertising, 30 Fight the Bite TV Ad and 30 Zika Awareness TV Ads. Health Department staff have created two 30 second videos for the mosquitos prevention and are now working on creating one for the Heat Related Illness.

9. US/MEXICO BI-NATIONAL ACTIVITES FOR MOSQUITO-BORNE DISEASES

Marcy Flanagan, Health Department Director introduced Sharon Carson, Epidemiologist who stated a binational (US-Mexico) case in Arizona is defined as any individual with a confirmed, probable, or suspect case of a reportable infectious disease, and who meets one of the following criteria: a Mexican resident; a contact of Mexico resident; had compatible travel to Mexico; or thought to have acquired the infection from a product of Mexico. The purpose of the Binational meeting between the U.S and Mexico would be to explore better methods of communication between the two countries, reinforce the bonds between the two countries by meeting face to face with our Mexican counterparts, explore problems that both countries have in common with disease detection, prevention and control and to find solutions that would be acceptable to both sides. Ms. Carson briefly talked about yellow fever epidemic in 1793 in Philadelphia, which resulted in deaths of 9% of the population.

Brazil is experiencing a yellow fever outbreak and Mexico is monitoring this outbreak and watching for cases that may occur in Mexico. Both Mexico and Arizona and the southern part of the U.S. have the Aedes mosquito that can transmit Yellow Fever. Mexico recently transmitted Zika Virus in 2015, Dengue in 1994 and Chikungunya in 2014, these diseases were brought in by travelers who had the virus in their blood stream, then were bitten by a local mosquito that transmitted it to another person. Mexico shares data on these three diseases with the Arizona State Border Health Staff who share the data with Arizona Counties. Ms. Carson started they also report cases of a bacterial disease associated with seafood called Vibrio. These cases visit a city in Mexico and ate at the same restaurant. The restaurant will be inspected and forced to change their food handling procedures. The problems both Mexico and the U.S have is to get better testing methods for Zika and possible standardization of testing methods, control of the aedes mosquito that live in and around homes in both Mexico and the U.S, motivation to get home owners to decrease mosquito habitat around their homes and find solutions for the Aedes mosquito's resistance to insecticides because mosquitoes do not respect borders.

10. CALL TO AUDIENCE

There were no speakers from the audience.

11. SUMMATION OF ACTION ITEMS AND PROPOSED AGENDA ITEMS

Dr. Horwitz gave a summary of the agenda items.

The April 26, 2017 Minutes were adopted as written. The motion carried unanimously 10-0.

Motion made:

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12. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:03p.m.