

**Approved
October 25, 2017**

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Ms. Trowbridge called the meeting to order at 3:00 pm.

Attendance was as follows:

Mr. An
Mr. Elías
Mr. Emich
Mr. Gastelum
Mr. Geoffrion
Ms. Gonzales
Dr. Horwitz - Absent
Mr. Humphrey
Mr. Rojas - Absent
Dr. Smith
Ms. Trowbridge

A quorum was established.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

3. MINUTES ADOPTION

- Adopt Board of Health July 26, 2017 Minutes

The motion was made and seconded (Mr. Gastelum / Mr. Geoffrion) that the July 26, 2017 minutes be adopted as written. Motion carried 9-0.

4. ELECTION OF OFFICERS – PIMA COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

Ms. Trowbridge, Board of Health Vice President along with the Board members decided to move forward with the current Board members and nominate Dr. Horwitz as President and Ms. Trowbridge as Vice President to the Board of Health Committee.

The motion was made and seconded (Mr. Humphrey / Dr. Smith) to nominate Dr. Horwitz as President and Ms. Trowbridge as Vice President to the Board of Health Committee.

NOMINATING BOARD OF HEALTH MEMBER TO THE PACC ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Ms. Trowbridge, Board of Health Vice President along with the Board members decided to nominate Dr. Smith to represent the Board of Health on the PACC Advisory Committee.

The motion was made and seconded (Mr. Geoffrion / Mr. Humphrey) to move forward with nominating Dr. Smith to represent the Board of Health on the PACC Advisory Committee.

5. DIRECTOR'S UPDATE

Paula Mandel, Deputy Director and Kim Janes, Program Manager addressed the Board on a few topics that Marcy Flanagan requested them to speak on in her absent. Mr. Janes updated the Board on the status of the ACA and stated that the Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (KY) announced on September 26, 2017 that the Senate would not be voting on the Graham-Cassidy health care bill this week. It was clear that the bill did not have sufficient votes to pass since Senators Susan Collins (ME), John McCain (AZ) and Rand Paul (KY) all came out against it, Congress is now going to focus on tax reform, and there are no plans in the near future to repeal or replace the current form of the ACA. Mr. Janes also addressed the Board on the Hepatitis A Outbreak and stated our County works with the CDC and our community partners and physicians to ensure rapid and coordinated surveillance, detection, and response to hepatitis outbreaks by providing the County with weekly reports. Hepatitis A can be transmitted through touching objects or eating food that someone with Hepatitis A infection handled or through having sex with someone who has Hepatitis A infection. The County has not seen an uptick in Hepatitis A since the outbreak in California. The CDC is going to San Diego next week to help them work on this outbreak in California. The youth are vaccinated against Hepatitis A; therefore, that population would be protected in the event of an outbreak. Should the County see an uptick in the cases of Hepatitis A cases in the community, the County would approach it like they do any other communicable disease, with messages of good hygiene, such as handwashing, and vaccinating when appropriate.

Mr. Janes also updated the Board on a new electronic birth and death records system that is called DAVE, which will be going live on October 2, 2017. The County is working with ADHS to try to ensure a smooth transition to the new system. Individuals can request their vital records information online or can come into the office for assistance. Online certificates are slightly more expensive. The Consumer Health and Food Safety Department will be implementing their electronic health inspection and reporting system in the coming weeks. The County is excited to move forward in the direction of having our environment health staff complete their inspections electronically in the field and eliminate the old paper system. Ms. Mandel informed the Board of the reason why Marcy Flanagan, Health Department Director was not able to attend the meeting and briefly updated the Board on their concerns on Hepatitis A in child care centers. The County's Child Care Health Consultants do go out and work with the licensed daycare facilities, who do provide lots of information and education to the parents and staff on good hand washing and cleaning methods to help minimize the spread of any kind of infection. Ms. Mandel stated there has not been a Hepatitis A outbreak in Pima County in the last five years. The Board discussed making a motion to send a letter regarding the ongoing issue with the clean up of excrement surrounding the homeless population. The Board would like to indicate in the letter the Boards concern of the rise of Hepatitis A in San Diego and to urge Mr. Huckelberry to find a reasonable solution for the lack of available restroom facilities downtown to protect the community from a future Hepatitis A outbreak.

The motion was made and seconded (Dr. Smith / Mr. Gastelum) to have staff draft a letter for the Board members review and approval to send to the Board of Supervisors, Michael Ortega, City of Tucson Manager and Chuck Huckelberry, County Administrator about looking into a way of litigating the issue of excrement and Hepatitis A transmission within the City and County areas.

6. OVERDOSE DEATHS IN PIMA COUNTY

Ms. Trowbridge, Board of Health Vice President introduced Dr. Greg Hess, Chief Medical Examiner to address the Board on overdose deaths in Pima County. Dr. Hess went over the current numbers the Pima County Mortality had between 2007 - 2016. He stated of the 9,376 total deaths only a quarter of them are reported to the Medical Examiner every year so the mass majority of these people die, as a result of a natural medical condition and are being followed by a physician in the community who certifies the death. There were 263 over dose deaths in Pima County every year by use of multiple drugs and about 70% of

these deaths are a cause of Opioid. The majority of over dose deaths are between 20-59 years of age and of those only 34% are female and 66% are male. Most over dose deaths are classified as accidental deaths, which are 89% accident, 8% suicide and 36% undetermined. There were no reported drug over dose homicide deaths in 2016 but there has been in the past. The commonly found drugs used are methamphetamine, heroin, alcohol, oxycodone, morphine and cocaine. The use of methamphetamine has rapidly risen in 2016 from the past years. Dr. Hess stated there has not been a peck in deaths of oxycodone overdoses possibly due to the fact that they have now changed the way oxycodone is formulated, making it less likely to be diverted into street drugs. Fentanyl is one of the strongest opiate drugs on the market and is an extremely powerful painkiller, used to treat severe chronic pain, or breakthrough pain, which does not respond to ordinary painkillers. In recent years, the drug has been manufactured in illegal labs in China and Mexico, and is then trafficked to countries including the U.S. and Canada, where it is cut with heroin without the knowledge of buyers, who then overdose. The Pima County Office of the Medical Examiner, in cooperation with the Health Department, will provide County administration with quarterly updates and trend analysis of overdose deaths to include deaths related to opiate compounds.

7. 8.50 SMOKING ORDINANCE UPDATE

Ms. Trowbridge, Board of Health Vice President introduced Gregory Rivera, Program Manager to update the Board on the status of the Pima County Smoking Ordinance. Mr. Rivera briefly updated the Board of what has been updated and changed to the new 8.50 Smoking Ordinance. The primary focus of these amendments are to reinforce existing provisions and to impose the same restrictions and prohibitions on Electronic Smoking Devices as combustible tobacco. The proposed enhancements to Pima County ordinance Chapter 8.50 Smoking would expand the language of the State Smoke Free Arizona Act. Mr. Rivera said the next steps to move forward would be to get the Board of Health's approval of the revised ordinance, put it out to the public for community feedback, meet with Marcy Flanagan, Director to establish the ordinance liaison panel, the ordinance liaison panel will reach out to Pima County Administrator and then the ordinance will be taken to the Board of Supervisors. This timeline demonstrates the process in which the County hopes to capture feedback regarding such revisions from residents, businesses and stakeholders in Pima County. The County hopes to have the new 8.50 Smoking Ordinance finalized and completed by March 2018.

The motion was made and seconded (Mr. Emich / Mr. Humphrey) to allow Mr. Rivera and staff to move forward with the new revised 8.50 Smoking Ordinance as written.

8. DISPOSE A MED PROGRAM UPDATE

Ms. Trowbridge, Board of Health Vice President introduced Karin Merritt, Compliance and Lab Manager and Raul Munoz, Opioid Program Coordinator to address the Board on the Dispose A Med Program. Ms. Merritt stated the Dispose A Med mission is to be a central resource to coordinate, educate and promote safe disposal, storage and use of medications to protect public health, the environment and drinking water quality. The Dispose A Med program is a national, state and countywide program, which was launched in 2009. Initially managed by Pima County Wastewater Reclamation and was transferred to the Health Department in 2011, who helped the program become a 501c3 non-profit organization in 2014 and currently has a community coalition of 65 members. Improper storage & disposal of medications contributes to potential abuse and poses a threat to the environment and our water supplies. Non-medical use of prescription pain relievers is the second-most prevalent form of illicit drug use in the U.S. 400% increase in U.S. emergency room admissions & substance abuse treatment centers. In 2016, 263 accidental and overdose deaths were reported by the Pima County Medical Examiner and the State of Arizona reported 1,493 deaths. Ms. Karin stated that our bodies eliminate some of the medicine we take in and it is flushed down the toilet, ending up in the water supply. Not all medicines and by products can be eliminated by Pima County Reclamation Wastewater.

Mr. Munoz updated the Board on the Dispose A Med Partnerships, which are PCOA – Be Med Smart, Pima CPC – Medicine Abuse Prevention Initiative Collaborative (MAPIC) and the Commission on Addiction Prevention & Treatment (CAPT) – Joint Pima County and City of Tucson the County who are currently working with the County to support the community with informationally education. The County has also started working with the Healthy Pima 2.0 Substance Abuse and Mental Health Action Group. There will be an Opioid Abuse Prevention Symposium on Sept. 15, 2017 and the County is proclaiming the week of September 18th as “Safe Use and Disposal of Medications Awareness Week”. Jurisdictions supporting the week of September 18th are Pima County, City of Tucson, Oro Valley, Marana, Tohono O’odham and Sahuarita. The Dispose A Med program has 17 permanent drop off locations: Pima County Sheriff – 6, Tucson Police – 5, South Tucson Police 1, Walgreens – 4 and Banner UMC -1. Ms. Merritt stated the local community collects 34,823 lbs., State collected 111,567 lbs. and nationally there was 7.1 million lbs. collected of unused or expired drugs. The Dispose A Med drop boxes accept expired/unused/unneeded prescriptions and over-the-counter meds, tablets, capsules, vitamins and veterinarian-prescribed meds. The drop box cannot accept liquids, creams, inhalation/aerosol bottles, sharps, household hazardous waste and batteries.

9. CALL TO AUDIENCE

There were no speakers from the audience.

10. SUMMATION OF ACTION ITEMS AND PROPOSED AGENDA ITEMS

Ms. Trowbridge gave a summary of the agenda items.

The July 26, 2017 Minutes were adopted as written. The motion carried unanimously 9-0.

Motions made:

1. The motion was made and seconded (Dr. Smith / Mr. Gastelum) to have staff draft a letter for the Board members review and approval to send to the Board of Supervisors, Michael Ortega, City of Tucson Manager and Chuck Huckelberry, County Administrator about looking into a way of litigating the issue of excrement and Hepatitis A transmission within the City and County areas.
2. The motion was made and seconded (Mr. Emich / Mr. Humphrey) to allow Mr. Rivera and staff to move forward with the new revised 8.50 Smoking Ordinance as written.

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:00p.m.