

**Approved  
December 13, 2017**

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Dr. Horwitz called the meeting to order at 3:03 pm.

Attendance was as follows:

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

A quorum was established.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Dr. Smith led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. MINUTES ADOPTION

- Adopt Board of Health September 27, 2017 minutes

The motion was made and seconded (Dr. Smith / Mr. Rojas) that the September 27, 2017 minutes be adopted as written. Motion carried 8-0.

4. BOARD OF HEALTH – HOLIDAY SCHEDULE DISCUSSION

- Board President Dr. Horwitz requested the Board members consider consolidating the November and December Board of Health meetings into one meeting and suggested Wednesday, December 13, 2017. Mr. Geoffrion received confirmation from Dr. Flanagan that there are no foreseeable Health Department needs affected by the meeting date change. A motion was made by Mr. Rojas to set the next Board of Health meeting for December 13, 2017, it was seconded by Dr. Smith and a vote was taken, the motion carried, next Board of Health Meeting is set for December 13, 2017.

5. OLD BUSINESS UPDATE

- Dr. Horwitz opened discussion regarding the motion to prepare a Board of Health letter for the Pima County Board of Supervisors and the City of Tucson Council members informing them about Hepatitis A and the risk of transmission among the homeless population in Pima County. Board of Health members recommended that the letter contain specific information

regarding potential spread of Hepatitis A among the homeless population in Pima County as well as provide prevention and response activities. Board members discussed specific concerns regarding the homeless population residing in the downtown area and the lack of available waste and hygiene facilities. Dr. Smith discussed the possibility of vaccinating homeless and other high-risk populations taking similar steps to San Diego's approach. Dr. Smith also noted examples of other aggressive steps that have been taken to reduce the spread of Hepatitis A in San Diego, such as the bleaching of sidewalks and expanding the role of paramedics to also vaccinate the homeless population in an effort to avoid an epidemic. Dr. Smith shared concerns that without funding to purchase vaccine and address the risks, this issue will get worse, particularly, if Californians with Hepatitis A move to Arizona and we do not vaccinate. Mr. Geoffrion recommended that sanitary facilities are needed and should be provided for the homeless population in order to decrease spread of Hepatitis A. The letter from the Board of Health members should address these concerns and urge the Board of Supervisors and City of Tucson Council to take action.

- Dr. Flanagan shared information about a homeless protocol that the Pima County Department of Environmental Quality has in place and offered to invite the Director, Ursula Nelson to attend the next Board of Health meeting. Dr. Flanagan will recommend to Director Nelson and her team to consider including vaccination protocol into the homeless protocol procedure. Mr. Rojas referenced specific areas of downtown in need of sanitary facilities and medical services and recommended implementing this proactive approach. Mr. Elías requested that someone contact a representative from Casa Maria for guidance and suggestions. Ms. Mandel provided information to all Board members regarding the vaccine provided to the Health Department and highlighted funder requirements and limitations for administering vaccine to only uninsured persons. Ms. Mandel also shared that the veteran population is by and large protected and it is very difficult to access their health records. At this time, the Health Department has 300 doses with a specific amount allotted for uninsured children and a specific allotment for uninsured adults.
- Dr. Smith moved to amend the original motion made at the September 27, 2017 meeting to now include that additional resources are needed to address the purchase of vaccine for those at high-risk, the homeless, and persons who misuse drugs.

#### 6. PULLOVER PROTOCOL SAFETY STICKERS

- Mr. Humphrey discussed bumper stickers that remind drivers to pull over for law enforcement and emergency responders as part of a statewide safety message. He contacted District 4 Board of Supervisor, Steve Christy, for help to distribute bumper stickers through his car dealership business. Dr. Horwitz encouraged Mr. Humphrey to continue to promote this important message. Dr. Smith recommended that insurance companies should be contacted as well to help promote the message to their insurers. Mr. Humphrey will update the Board at a future meeting.

#### 7. DIRECTOR'S UPDATE

- Dr. Flanagan introduced Melissa McClendon as the new Special Staff Assistant to the Director and Deputy Director. Ms. McClendon will serve as the coordinator for the Board of Health meetings. Ms. Yvette Pina has changed her role in the Health Department and

will be working at the TB Clinic and supporting Dr. Carlos Perez-Velez, Deputy Chief Medical Officer for the Health Department.

- Dr. Flanagan gave an update regarding D.A.V.E., the new statewide electronic vital records system. The implementation process is ongoing and staff continue to experience frustrating system glitches as implementation continues. Currently, the Arizona Department of Health Services (ADHS) has not provided a “work around” for functional glitches, power outages, or medical provider access issues. Dr. Flanagan shared some of the problems the Health Department and community members have faced during initial roll out. She also shared additional concerns regarding a loss in revenue as a result of the new system which may have significant impact to the Health Department budget. Other county officers within the state have voiced concerns to ADHS staff during the monthly local health officer meetings.

#### 8. INTRODUCTION OF NEW PACC DIRECTOR KRISTEN AUERBACH

- Dr. Smith introduced the new Pima Animal Care Center (PACC) Director, Kristen Auerbach who most recently worked in Austin, Texas for a “no kill” Animal Care Center and has received many awards for her work. Her vision for PACC is to advance the Center’s care and services into a progressive animal shelter and to engage and educate the community. Ms. Auerbach is dedicated to saving animal lives and believes that PACC’s mission connects directly to public health in taking care of both humans and animals within this community.
- Ms. Auerbach shared stories of animals who have been saved, illustrating how care has evolved within animal sheltering and saving a majority of animals that come in with disease or behavioral issues.  
PACC has been contacted by PBS TV “Shelter Me” to write a story on memory care and the healing that transpires when kittens visit memory care homes for the elderly.

Additional notable information shared includes:

- Spay and neuter programs have been implemented and funded to assist the public in low-cost spay and neuter services.
- Euthanasia has declined from 11,500 animals last year to just over 1,500 in 2017 reinforcing that PACC is on track to fix issues in sheltering.
- Volunteers donated 89,000 hours of service.
- Monthly statistical reports are generated to inform on PACC progress.
- Donations have increased due to increased communications from the Director, Ms. Auerbach. A total of \$800,000 has been raised this year to contribute to the operations budget.
- Grant funded programs are available such as, Maddie’s Fund which awarded PACC with \$600,000 for adult animal fostering.
- The recently bonded PACC facility has completed phase one and is set to open December 28, 2017 with a new state of the art PACC medical clinic.

#### 9. MAMA GRANT OVERVIEW

- Ms. Bazata, manager for “Ending Poverty Now” gave a presentation on the Mothers in Arizona Moving Ahead (MAMA) Project. This project seeks to better understand and reduce barriers that families living in poverty experience. Poverty affects children and their health directly.

- This program also seeks to better understand the impact between poverty on health and how this affects our workforce.
- The project fosters broad community organization engagement to bridge support for families through a network of partnership with local organizations such as Dragon Fly, Tucson Urban League, and the Haven. The Community Food bank is a key partner to help reach and connect with these families to bring those resources and support services into the families at greatest need. The Department of Economic Security partners to help identify mothers who receive TANF benefits.
- The project focuses strongly on barrier data that identifies those things that inhibit mothers living in poverty. Community assessments on the curriculum and studies provide evidence of the program's impact.
- Ms. Limon emphasized to the Board the importance of this project and advocated for continued support and attention to system wide changes identified through the program.
- Community volunteers are a valuable resource who help develop and build a sustainable and healthy community.
- This program is funded by the Public Health National Center for Innovation, a Robert Wood Johnson initiative for \$200,000 and by the Vitalyst Health Foundation in Phoenix for \$125,000. Pima County Health Department is one of nine grantees in the country.

10. HEPATITIS A PRESENTATION

- This presentation was tabled due to time restraint. The Hepatitis A presentation will be postponed to the December 13, 2017 Board of Health meeting.

11. CALL TO AUDIENCE

There were no speakers from the audience.

12. SUMMATION OF ACTION ITEMS AND PROPOSED AGENDA ITEMS

Dr. Horwitz gave a summary of the agenda items.

The September 27, 2017 minutes were adopted as written. The motion carried unanimously 8-0.

13. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 4:57 p.m.