

Pima County Board of Health
Minutes
April 25, 2012
Room 1108, Abrams Building
3950 S. Country Club Road
Tucson, Arizona 85714

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Dr. Horwitz called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m.

Mr. Schlueter called the roll as follows:

Mr. An - absent
Mr. Elías
Dr. Fulginiti
Mr. Gastelum
Ms. Gonzales
Dr. Horwitz
Ms. McComb-Berger
Mr. Rojas - absent
Dr. Smith
Mr. Stopani - absent
Ms. Trowbridge

A quorum was established.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

3. MINUTES ADOPTION

- Adopt Board of Health March 28, 2012 Minutes

The motion was made and seconded (Fulginiti/Smith) that the March 28, 2012 Minutes be adopted as written. The motion carried.

4. INTRODUCTION OF NEW BOARD MEMBER RENE GASTELUM

Rene Gastelum, a new Board appointee from District 2 (Supervisor Valadez), introduced himself to the Board and briefly spoke about his background. Mr. Gastelum was the Executive Assistant for the Deputy County Administrator for Public Works; and prior to that was City Manager for South Tucson. Mr. Gastelum is also retired from the Air National Guard with 28 years of service.

5. UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA EVALUATION TEAM PRESENTATION –
COMMUNITY PROFILES OF DOOLEN AND SUMMIT VIEW NEIGHBORHOODS

Health Department Director Sherry Daniels introduced University of Arizona Masters in Public Health Candidate Zoila Sanchez. Ms. Sanchez was part of the University's Communities

Putting Prevention to Work (CPPW), obesity prevention grant, Evaluation Team that looked at 15 different Pima County communities / neighborhoods selected based on their high risk for health disparities. Ms. Sanchez utilized the attached PowerPoint presentation to share data from the 15 communities / neighborhoods and focus specifically on the Doolen and Summit View neighborhoods.

The Board was impressed with the volume of data and the achievements of the CPPW grant. The final evaluation for the CPPW grant is still being completed. Discussion turned toward how to continue efforts established by the now expired grant. The Health Department applied for a Community Transformation Grant, but was not funded. However, an intergovernmental agreement with the Arizona Department of Health Services (ADHS) will be providing three years of funding for health policy work. Suggestions discussed included working with PTAs, socially conscious real estate brokers and grocery chains.

6. UPDATE ON STATE HIV PREVENTION FUNDS (Addendum Item)

Mr. Elías addressed the Board by saying he was recently informed that State HIV prevention funding for Pima County was in jeopardy because all the funds are going to Maricopa County. However, since then he heard there is another round of funding which might include funding for Pima County. Ms. Daniels indicated she would be in Phoenix the next day and would express Pima County's concerns to ADHS regarding this funding issue. She then called on Records and Administrative Services Division Manager Brad McKinney to address the Board. Mr. McKinney indicated he was informed there will be a second and third wave of funding, and clarified that the funding in question is for HIV behavioral interventions, not testing dollars. Mr. McKinney said the behavioral interventions funds have been in the community for quite some time and have been used very successfully. Statistics indicate Maricopa County, which has approximately 60 percent of the State's population, has 70 percent of the new HIV cases. This makes them a HIV funding priority. However, HIV is still a problem in Pima County and our county should not be punished for its efficiency and success. A draft letter to ADHS Director Will Humble was presented and discussed.

The motion was made and seconded (Trowbridge/Horwitz) that the Board send the letter as written with modifications to include wording on the existence of a false sense of security and statistical reinforcement that HIV is still a problem needing attention in Pima County. The motion carried.

The motion was made and seconded (Trowbridge/Horwitz) that the Board also change the letter, with the aforementioned modifications, into a letter to the editor to be sent from the Board. The motion carried.

7. FISCAL YEAR 2012/2013 BUDGET DISCUSSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Ms. Daniels mentioned last month's meeting and requests therein for more information. She referred to the table on the second page of the budget handout as quantification of what budget dollars produce in individual programs. She indicated the data required considerable effort and pointed out that the programs have various separate data systems with some collecting data on unduplicated users and others on encounters. Ms. Daniels also pointed out that most programs have blended revenue streams versus having a single funding source.

Some Board members expressed frustration in that they expected, but did not receive, a specific statement of what services would be terminated to balance the projected budget shortfall of over one million dollars. These members wanted to be able to go to their County Supervisors armed with data to advocate against unpalatable cuts. Ms. Daniels said that if cuts are mandated, then she and appropriate parties would be forced to look at programs supported by large portions of General Fund money to make the cuts. It was suggested that spending trend graphs and a list of Department programs could be used in discussions with individual Supervisors to ask what they would cut.

Ms. Daniels asserted that the Department's submitted budget shows what is needed, but that the proposed amount exceeds the amount provided by Finance, which is a unique situation. The Department is asking for more General Fund support than it was told it will receive. The Board was provided with a draft letter from the Board to the Board of Supervisors supporting the Health Department's FY 12/13 Budget as submitted, to include reversing the FY 10/11 General Fund subsidy reduction and recommending the Supplemental Request for vaccine for children. The budget schedule was also discussed.

The motion was made and seconded (Gastelum/McComb-Berger) that the Board send the letter as written with the addition of wording on the inevitability of unexpected costs that the Department does not have funds to address. The motion carried.

8. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Ms. Daniels did not have any legislative updates, but did say the Governor is holding bills to wait on the budget. Ms. Daniels indicated she would be in Phoenix the next day and said if there is any new legislative information it would be sent out in a Board of Health Communications Report.

9. CALL TO AUDIENCE

There were no speakers from the audience.

10. SUMMATION OF ACTION ITEMS

Ms. Daniels summarized action items from the meeting. The action items identified were:

- The Department will continue to share information regarding the CPPW grant, as it becomes available.
- Staff will complete modifications on the HIV funding letter to prepare it to be sent to ADHS Director Will Humble and to send as a letter to the editor.
- Staff will make modifications to the budget letter to be sent to the Board of Supervisors. Additionally, staff will provide information requested in the budget discussion to assist in advocating with County Supervisors.
- It has been a while since the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) has reported issues to the Board and the Board expressed interest in having DEQ provide an update on pertinent issues.

11. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 4:59 p.m.