

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Dr. Horwitz called the meeting to order at 3:04 pm.

Attendance was as follows:

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

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 December 17, 2014 Minutes

The motion was made and seconded (Rojas/Gonzales) that the December 17, 2014 Minutes be adopted as written. The motion carried 9-0.

4. COMMUNICABLE DISEASE UPDATE

Dr. Francisco García, Health Department Director, addressed the Board to give an update on the current outbreak of Measles. Dr. Garcia stated there was an exposure in California at Disneyland in mid-January, early February, where there were at least seven confirmed cases. Six of the seven California patients were not vaccinated for measles. Dr. Garcia stated that currently in the state of Arizona there has been a total of seven cases; five in Pinal County and two in Maricopa County, all of which were exposed to Measles while visiting Disneyland. Dr. Garcia has informed both Counties to keep him informed regarding any changes that may effort Pima County. Pima County has not had a reported Measles case since 2011. Dr. Garcia indicates there are a large number of individuals in Orange County, California that decided not to get vaccinated for personal and religious beliefs. Currently some Pima County schools have 98% to 99% participation for receiving the MMR (Measles, Mumps and Rubella) Vaccine and the general

public has about 96% to 97%. Dr. Garcia stated that Measles is one of the highly contagious diseases that is transmitted primarily from person to person by large respiratory droplets but can also be spread by the airborne route as aerosolized droplet nuclei.

Dr. Garcia discussed the Measles outbreak that occurred in Pima County in 2008 that began with the confirmed diagnosis of a Swiss tourist initially seen for a rash in a local hospital on February 12, 2008. By the time the outbreak was officially declared over on July 21, 2008 six hundred possible cases had been investigated; 13 measles cases were confirmed; more than 2500 potentially exposed individuals were contacted; 30 special clinics had provided over 18,000 doses of MMR; more than 12,000 employees and nearly 2,000 volunteer hours had been devoted to active and passive surveillance, call center, rash team, and clinic activities; and \$836,556 had been spent to contain this highly infectious disease.

Dr. Garcia also informed the Board that his team went public with the final draft of the Pima County Emerging Infectious Disease Response that can be found at pima.gov/evd. The purpose is to track international travel to make sure events where lots of individuals attend, like the gem show, are monitored and have a plan of action to follow. On December 27, 2014 Dr. Garcia held a meeting with Gem Show Coordinators to discuss operations and inform them of the County's Emerging Infectious Disease Response Plan.

Another topic briefly discussed was vector borne diseases and currently there are 6 cases of Dengue Fever which is transmitted through insect bites. There have been no domestic cases reported; all cases have been associated with international travel. Dr. Garcia stated that the Secretaria De Salud (Secretary of Health) in Sonora, Mexico has developed very important educational reports on vector borne diseases; he plans to translate the reports in English for County purposes.

Dr. Garcia also stated there are now a total of 150 cases of Syphilis with no new cases. The overwhelming majority of the cases are among men ages 20-45 years old that have sex with men. Approximately one out of three of the syphilis cases also have a preexisting HIV infection. The outreach methods that the Pima County Health Department has been working with to raise awareness are purchasing bus stop advertising; and utilizing non-traditional outreach and advertising methods to reach the outbreak's target demographics have been successful. Dr. Garcia stated the main focus is to have clinics maintain awareness and keep track of new and previous cases.

5. UPDATE ON PIMA COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT BUDGET

Dr. Francisco García, Health Department Director introduced Garrett Hancock, Business Operations Division Manager, to give an update on the Health Department's budget. Mr. Hancock spoke about the Health Department's accomplishments, current challenges, and goals for the future, better understanding of budget process and terms, provision and review of monthly budget status by bureau and unit, and better coordination with Grants Management resulting in a smoother budget process. Mr. Hancock referenced one significant change, in which the County will lease all of its computer hardware and software so that all county employees will have up-to-date computer tools. There were also organizational changes in both Health and Grants, consolidating several smaller units into one big unit in Health and creating new units in Grants Management to segregate each new funding stream. The final change was to transition all staff to the new AMSA system.

Mr. Hancock informed the Board members of some current challenges for the Health budget: having to absorb raises, PACC operational costs, Pima County code changes, and Finance and Procurement restraints and barriers. The upcoming projects are the construction of the new T Lee South location, implementation of the electronic health record, billing and collection, and policy formulation and integration regarding our role as a safety net as it pertains to the national Medical Home model.

6. INTRODUCE THE NEW CHFS MANAGER

Dr. Francisco García, Health Department Director introduced David Ludwig, CHEFS new Program Manager to the Board of Health members. Mr. Ludwig gave the Board members a background of where he was from and what experience he had from past jobs in the Public Health field. Mr. Ludwig looks forward to working with Pima County to better the department. Mr. Ludwig's goals are to update the Food & Pool code that has not been changed since 1999, Fee Changes, to provide computers to the Sanitarians out in the field, electronic access for the public and to improve mosquito surveillance system.

7. CALL TO AUDIENCE

There were no speakers from the audience.

8. SUMMATION OF ACTION ITEMS AND PROPOSED AGENDA ITEMS

There was no summation given or action items presented.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 4:37 p.m.