

Pima County Board of Health
Minutes
October 24, 2012
Room 1108, Abrams Building
3950 S. Country Club Road
Tucson, Arizona 85714

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Ms. Trowbridge called the meeting to order at 3:03 p.m.

Mr. Schlueter called the roll as follows:

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

A quorum was established.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

3. MINUTES ADOPTION

- Adopt Board of Health September 26, 2012 Minutes
- Nominating Committee Adopt September 26, 2012 Nominating Committee Minutes

The motion was made and seconded (Gastelum/Gonzales) that both sets of Minutes be adopted as written. The motion carried.

4. INTRODUCTION OF NEW BOARD MEMBER CHARLES GEOFFRION

New Board member Charles Geoffrion from District 1 (Supervisor Ann Day) was introduced to the Board.

5. DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY MATERION AIR QUALITY PERMIT AND BERYLLIUM UPDATE

Dr. Eric Betterton, Department Head for the University of Arizona's Department of Atmospheric Sciences utilized the attached PowerPoint presentation to address the Board. For the past five years beryllium monitoring has taken place at six Sunnyside Unified School District sites in the vicinity of Materion Ceramics, which was originally called Brush

Ceramics. Approximately 2,000 samples have been analyzed to date, and beryllium was only detected one time, which was from a sample from July 22, 2009, which coincided with a large dust storm on the same date. Beryllium occurs naturally in soil and it is believed that the July 2009 detection was a result of naturally occurring beryllium stirred up by the dust storm, not the result of an emission from the Brush / Materion facility. This is supported by the fact that there was a major spike in PM10 (particulate matter 10 microns or less in size) on that day. Additionally manganese, which also occurs naturally in soil, was also found to be elevated in a sample for that time; and the manganese and beryllium in the sample dust were found to be at a level and ratio consistent with what is in the soil. Finally, an archived filter sample from July 22, 2009, from the Orange Grove area, which is far from the Brush / Materion facility, was tested and also found to have elevated PM10, beryllium and manganese.

Discussion turned toward Materion operations and the Air Quality Permit. Ursula Kramer, Pima County Department of Environmental Quality (PDEQ) Director said the Air Quality Permit has been renewed. Richard Grimaldi, Pima County Department of Environmental Quality Deputy Director discussed that in the past there have been a number of enforcement actions taken against Brush Ceramics, including a large fine, but that was many years ago and there have been a number of improvements since. One of the questions from the last PDEQ / Materion presentation (August 22, 2012) was if the facility knew of any new cases of berylliosis in our community. Mr. Grimaldi reported the question was put forward and Materion is not aware of any new cases. Materion management has offered to come to a future Board of Health meeting and there was general interest in having a Materion representative do so.

6. VACCINE FOR CHILDREN IMMUNIZATION UPDATE

Kathleen Malkin, Community Health Services Division Manager, utilized the attached PowerPoint presentation to address the Board regarding immunization change activities. Nationally, effective October 1, 2012 Vaccine for Children (VFC) funded vaccines cannot be used for privately insured children. As a result, the Department has to buy vaccine for insured children instead of using provided VFC vaccine. By State statute county health departments cannot turn away children seeking required vaccinations. In January 2013 health departments and private providers must be "deputized" to be authorized to use VFC vaccine for under insured children. Only three private providers in Pima County and 26 Statewide have requested to be "deputized." The Department has purchased some vaccine to be able to vaccinate insured children who have shown up since October 1; and Deputy County Administrator Jan Leshar has put in a request for additional County funding (approximately \$400,000) to purchase vaccine. The Department has a contract with a company to do third party billing and an ordinance (next Agenda item) has been drafted to update County code to allow for third party billing in order to recoup some of the costs. The clinics now have to check insurance status, which slows things down, and they have found that many individuals do not know their insurance status. Additionally Ms. Malkin said all three main Health Department Tucson clinics (north, south and east) have expanded when they offer vaccinations to now offering vaccinations five days a week by appointment or as walk-ins, and clinics have seen 250 more children in September 2012 than seen in September 2011. During this discussion it was suggested that the Department create opportunities for receiving monetary donations for vaccinations, similar to the way the Animal Care Center receives donations.

7. PROPOSED ORDINANCE TO AMEND PIMA COUNTY CODE RELATING TO IMMUNIZATIONS, AMENDING SECTION 8.12.030 TO ALLOW FOR THIRD PARTY BILLING

Ms. Malkin presented a proposed ordinance (attached) which allows for third party billing, which currently the statute does not allow.

The motion was made and seconded (McComb-Berger/Gastelum) that the Board approve of the ordinance as presented for forwarding with their endorsement to the Board of Supervisors. The motion carried.

8. BOARD OF HEALTH HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

The Board discussed that they typically do not meet when the meeting would be the same week as Thanksgiving or Christmas. However, this year Thanksgiving (November 22) comes the week prior to the normal, fourth Wednesday, meeting date, which is the 28th. The Board also expressed that they did not want to get behind on discussions regarding the Health Department budget.

The motion was made and seconded (Gastelum/Gonzales) that Board meet on November 28 with the intent of hearing information on the budget process; and at the November meeting the Board will establish when they will meet next. The motion carried.

9. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

There were no legislative updates.

10. CALL TO AUDIENCE

There were no speakers from the audience.

11. SUMMATION OF ACTION ITEMS AND PROPOSED AGENDA ITEMS

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

- The proposed ordinance (Item 7) was approved by the Board and will be sent to the Board of Supervisors.
- The Board expressed interest in being informed on the Department's 2013/2014 budget process and possibly forming a Budget Advisory Committee at the next meeting.
- The Board expressed interest in having a representative from Materion Ceramics at a future meeting.

12. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.