

Pima County Board of Health
Minutes
November 28, 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
Mr. Elías
Mr. Gastelum - absent
Mr. Geoffrion
Ms. Gonzales
Dr. Horwitz
Ms. McComb-Berger
Mr. Rojas
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 October 24, 2012 Minutes

The motion was made and seconded (Rojas/Gonzales) that the October 24, 2012 Minutes be adopted as written. The motion carried.

4. INTRODUCTION OF NEW HEALTH DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR

Dr. Horwitz and Deputy County Administrator Jan Leshar introduced the Health Department's new Director and Chief Medical Officer, Dr. Francisco A. R. Garcia. Dr. Horwitz and Ms. Leshar both said they were very pleased to have Dr. Garcia fill the position and both emphasized that Dr. Garcia's experience, qualifications and credentials are congruent with those sought in an ideal candidate. Dr. Garcia earned a BS in Psychology and his MD from the University of Arizona, where he also did his residency. He also has an MPH from Johns Hopkins University. Dr. Garcia said he is accepting this position with great enthusiasm and acknowledged the work will be challenging. Discussion among Board members and Dr. Garcia centered on public health challenges and opportunities. Challenges included declining revenues; and resources mentioned included our tremendous community

and dedicated Health Department staff. Dr. Garcia's job duties will officially begin on January 2, 2013.

5. PROPOSED ORDINANCE TO AMEND PIMA COUNTY CODE § 6.04.110 TO CODIFY AS CRUELTY THE USE OF ANABOLIC STEROIDS TO SUPPRESS ESTRUS IN RACING DOGS

Pima Animal Care Center Manager Kim Janes presented the attached ordinance to codify the use of anabolic steroids to suppress estrus in racing dogs as cruelty. He requested the Board approve of the ordinance for forwarding to the Board of Supervisors with the Board of Health's endorsement. Mr. Janes provided background information which included a history of use of anabolic steroids to suppress estrus in Tucson Greyhound Park (TGP) racing greyhounds. South Tucson, where TGP is located, passed an ordinance prohibiting the practice, and the dogs were simply temporarily transported out of South Tucson into Tucson where the practice was continued. Subsequently the City of Tucson passed a similar prohibition and the steroid use has reportedly been abandoned. The Pima Animal Care Center Advisory Committee was made aware of the background and proposed County ordinance; the Committee voiced no objections. Additionally, the ordinance would amend waiver authority on cruelty and neglect standards. Currently the code allows for standards to be waived, "as dictated by treatment under the direction of a licensed veterinarian." The ordinance proposes amending that language to, "by any peace officer or Animal Care officer if dictated by treatment under the direction of a licensed veterinarian." The proposed ordinance has been reviewed by the Department's legal advisor.

The motion was made and seconded (Horwitz/Rojas) that the Board approve of the ordinance as presented for forwarding with their endorsement to the Board of Supervisors. The motion carried. Mr. Elías abstained from the vote.

6. FISCAL YEAR 2013/2014 BUDGET PROCESS AND BOARD OF HEALTH BUDGET RELATED ADVISORY ACTIVITIES

Ms. Leshner informed the Board that the Department's Fiscal Year 2013/14 recommended budget is due to Finance by January 11, 2013, with the Divisions submitting their budgets to the Director by December 7, 2012. The County Administrator's recommended budget goes to the Board of Supervisors in April for adoption in June. Ms. Leshner referred to County Administrator Huckelberry's November 16, 2012 memorandum to the Board of Supervisors regarding *Mid-year Budget Adjustment for Health Services and Pima Animal Care Center Budget*, which proposed two things: 1) splitting out the Pima Animal Care Center budget from the Health Department budget and 2) adding just over \$2 million to these budgets. Animal care has been a fiscally challenging operation which has pulled funding from elsewhere in the Health Department. Bifurcating the budget and adding the needed funds will eliminate this. The funds added to the Health Department budget are to cover vaccine purchasing needs brought about by federal changes. Ms. Leshner pointed out that although requests are not immediately successful, as was the case with the original supplemental funding request related to vaccine, the Board's voice is being heard and helped bring in more funding than was initially requested. The Board discussed Board members being part of budget meetings in lieu of forming a Budget Advisory Committee. Attendance at these meetings will require that Mr. Schlueter keep the Board informed as the meetings are scheduled.

The motion was made and seconded (Horwitz/Rojas) that the Board approve the creation of an ad hoc committee consisting of any Board of Health members who wish to attend and provide input at Health Department FY 2013/14 Budget meetings. The motion carried.

7. BOARD OF HEALTH HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

The Board discussed that they did not want to meet Christmas week, but did want to be able to meet before the Health Department's FY 2013/14 budget was due.

The motion was made and seconded (Horwitz/Rojas) that the next regular Board meeting will be on January 9, 2013. The motion carried.

8. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

There were no legislative updates.

9. CALL TO AUDIENCE

There were no speakers from the audience.

10. SUMMATION OF ACTION ITEMS AND PROPOSED AGENDA ITEMS

Dr. Horwitz summarized action items from the meeting. The action items identified were:

- Dr. Garcia will be the new Director as of January 2, 2013.
- The animal care ordinance will proceed to the Board of Supervisors.
- The Board of Health will be kept informed of FY 2013/14 preparation budget meetings which they may attend.

11. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 3:51 p.m.