

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Ms. Trowbridge called the meeting to order at 3:00 pm.

Attendance was as follows:

Mr. An - Absent
Mr. Elías - Absent
Mr. Emich
Mr. Gastelum
Mr. Geoffrion
Ms. Gonzales
Dr. Horwitz - Absent
Ms. McComb-Berger
Mr. Rojas
Dr. Smith
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 January 28, 2015 Minutes

The motion was made and seconded (Dr. Smith/ Ms. Gonzales) that the January 28, 2015 Minutes be adopted as written. The motion carried 8-0.

4. COMMUNICABLE DISEASE UPDATE

Dr. Francisco García, Health Department Director, addressed the Board to give an update on Measles. Dr. Garcia stated there have been no confirmed cases in Pima County. Also no cases have merged from the exposure in California at Disneyland in mid-January, early February where there were at least seven confirmed cases. Dr. Garcia believes the County has not had a Measles outbreak due to the County's high immunizations rates. Another topic briefly discussed was Dengue Fever and currently there have been no further cases reported.

Dr. Garcia addressed the issue regarding human excreta in various locations in the downtown area and informed the Board that he has asked David Ludwig, CHEFS Program Manager to address these issues and he has sent his Environmental Specialists to respond to several complains. PACC has also responded to several complaints regarding animals that accompany

individuals that are in the area, and they have not found any major violations. Dr. Garcia informed the Board that the County Administrator and the City Manager are in process of putting together a solution to address this issue. The Board members expressed their awareness and concern about the expanding homeless encampment in downtown Tucson, particularly the Veinte de Agosto city park area and the Board had questions about available shelter capacity, the restrictions that existing shelter operators place on the populations they serve, and the amount of human and animal waste on public sidewalks and parks as well as surrounding private property and the safety of the “dream-pods” as temperatures begin to rise.

The Board wants to formally express their concerns to the elected members of the City and County leadership, and urge that immediate steps be taken to remedy the most pressing issue of the lack of bathroom facilities as well as urge collaboration to find a longer term solution. The Board decided to pass a motion requesting for Dr. Francisco García, Health Department Director to communicate the concerns of the Board to City and County Officials and to request that portable toilet facilities be installed by the City for use by the homeless population in the encampment. Dr. Garcia also briefly discussed Syphilis he stated there are 8 cases of primary and secondary Syphilis reported and there is 1 woman of the 8 cases, and last year there were 3 cases among women.

The motion was passed with unanimous support. The motion carried 8-0.

5. MATERION-ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH AND SAFETY PROGRAM

Health Department Deputy Director, Marcy Flanagan introduced Kenneth Harrison, Materion’s Plant Manager. Mr. Harrison give the Board a brief update on the history of Materion Ceramics and what their Beryllium management plan is and also what the worker protection model is. The Materion Ceramic is the only Materion site in Arizona. Mr. Harrison states that Materion own the mines in Delta, Utah where they get 90% of their Beryllium or they will purchase beryl ore from various sources from around the world. Beryllium oxide is the form they work with in Tucson and it presents no special health risks when in solid form. However, it must be handled properly, like many industrial hazardous materials, to prevent exposure.

Mr. Harrison informed the Board that Materion’s Beryllium Management Plan (BMP) was officially implemented on January 1, 2000 and since Materion has implemented the BMP the Tucson facility has had zero new cases of CBD and sensitization. Materion has all employees wear a respirator mask 100% of the time. Over 10 years of collaborative work with NIOSH to establish new methods of protection, the results were 8 steps to eliminating exposure thus eliminating sensitization and disease.

Mr. Harrison said they regularly perform personal lapel checks; Tools, tooling, and equipment are on a routine cleaning schedule, and general area/task sampling to ensure the controls in place are working properly. Also all cleaning is only performed by vacuum or wet methods. All employees wear company provided uniforms and gloves and they must keep materials off the skin and clothing. Materion invest continually in updating Engineering Controls to keep airborne beryllium at the source and it is evident by their air counts it is working. Employees are required to shower at end of shift prior to donning street clothes. All uniforms are cleaned at the Materion facility to prevent exposure.

6. STRATEGIC PLAN

Health Department Deputy Director, Marcy Flanagan introduced Senior Program Manager, Alan Bergen who presented the Board of Health members with the Strategic Plan 2014-2019 booklet. The booklet consists of how the strategic planning process began and where it is today. Mr. Bergen informed the Board of the four strategic planning phases and the department's vision, mission, goals, and objectives.

7. REVIEW OF THE FOOD CODE AND DRAFT ORDINANCE

Health Department Deputy Director, Marcy Flanagan introduced David Ludwig, Consumer Health and Food Safety Manager. Mr. Ludwig gave a presentation on the history of the Food and Drug Administration Food Code and the steps that are currently being taken to adopt the 2013 Food Code in Pima County. Mr. Ludwig began his presentation with a brief history of food regulation in the United States, the development of the food code, and the process used by the Food and Drug Administration to update the food code every four years. Chapter 8 of the Pima County Code currently adopts by reference the 1999 Food Code to guide regulations and inspections. The Consumer Health and Food Safety program underwent a review process that included comparing the 1999 Food Code to the 2013 Food Code and identifying updates and changes between the versions; reviewing Chapter 8 of the Pima County Code to determine required updates and changes based on the best available science used in the 2013 model Food Code and Annexes; and preparing a draft revision of pertinent sections of Chapter 8 in collaboration with the Pima County Attorney's Office. Highlights of these changes/updates and the reasons behind the changes/updates were addressed in Mr. Ludwig's presentation. The changes/updates from the 1999 to 2013 Food Code provide the support and justification for adopting the 2013 Food Code in Pima County. Mr. Ludwig also provided the next steps in this process to ensure formal adoption of the 2013 Food Code and revisions to Chapter 8 of the Pima County Code.

After the presentation, Mr. Ludwig solicited input and questions from the Board of Health on these proposed changes and updates.

Question 1: Does the County have to conform to the State food code?

Response: Mr. Ludwig explained that Pima County has to meet the State's minimum requirement. Since the State adopted the 1999 Food Code, Pima County must adopt at a minimum this same Food Code or a more recent one.

Question 2: In your review and recommendations, was there any place in the current code that discusses opportunities to give unused food to the community food bank?

Response: Mr. Ludwig explained that the current code does not expressly address donations to the community food bank. However, he mentioned that if proper food regulations are followed for preparation, handling, and storage then it does not preclude unused food from being donated.

Question 3: Is there anything in the new code that encourages donating food to the community food bank?

Response: Mr. Ludwig explained that the 2013 Food Code leaves the possibility open, but doesn't explicitly provide direction.

Question 4: After the new code is passed by the Board of Supervisors, how do you plan to inform the public of the changes?

Response: Mr. Ludwig indicated that posting will be put on the Health Department website and appropriate industry forums, there will be a phase in of the new code, and education and outreach provided by environmental health specialists as they conduct inspections.

Recommendation: A recommendation was made to add language to the Pima County Code on how unused food can be donated to the community food bank and other organizations.

8. CALL TO AUDIENCE

There were no speakers from the audience.

9. SUMMATION OF ACTION ITEMS AND PROPOSED AGENDA ITEMS

Ms. Trowbridge gave a summary of the agenda items and also the Board decided to pass a motion requesting for Dr. Francisco García, Health Department Director to communicate the concerns of the Board to City and County Officials and to request that portable toilet facilities be installed by the City for use by the homeless population in the encampment.

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 4:33 p.m.