

Approved
September 28, 2016

1. CALL TO ORDER:

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

Attendance was as follows:

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

A quorum was established.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Rojas led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. MINUTES ADOPTION

- Adopt Board of Health May 25, 2016 Minutes

The motion was made and seconded (Mr. Rojas / Ms. Trowbridge) that the May 25, 2016 Minutes be adopted as written. Motion carried 8-0.

4. COMMUNICABLE DISEASE UPDATE

Dr. Francisco García, Health Department Director stated that he continues to closely track the Zika virus as it continues to develop in Pima County. Dr. Garcia informed the Board that there have been 2 confirmed positive Zika cases that were associated with travel to the Caribbean and also three presumptive positive cases from individuals who had a history of travel to Central America. Dr Garcia said the County Vector program are trapping and keeping track of the mosquito population since late February and now have identified the Aedes Aegypti mosquito. The Aedes Aegypti mosquito was occurring at a low concentration but with the rains that have been occurring Dr. Garcia anticipates there will be an uptake in the Aedes Aegypti pollution in the County. When the Pima County identifies a positive case the vector team will go out to that location and set up mosquito traps 50 meters around that area. Dr. Garcia said if the County finds multiple positive Zika virus individuals in the same area where they are finding a large amount of Aedes Aegypti mosquitos they will have (ADHS) Arizona Department of Health Services start to test those mosquitos for the Zika virus. If this occurs the County will provide the community around that area with mosquito prevention information.

Dr. Garcia briefly addressed the status of Dengue and Chikungunya in Sonora, Mexico. Dr. Garcia still has great communication with ADHS and Mexico regarding their status of different diseases. He also

wanted to inform the Board of an outbreak of the Measles that occurred in a detention center near Eloy in Pinal County. The case number of Measles is currently at 26 total and was initially spread through a detainee which also spread to employees. The State health officials have worked with ICE and the facility operator to encourage all center employees to be immunized. However, state officials cannot mandate vaccines. Dr. Garcia stated 20-25% of those employees live in Pima County so the County has been tracking and monitoring their symptoms to prevent spread and also the Pima County provided the vaccine to get them vaccinated. There has been no Measles cases reported in Pima County.

Dr. Garcia recently learned that mercury contaminated face cream is being used by some area residents. The Health Department was contacted by a physician affiliated with the Arizona Poison and Drug Information Center at the University of Arizona regarding a child who had been hospitalized with mercury poisoning on July 12, 2016. The Arizona Department of Health Services has been notified and the Environmental Protection Agency assessed the extent of the mercury contamination at the home. The Health Department is aware that Mercury is highly toxic so they took immediate action to ensure the health and safety of the individuals residing in the home and the general public. The investigation has shown the source of the exposure is a face cream used for lightening the skin that was purchased in Mexico. The Health Department is asking individuals who may have this product to discontinue its use immediately and to bring it to the City of Tucson Household Hazardous Waste Program drop off.

5. NEW DEPARTMENT ORGANIZATION CHART & INTRODUCING NEW DIVISION MANAGER

Dr. Francisco García, Health Department Director provided the Board with a draft organizational chart for the Health Department that shows a visual depiction for the ranks, jobs, and departments that make up the Pima County Health Department. He briefly addressed the Board on where each department stands and who is currently in charge of each department. Dr. Garcia stated there was a big change in the Community Health Services Department so Dr. Garcia introduced Paula Mandel who is now the Senior Leader of that department. Ms. Mandel introduced herself to the Board and briefly informed the Board of all the programs the County provides to the public within her division and what they are currently doing to better the community. Dr. Garcia stated that the Board of Health will be placed on the final version of the organizational chart.

6. CONSUMER HEALTH & FOOD SAFETY UPDATE

Dr. Francisco García, Health Department Director introduced David Ludwig, Program Manager from Consumer Health and Food Safety to informed the Board of what the County is doing to connect and inform the public of the new changes to the food code. The County sent out 6,000 invitations, held 7 regional public workshops, participated in meetings requested by the public, County employees took FDA trainings on the new food code changes, the County received a FDA Grant funding direct training with operators during their routine inspections and the County has issued there first industry newsletter that will be sent to all licensed operations. Mr. Ludwig stated the newsletter is the first issued newsletter the County has given out to the public. He hopes to have a positive outcome from the public so the future newsletters can be expanded. The newsletter is also going to be on the Pima County website for the public. Mr. Ludwig stated the newsletter will cover the new upcoming changes to the county ordinances and new fee schedule. It also will inform and update operators of the proper way to handle vomit/fecal accidents and it will hold the current status of where the County is for that month.

Mr. Ludwig stated one major change that will be accruing on January 1, 2017 will be the implantation of a Certified Food Protection Manager which means at least one employee that has supervisory and management responsibility and the authority to direct and control food preparation and service. The certified food protection manager shall be someone who has shown proficiency of required information through passing a test that is part of an accredited program. Mr. Ludwig informed the Board that the

main foodborne illness risk factors are inadequate cooking, improper holding of food, contaminated equipment, food from unsafe source and poor employee hygiene. The operator can control the risk of illness by demonstration of knowledge; implement employee health policies; time and temperature controls; control hands as a vehicle of contamination and consumer advisories. Operators should have a sick employee policy to refer to.

7. LOCAL BOARD OF HEALTH NATIONAL PROFILE UPDATE

Dr. Francisco García, Health Department Director introduced Mary Kinkade, Special Staff Assistant to update the Board on the 2015 findings of the Local Board of Health Nationals. Ms. Kinkade stated that the findings are conducted by the National Association of County and City Health Officials by NACCHO data and research teams every three years. The purpose is to determine the characteristics and functions of local Boards of Health. These functions were identified, reviewed and developed by the National Association of Local Boards of Health and other partners. The Report is divided into six functions of public health (PH) governance. The six functions are policy development, resource stewardship, legal authority, partner engagement, continuous improvement and oversight. Ms. Kinkade informed the Board that more than three-quarters of Health Departments have a local Board of Health. Arizona has 15 Health Departments and only 10 have local Board of Health. The Boards usually range from 3 to 33 members with larger jurisdictions have more members.

Ms. Kinkade states the local Board of Health should have at least one member who is a healthcare professional. Approximately one-third of local Board of Health have a vision or mission statement, strategic plan, or goals or objectives and almost half have at least one of those documents that guides their activities. The top three items addressed by a Local Board of Health are tobacco, alcohol, or other drugs; food safety; waste, water, or sanitation. Also 2 in 5 local Board of Health do not have final authority to take revenue generating actions and 1 in 2 local Board of Health have no authority and do not make recommendations to another governing body but 75% seek community input from elected officials, the media or public meetings. Ms. Kinkade stated that 2 in 3 Board of Health provide orientation for new members and half provide both orientation for new members and some other training and only 1 in 4 Board of Health have a formal on-going training program for new members. Ms. Kinkade informed the Board that NACCHO recommends all Boards develop a Board of Health Mission, Vision and Strategic Plan which the Board would benefit from having their own guiding document identifying their roles, goals and objectives outside out of the Health Department and to focus on continuous improvement and assure a strong training program for Board of Health members.

8. CALL TO AUDIENCE

There was 1 speaker from the audience. Steven from the White Stallion Ranch spoke and said he was aware of the new food code and just wanted to know what he could do to be compliant with the new changes and how he could get the information on any changes in the future.

9. SUMMATION OF ACTION ITEMS AND PROPOSED AGENDA ITEMS

Dr. Horwitz gave a summary of the agenda items. May 25, 2016 Minutes were adopted as written. No other motions were made.

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 4:42 p.m.