

Pima County Board of Health
Minutes
August 22, 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 3:13 p.m.

Mr. Schlueter called the roll as follows:

Mr. An - absent
Mr. Elías
Dr. Fulginiti - absent
Mr. Gastelum - absent
Ms. Gonzales
Dr. Horwitz
Ms. McComb-Berger - absent
Mr. Rojas
Dr. Smith
Mr. Stopani - absent
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 May 23, 2012 Minutes

The motion was made and seconded (Rojas/Smith) that the May 23, 2012 Minutes be adopted as written. The motion carried.

4. BOARD OF HEALTH BUSINESS

- Delivery of NALBOH News Briefs

Dr. Horwitz confirmed with the Board that the members are receiving the NALBOH News Briefs and let them know they can received the News Briefs by e-mail if they so desire.

- Selection of Nominating Committee

Dr. Horwitz, Ms. Trowbridge, Ms. Gonzales and Mr. Rojas volunteered to serve on the Nominating Committee. Dr. Horwitz established that the Committee will meet prior to the next regular meeting. Additionally it was requested and generally agreed upon that the Board would also accept nominations from the floor.

5. MATERION CERAMICS AIR QUALITY PERMIT

Richard Grimaldi, Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) Deputy Director, utilized the attached PowerPoint presentation to discuss the ongoing Materion Air Quality Permit renewal. DEQ Senior - Program Manager Beth Gorman was also present and assisted with the presentation. Materion Ceramics utilizes beryllium oxide (BeO) in their manufacturing processes. Beryllium oxide can cause berylliosis which causes severe scarring of the lungs. The company was originally permitted in 1980 under the name Brush Wellman. The Air Quality Permit allows for a maximum BeO stack emission of 10 grams over a 24 hour period based on the Federal standard; and monitoring indicates emissions of approximately .1 gram per 24 hour period. The Air Quality Permit renewal process drew input from the Environmental Justice Action Group (EJAG). DEQ met with EJAG and incorporated some of their suggestions into the draft permit. The renewal process included an advertised open house and public hearing. DEQ anticipates issuing the permit by the end of the month.

The Board had a number of questions regarding items such as exhaust vent testing; the reporting of berylliosis; and health monitoring of Materion employees. The Board requested DEQ come to a future meeting with more information regarding the Board's questions. It was also requested that DEQ bring Dr. Betterton from the University of Arizona, Department of Atmospheric Sciences.

6. VACCINE FOR CHILDREN IMMUNIZATION UPDATE

Kathleen Malkin, Community Health Services Division Manager, used the attached PowerPoint presentation to brief the Board on challenges associated with legislative and policy changes regarding immunizing children. Starting October 1, 2012 the Department can no longer vaccinate insured children using free vaccine provided by the Arizona Department of Health Services using discretionary funds from the CDC. In the past insurance status was not an issue. State and County statutes state the Department cannot turn children away, but there currently is no funding mechanism in place to purchase vaccine for insured children. The total estimated cost for required and recommended vaccine for insured children last fiscal year is \$325,653. Challenges associated with upcoming changes include checking insurance eligibility; sorting out the spectrum of which vaccines are or are not covered; billing ability; updating County ordinances; client capacity; vaccine procurement; and funding. Mr. Elías indicated the Board of Supervisors is aware of and will address the funding issue.

7. DIRECTOR'S FINAL SUMMATION FOR DEPARTMENT TRANSITION AND THE BOARD'S CONTINUED ADVOCACY

Health Department Director Sherry Daniels said that in light of her pending retirement next month she wanted to highlight Health Department accomplishments and ensure the Board is aware of changes in progress and items on the horizon. She went over the attached *Pima County Health Department Director's Final Summation* provided for the Board to assist them in knowing and advocating for the Department's issues during the upcoming Director transition and going forward.

After her presentation the Board thanked Ms. Daniels for her years of community service, which included the last three and a half years as Director. Mr. Elías made it a point to say that he and the other members of the Board of Supervisors recognize and appreciate Ms. Daniels' dedication and leadership.

8. CHILD CARE HEALTH CONSULTANT PROGRAM UPDATE

Kathi Ford, Child Care Health Consultation (CCHC) Program Manager, used the attached PowerPoint presentation to update the Board on her program. Child care health consultation has existed within Public Health Nursing since 1987, but became an increased priority during Governor Napolitano's term of office. First Things First funding, which comes from tobacco tax, funds most of the Department's CCHC program. The Department's CCHC program worked with 198 child care programs last year and saw a 29 percent improvement in health and safety in these programs. After the CCHC program works with a child care program, it is assigned a rating. These ratings will be made public this fall and programs will be re-rated annually. Pima County's CCHC program has lost approximately 60 percent of its funding for fiscal year 2013 which has cut staffing.

9. COMMUNITIES PUTTING PREVENTION TO WORK FINAL REPORT

Due to time constraints this item was not addressed.

10. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

- Booster Seat Campaign

Ms. Daniels did not have any legislative updates. She touched on the Booster Seat Campaign during discussion of item 7.

11. CALL TO AUDIENCE

There were no speakers from the audience.

12. SUMMATION OF ACTION ITEMS

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

- The Department of Environmental Quality will return at a future meeting with answers to questions asked. Also Ms. Daniels will relay questions and concerns about berylliosis to future Department leadership. How do we know if berylliosis is in our community; is it a reportable disease; how do we make it a reportable disease?
- The Nominating Committee has been formed and will meet a half hour prior to the next regular meeting.
- Dr. Horwitz requested to hear from Dr. Smith regarding her participation on the Pima Animal Care Center Advisory Committee.
- The Communities Putting Prevention to Work final report will be discussed at the next meeting. Board members can forward questions to Mr. Schlueter in advance to ensure they are addressed.

13. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:02 p.m.