

**Approved
February 22, 2017**

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Dr. Horwitz called the meeting to order at 3:03 pm.

Attendance was as follows:

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

A quorum was established.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

3. MINUTES ADOPTION

- Adopt Board of Health December 14, 2016 Minutes

The motion was made and seconded (Mr. Rojas / Mr. Gastelum) that the December 14, 2016 Minutes be adopted as written. Motion carried 6-0.

4. COMMUNICABLE DISEASE UPDATE

Dr. Francisco García, Health Department Director stated due to the cold weather there aren't mosquitos at the moment but the County Vector team are in the planning process to be ready for February when it gets warmer and the mosquitos return. He also informed the Board that the County has increased the amount of mosquito trapping. The County is also developing mosquito information for the public that can be accessed on the Pima County website. Dr. Garcia believes that Pima County was lucky enough not to see a Zika Virus case this past year but he does not think the County will be that lucky this coming year. He stated that there were about 30 cases of locally transmitted Zika Virus from Sonora, Mexico which is creating a high risk from travelers who return to the state with Zika virus infections, but the goal is to quickly identify such cases to prevent the spread of the mosquito-borne disease. The County is working with the Poison Control Center who created the Zika Virus hotline for individuals from the community to call for Zika Virus information. There has been around 30 calls a month but Dr. Garcia stated that would increase as the warmer months come.

Dr. Garcia also spoke briefly on the changes that may happen to the Health Department regarding the Federal Government funding the County receives. He wanted to inform the Board the County has been planning and coming up with different strategies in the event the County loses the Federal Government funding that makes up about a 3rd or 40% of the total budget. Dr. Garcia is aware of which programs are not vulnerable and which ones are. The areas that are vulnerable are the Title 10 grant Family Planning and the Cervical Cancer screening program. Dr. Garcia also invited the Board to the Healthy Pima 2.0 Kickoff Event on January 31, 2017 that will introduce the new community's health needs assessment that will guide the development of the 2017 Community Health Improvement Plan.

5. E-CIGARETTE ISSUES IMPACTING PUBLIC HEALTH UPDATE

Dr. Francisco García, Health Department Director stated that the Pima County Attorney's office is in the works with Gregory Rivera, Program Manager who is the lead on this program to develop ordinance language to take some kind of action in the future regrading e- cigarettes. Unfortunately, this process is slow and there is not enough information to provide to the Board yet; but when the draft ordinance is finished, it will be given to the Board for their review. Mr. Rivera is reaching out to the State Attorney General to make sure that we have some degree of concurrent with what they see as being necessary. Dr. Garcia also has reached out to the Developmental Services department within the County to inform them of the Board of Health's intent to develop ordinance language for e – cigarettes. The Board of Superiors have suggested that the County also communicate with the Chamber of Commerce and the Metropolitan Alliance for Pima.

Dr. Garcia also provided the Board with a draft Guidance from the drug and food administration regarding what is appropriate labeling and signage for the shops and businesses that sell e-cigarettes so the Board could see what is proposed by Federal standard. Lee Itule- Klasen, Program Coordinator briefly spoke on her take of the draft guidance given to the Board. Ms. Itule- Klasen stated the draft is focusing on four key areas where they are defining language as it fits into the new tobacco product authority on all tobacco products including e-cigarettes, marketing when it comes to labeling of products and what would be mandatory for businesses to report. The last thing is when the FDA will enforce certain activities that shops most report if they make any changes to Tobacco products they sell. Dr. Garcia would like the Board to review this material to get a better understanding of the process and ordinance language so they can be able to make suggestions on what they agree with and be able to communicate that to the Health Department. Dr. Garcia suggested the Board create a separate subcommittee to collaborate with the Tobacco and Chronic Disease team to develop ordinance language to present to the Board of Superiors on e-cigarettes.

A motion was made and seconded (Dr. Horwitz/Mr. Rojas) that the Board would form a subcommittee to develop ordinance language in conjunction with the Health Department and Pima County Attorneys to take some kind of action in the future regrading e-cigarettes. The Board appointed Mr. Geoffrion and Mr. Humphrey to the subcommittee meetings. The motion carried unanimously 6-0.

6. LIBRARY NURSE PROJECT – ANNUAL REPORT UPDATE

Dr. Paul Horwitz, Board of Health President introduced Estela Garcia, Nurse Manager at the new Therese Lee Health Center, to address the Board on the 2015 Library Nurse Project Report. Ms. Garcia stated that the Library Nurse Project first began in 2012, which is a partnership between Public Health Nursing (PHN) and the Pima County Library System. The Libraries were having many problems with homeless individuals coming into their location and not having resources or access to information they needed so the decision was to place a Public Health Nurse at one of those locations. The Library system came up with five core libraries that needed the most help. The initial goal was to reduce the libraries need to call 911 and to provide information and education for the Library staff so they can better assist the

homeless person's needs. Over the years, the Library Nurse Project has been able to expand to other Library's outside of those five core libraries.

Ms. Garcia stated many changes within the Public Health Nursing Program has happened so that caused the 2015 annual report to not be release until late September. The 2016 report is in process and will be ready soon so Ms. Garcia wanted to inform the Board what was happening currently. The PHNs have had over 3,600 contacts made at the libraries, which were for health, job, food and shelter resources. The downtown Library has a PHN available four days a week due to the high amount of homeless individuals that require assistants. The other 10 locations receive a PHN visit at least twice a month. Ms. Garcia stated about 52% of their clients are female, 48% were males, 29% of those were children, and most of them were over 19 years of age. Ms. Garcia also experienced a different need at one of the core libraries, Santa Rosa library had an issue with unattended youth that had nowhere safe to go after school.

The PHNs discussed how they could help with this concern and the Healthy Snack Program was created. This program features snacks provided by the Community Food Bank of Southern Arizona through their agency market program. Snacks are served two days a week after school to children up to 18 years old. An average of 150 snacks a month were served for a total of 1,362 during the year. The program began as a pilot at Santa Rosa in 2013 and has now been expanded to six other libraries. Library Staff travel to the food bank every one or two weeks and select from the items available. Fresh fruit or vegetables are served whenever available along with crackers, granola bars or dry cereal. Sugary fruit drinks and such items as cookies or candy are not provided. The PHNs were also able to provide the youth with Oral Health, Sun Safety, Stranger Danger, Food and Nutrition and Healthy Eating Habit presentations. Nursing students from the U of A who are completing their public health training have also presented interactive lessons to the children. The PHNs see the children on a regular basis so they are able to form stronger relationships with them, which has been a productive program for both our customers and the nurses. In 2016 the PHNs did over 2,200 different nursing interventions from blood pressure, health checks and vaccines. The Library also has a drop off location where the community can donate hygiene products, clothing and food.

7. WELL WOMAN AND CANCER COALITION UPDATE

Dr. Francisco García, Health Department Director Introduced Richard Wascher, Program Manager to address the Board on the Well Woman Program and the Cancer Coalition. Mr. Wascher stated that the the Well Woman HealthCheck Program (WWHP) is a free breast and cervical cancer screening and diagnostic program for uninsured or underinsured women in Arizona. The goal of Well Woman HealthCheck is to increase access to and utilization of quality screening and diagnostic services to decrease morbidity and mortality from breast and cervical cancer among women who are at risk due to age, medical conditions, income or inadequate access to medical care. The WWHP screens an average of 10,000 women annually. In 2000, Congress passed the Breast and Cervical Cancer Prevention and Treatment Act allowing states to offer women diagnosed with cancer in the National Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program (NBCCEDP) access to treatment through Medicaid. Since 2015, the NBCCEDP has screened 219,819 women for breast cancer using mammography resulting in 3,870 breast cancers diagnosed and have screened 144,039 women for cervical cancer with the Pap test and diagnosed 171 cervical cancers and 5,766 premalignant cervical lesions, of which 40% were high-grade.

The organizations the County work with are St. Elizabeth's Health Center, El Rio Community Health Center, Mobile Onsite Mammography (MOM) and Banner University (Radiology, Surgical, and Pathology). The program has an eligibility process which states: they have to be a resident of Arizona, must be 40-65 years old for Breast Cancer Screening, 18 or over if presenting Breast Cancer Symptoms, must be at least 21 years old for a Cervical Cancer Screening, no insurance, insurance that does not cover Breast or Cervical Cancer Screening or have insurance that has a deductible of 100% or more for

preventative screening and gross household income can not exceed 250% of the federal poverty limit. Some of the services that are provided include clinical breast exams and mammograms, pelvic and pap exams, HPV testing, colposcopy and LEEP - loop electrosurgical excision procedure and biopsy. The WWHP also educates the public and their contractors with the most updated information by participating in public Health fairs and putting on professional education presentations. If a patient does not have legal status in the U.S. they are given an option to travel to Hermosillo Sonora, Mexico to receive treatment at the Hospital Oncológico del Estado de Sonora. (Cancer hospital of the State of Sonora) A dorm like facility where patients can go to receive their treatment. Attempts are also made to find donated treatment, sliding fee scale clinics or other grant funded treatment programs such as Susan G. Komen, CAN AZ or Southern Arizona affiliates.

Mr. Wascher also spoke about his recent trip to the Arizona Cancer Coalition Meeting on January 18, 2017 in Phoenix, Arizona that was sponsored by Tgen. The ACC is dedicated to reducing the cancer burden for all Arizonans and works to improve all cancer related issues including prevention, early detection and screening, treatment and diagnosis, quality of life and survivorship, research, and data. The Coalition members include cancer survivors, caregivers and advocates as well as members of state and local governments, community stakeholders, non-profit organizations, universities, the cancer research community, and the health, medical and business communities. The meeting also discussed the Arizona Cancer Control Plan for 2014 – 2018, which consists of identified objectives, activities and it is the mission of how the Coalition is going to address cancer in the five main areas, which are prevention, early detection, diagnosis and treatment, quality of life, and cancer research. Mr. Wascher stated he received on Dr. Garcia's behalf an award for becoming the Chair of the National Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection (NBCCEDP) Steering Committee.

8. CALL TO AUDIENCE

There were no speakers from the audience.

9. SUMMATION OF ACTION ITEMS AND PROPOSED AGENDA ITEMS

Dr. Horwitz gave a summary of the agenda items.

The December 14, 2016 Minutes were adopted as written. The motion carried unanimously 6-0.

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10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:00p.m.