

Approved
April 26, 2017

1. CALL TO ORDER:

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

Attendance was as follows:

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

A quorum was established.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

3. MINUTES ADOPTION

- Adopt Board of Health February 22, 2017 Minutes

The motion was made and seconded (Mr. Gastelum / Ms. Gonzales) that the February 22, 2017 Minutes be adopted as written. Motion carried 9-0.

4. DIRECTOR'S UPDATE ON LEAD, MERCURY AND ZIKA PREP

Dr. Francisco García, Health Department Director stated he wanted to update the Board on a couple of pressing issues that currently are ongoing. The first item is regarding the (ADEQ) Arizona Department of Environmental Quality's new program to screen schools for lead. The testing has begun in Arizona and there has not been any positive tests in this jurisdiction. The Health Department, Pima County Environmental Quality and the Superior Intendents Office have all developed some joint communication strategies with schools and parents of the community. Pima County Environmental Quality has offered to provide technical assistants to schools to help them test the correct water sources, to get an accurate reading. Pima County wants to make sure all testing is done correct to avoid any incomplete data.

Dr. Garcia updated the Board on a new case that was found regarding skin lightening face cream that contains mercury. The case involved an adult that showed signs of intoxication. The product has been removed from the home and Arizona Department of Environmental Quality have taken samples from the home and there was no actionable levels present. This facial cream can be found in Mexico, Asia and Africa. Adults are not usually affected by this type of exposure because of the developed nature of their nervous systems, but children and expecting mothers are a lot more vulnerable. Mercury can cause

serious harm to children's developing nervous systems. The County has put out advertisement to get the community informed of the hazards of what this face cream can cause. Dr. Garcia briefly spoke on Zika Virus and stated the Vector department started setting up mosquito traps at the end of February. Kim Janes, Division Manager informed the Board that they are in the process of hiring a new Epidemiologist and a Vector Assistant. The County is going to meet with Visit Tucson to discuss what kinds of appropriate messaging can be done to inform the public of Zika Virus that doesn't negatively impact tourism.

Dr. Garcia addressed the Board on the status of the (ACA) Affordable Care Act and provided the Board with an impact summary of what the loss of the ACA would have on the Pima County. Public Health Prevention Fund consist of 15% of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Budget, which is used to put resources into the hands of local jurisdictions. The impact of the loss of the Public Health Prevention Fund would be around 55 million dollars to Arizona. The loss of the ACA would affect 40% of the Pima County Budget that is given to support many different programs for example the Preparedness and Response, vaccines for children and the Tobacco program. Dr. Garcia wants to make sure the County is prepared for whatever the outcome is on the ACA and Title X. The March 22, 2017 CHH memo regarding the Impact of the American Health Care Act on Arizona was shared with the Board, which also informs of the changes to the (AHCCCS) Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System that will affect 100,000 covered lives.

A motion was made and seconded (Dr. Smith / Mr. Gastelum) to have Health Department staff draft a resolution, which would be reviewed and approved by the Board of Health. The resolution would be forwarded to the Board of Supervisors for their consideration and approval, for the Board of Supervisors to forward on to our Congressional representatives, requesting that they vote against any legislation that would lead to cuts in our Federal funding for Title X and other key health programs. The motion carried unanimously 9-0.

5. E-CIGARETTE VAPING ISSUE

Dr. Paul Horwitz, Board of Health President, introduced Board Member, James Humphrey who stated to the Board that the subcommittee, including himself, Board member Charles Geoffrion, Greg Rivera and Lee Itule-Klasen from the Health Department Tobacco program have met twice and over several hours have reviewed both the literature on the e-cigarette/vaping industry and also what other Arizona communities are doing regarding these topics. Mr. Humphrey stated they would have more information and hopefully a proposal to present to the Board for their review.

6. PIMA COUNTY CODE TITLE 4 DISCUSSION

Dr. Francisco García, Health Department Director, introduced Garrett Hancock, Business Operations Division Manager to address the Board regarding Title 4 of the Pima County Code. Mr. Hancock explained that Title 4 delineated Pima County's process for complying with the mandate all counties used to have to process applications for AHCCCS and other public assistance programs. Mr. Hancock explained how that mandate and the related authority ended after Proposition 204 shifted that responsibility to the State in 2001. He illustrated in detail how Title 4 is obsolete and is a liability to still have in the Pima County Code, since it prescribes things that the County is no longer empowered or authorized to do.

Mr. Hancock distributed a complete copy of Title 4 to the Board, with many notations detailing why most of Title 4 is outdated. In particular, Title 4 specifies the Pima County Department of Medical Assistance, which was dissolved in 2001, as the responsible department, and references multiple Arizona State statutes that have either changed or been repealed subsequent to Proposition 204. He

recommended the Board of Health send a letter to the Board of Supervisors endorsing repeal of Title 4 as obsolete, not applicable, and unenforceable, and that the Health Department put the issue on the Board of Supervisors agenda for action.

A motion was made and seconded (Dr. Horwitz / Mr. Gastelum) to have the Board of Health send a letter to the Board of Supervisors endorsing repeal of Title 4 as obsolete, not applicable, and unenforceable, and the Health Department would put it on the Board of Supervisors agenda for action. The motion carried unanimously 9-0 to endorse repeal of Title 4.

7. PIMA COUNTY CLINICAL SERVICES UTILIZATION DATE

Dr. Francisco García, Health Department Director Introduced Dr. Donald Gates, Business Operations Program Manager to address the Board on clinical services utilization data for 2016. Dr. Gates provided a brief background on the Electronic Health Record (EHR) implementation, which began in September 2015 and was complete by January 2016. At that point the EHR was in use at all Health Department clinical services sites.

The EHR allows for rapid aggregation of data and generation of reports across a wide variety of categories. Dr. Gates presented selected data on calendar year patients and service utilization. Selected elements include:

- In 2016 18,090 patients presented for services at 10 service sites;
 - Age, race, ethnicity and zip-code data was presented;
- 37,128 patient visits were documented. The services provided were:
 - Family Planning, 7,978 visits;
 - Immunization, 12,437 visits;
 - STD/HIV, 4,626 visits;
 - Tuberculosis, 5,289; and
 - 7,156 “Telephone Encounters”.
- Insurance Status was detailed, showing nearly 85% of patients report no insurance or may be uninsured;
 - Of the 15% of patients that were insured, the top insurers are
 - University Family Care at 29%;
 - United Health Care Community 18%;
 - Health Choice 12%;
 - Blue Cross Blue Shield 9%;
 - United Healthcare (Private) 8%.

Dr. Gates then answered questions from the Board.

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 February 22, 2017 Minutes were adopted as written. The motion carried unanimously 9-0.

Motions made:

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10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:10p.m.