

Approved
September 27, 2017

1. CALL TO ORDER:

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

Attendance was as follows:

Mr. An - Absent
Mr. Elías - Absent
Mr. Emich
Mr. Gastelum
Mr. Geoffrion
Ms. Gonzales
Dr. Horwitz
Mr. Humphrey
Mr. Rojas - Absent
Dr. Smith
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 June 28, 2017 Minutes

The motion was made and seconded (Mr. Gastelum / Mr. Humphrey) that the June 28, 2017 Minutes be adopted as written. Motion carried 8-0.

4. NOMINATING COMMITTEE FOR PIMA COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH OFFICERS

Dr. Paul Horwitz, Board of Health President along with the Board members decided to move forward with the current Board President and Vice President and nominate Dr. Horwitz as President and Ms. Trowbridge as Vice President at the next Board of Health meeting on August 23, 2017.

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5. DIRECTOR'S UPDATE

Dr. Paul Horwitz, Board of Health President introduced Marcy Flanagan, Health Department Director who updated the Board on a current situation that occurred in Santa Cruz County. Ms. Flanagan stated that a cross-border pipeline that carries millions of gallons of raw sewage each day ruptured north of Nogales city limits, the manhole structure collapsed following a powerful rainstorm and is now leaking raw sewage, which is coming from Nogales, Sonora and Nogales, Arizona. The Health Department and

the City of Tucson informed the community that this water would not go into the city drinking water system but would highly recommend individuals not to go into the Santa Cruz River for any recreational purposes. It is unclear exactly when the manhole structure collapsed and all other manholes are being inspected to confirm they too are not compromised. Ms. Flanagan stated they have met with their internal team, which includes Dr. Carlos Perez-Velez, Deputy CEO who is an infectious disease doctor that can identify what the Health risks are to the public. The risk to Pima County is very low and for individuals that encounter the contaminated water, would only be affected if they have open wounds that could get affected but E.coli or other diseases. The Santa Cruz County is directing the public to a hotline to get further information if needed and at this time the Department of Environmental Quality is testing the water to see what contaminants are present. The County's main issue is to provide the public with messaging on how to protect themselves if they come in contact with recreational water and how to keep safe when doing so. Ms. Flanagan also briefly stated the County has many community partners they work with on the Dispose A Med Program and they are now putting together a declaration made for the week of September 18, 2017 to be the Safe Dispose A Med week. This will be addressed at the next Board of Health meeting for the Board to review and hopefully with their support it can be forwarded on to the Board of Supervisors in the future for their approval.

6. AFFORDABLE CARE ACT UPDATE

Marcy Flanagan, Health Department Director introduced Kim Tham, Special Staff Assistant Senior and Richard Wascher, Program Manager, who addressed the Board on the current status of the Affordable Care Act. Ms. Tham went over the Affordable Care Act Structure and the impact it has on the Pima County insurance reform and the delivery reform, also the programmatic impact to Pima County Health Department and the policy update on the current repeal and replace bill. The insurance reform would impact; patient protections for pre-existing conditions and gender; individual mandate and employer health insurance coverage; young adults can stay on their parent's health insurance plan until age 26 and expanded coverage options for citizens and those legally residing in the U.S. The AHCCCS/Medicaid Expansion has been critical in Pima County and in July 2017 more than 291,983 people in Pima County were on AHCCCS. AHCCCS is one of the nation's most efficient and innovative programs and this repeal would weaken this program. The creation of the Marketplace, in 2016 open enrollment showed 31,161 people choose a plan in Pima County and 73% in Pima County received financial aid in the form of advanced premium tax credits or cost sharing reductions for Marketplace plans.

Ms. Tham also stated that most insurances will provide free prevention benefits, which as cancer screenings, immunizations, family planning services, annual exams to help manage care to reduce Healthcare costs. Insurance companies are required to have minimum essential health benefits as mental health, maternity care, inpatient services, Rx drug benefits. No more than 20% of premium costs can go to administrative costs, 80% has to go towards care. Mr. Washer also addresses the Board and stated the program goal is to increase use of health insurance among clients, create materials to target the uninsured in Pima County and enroll clients and others seeking assistance with the ACA. The County wants to develop and implement a consistent screening process in clinics and home visitation programs to capture insurance and eligibility status and appropriately refer for enrollment assistance. It is key that the County train and educate staff to be knowledgeable about the Affordable Care Act (ACA) and where to refer clients for assistance and collaborate with community partners to educate, guide, and create opportunities for residents to enroll in health insurance. The County also wants to provide timely and accurate information about the ACA and other access to care opportunities through multiple platforms, including the Pima County website but disseminate information regarding how to access care to those who have not identified a primary care provider or dentist.

The County disseminates informational flyers in low-income communities for individuals who are uninsured that could be found at libraries, grocery stores, churches and apartment complexes. The

County participates in several community events, which as the Kidsfest 2017, Sunnyside back-to-school, La Fiesta de los Guerreros, Sasabee School Immunization event and the Pre-Retirement Fair. Mr. Washer stated the navigator meets clients at the Theresa Lee Office on (Thursday 8am-5pm/Friday 1pm-5pm), North Office on (Tuesday 8-5) and at the East Office on (Monday 8am-5pm). The public can schedule appointments at the website: coveraz.org. Open enrollment is November 1 – December 15, 2017. Ms. Tham stated if the Senate Bill does pass with whatever litigation they choose, it first goes to the House of Representatives and it must be passed by a majority, then it will go to the president's desk and that is how it will be signed into law. If the repeal is passed it will; reduce federal deficit by \$377 billion by 2026, there will be hospital insurance payroll tax for high income taxpayers, annual fees imposed on health insurers, creation of high risk pools, eliminate individual and employer mandates, eliminate cost sharing subsidies, restructure premium tax credits and eliminate public health prevention funds.

7. TCE DATA AND COMMUNITY OUTREACH EVENT UPDATE

Dr. Paul Horwitz, Board of Health President introduced Kim Tham, Special Staff Assistant Senior who addressed the Board on what Pima County is currently doing regarding the situation on Trichloroethylene (TCE) Pollution in Tucson Water. The four main areas that the County is looking into are contamination background, community concerns, health outcomes data and community teach-in. Ms. Tham gave a brief background of what happened and how TCE started back in the late 1970s. The contaminated locations are known now as Superfund sites, and were placed on the National Priorities List (NPL). The NPL guides the EPA in "determining which sites warrant further investigation" for environmental remediation. As of May 1, 2010, there were nine Superfund sites on the National Priorities List in Arizona. Trichloroethylene can enter your body from the air, water, or soil. You are most likely to be exposed to trichloroethylene by drinking trichloroethylene-contaminated water; you may also be exposed by breathing trichloroethylene released to the air from trichloroethylene-contaminated water. The source of the TCE came from U.S. Air force and defense contractor Hughes Missile Systems Company known now as Raytheon Missile Systems Company and they used organic solvent in the TIAA area.

The community concern is the drinking water and land is still unsafe and exposures continue. The community doubts that water standards and regulation is protective of human health and that health conditions such as cancer, birth defects and lupus are caused by the water contamination. The community feel they can't trust the government agencies due to the lack of transparency, communication and historical trauma. The concern is the passing down risk (epigenetic capacity) of disease from exposures to future generations and the lack of availability of treatment and health resources. The County has developed a data analysis, where they have put together hospital discharge data in TCE zip code areas (85706 and 85756) within the years 2008-2015. The data is regarding how many cancer cases there are among adults, but there are limitations to this date because there is no test that an individual can take to identify why you have cancer and the data does not show if the person moved service areas. The Arizona Birth Defects Monitoring Program also does not show no significant difference in birth defect rates for those living in 85706 compared with the rest of Pima County.

The Pima County Health Department in partnership with the University of Arizona Mel and Enid Zuckerman College of Public Health will host a Community Teach-In, a forum for community members to express health concerns, receive education from experts, and work collaboratively with agencies to address community needs. The event is open to the public and will be on Sunday, August 27, 2017 held at the Abrams Public Health Center from 1:00 to 5:00pm. Community members are welcome to participate in a community pin board and community celebration wall, where comments about environmental health concerns and personal stories may be shared. A timeline of events, history, and community mapping project will be available to show the progression over the decades. A health and

education resource fair will give participants the opportunity to connect with local health services and improve access to education materials. Panels of experts in environmental health, toxicology, community health research, and water safety will be available to answer questions.

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 June 28, 2017 Minutes were adopted as written. The motion carried unanimously 8-0.

Motion made:

1. The motion was made and seconded (Dr. Smith / Ms. Gonzales) to move forward with nominating Dr. Horwitz as President and Ms. Trowbridge as Vice President at the next Board of Health meeting on August 23, 2017.

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:03p.m.