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Subject: **Posting to the Board of Health Website - January 22, 2007 Board of Health Meeting Minutes**

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**Maricopa County
Board of Health Meeting Minutes
Admin Building
301 W. Jefferson Street, 10th Floor
Board of Supervisors Conference Room
Phoenix, Arizona 85003
3:00 p.m.
January 22, 2007**

Ms. Adamic called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Members Present:

Audrey Adamic
Don Cassano
Susanne Cook, R.N., Ph.D.
James Giangobbe, M.D.
Zuhdi Jasser, M.D.*
Brian McNeil
Supervisor Andrew Kunasek*
Pam Wight
(*arrived during the meeting)

Members Excused:

Brian Spicker
Jim Vandeventer
Maclovia Zepeda

Ex-Officio: Bob England, M.D., M.P.H., Director

ACTION ITEMS:

Approval of the November 27, 2006 Board of Health Meeting Minutes:

Dr. Giangobbe made the motion to approve the November 27, 2006 Board of Health meeting minutes with one addition; adding Mr. McNeil as present. Mr. Cassano seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by six votes.

The Salvation Army Fee Waiver Request:

Ms. Minichiello, Program Manager, Environmental Services, provided a copy of the fee waiver application from the Salvation Army. The Salvation Army operates solely to provide food, shelter, clothing, financial assistance for payment of utility bills, job placement for victims of spousal abuse, and other necessities based on need. Ms. Minichiello recommended the Board approve the request.

Dr. Cook made the motion to approve the fee waiver request for the Salvation Army. Ms. Wight seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by six votes.

Ms. Adamic asked if you are a member of the public and would like to speak today, speaker cards are available. In compliance with the Open Meeting Laws, the Board of Health can not take action on items discussed that are not already on the agenda. Please limit your comments to three minutes.

Environmental Health Code Revisions/Request to Set Hearing:

Mr. Cassano excused himself from participation in this Action Item due to a conflict.

Ms. Minichiello, Program Manager, Environmental Services, asked to address the Board for consideration to revise Chapters 1, 2, 5, 8, 11, and 12. The revisions consist of the following:

- Improvements to definitions following the fee changes that occurred some time ago.
- Align and incorporate with changes made by ADEQ to the Arizona Administrative Code concerning Drinking Water. This will include an adjustment to lower the chemical toilet permit fee from \$10.00 per unit.

Ms. Minichiello said there was some question about the exact number of chemical toilets available – the companies had under estimated the number of permits and with this change in volume, Environmental Services negotiated a lower fee per unit with stakeholders.

A motion was made by Dr. Giangobbe to set a hearing for the Environmental Health Code Revisions at the next Board of Health meeting. Supervisor Kunasek seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by seven votes.

Ms. Adamic paused the agenda at 3:37 p.m. for Public Comment.

Mr. Michael Bartell of Waste Management (WM) addressed the board.

- Understands the County's request to change the current unit fees to capture their costs for chemical toilets.
- Requests a continued review of the ratio of portable restrooms to workers to be comparable to OSHA standards – providing one chemical toilet for every twenty individuals rather than one chemical toilet for every thirty individuals as it stands now. Stated that customers sometimes dispute the ratio stating the County policy rather than OSHA standards. WM feels this change is necessary to

maintain the highest standard of sanitary conditions and in the enforcement of doing the inspections properly.

Mr. McNeil asked if he could ask questions of Mr. Bartell. Ms. Mangiapane, County Attorney, requested Board members not ask questions and suspend additional discussion until the Public Hearing at the next Board of Health meeting.

Supervisor Kunasek asked that if additional changes are requested to the Environmental Health Code at the public hearing then can the Board of Health members move to adopt additional changes? Ms. Mangiapane said yes. Mr. Power said the change requested by Mr. Bartell is in another section of the Code and would require a separate public hearing.

Ms. Adamic requested Board members receive a copy of Chapter 2 of the Health Code prior to the meeting request agenda item to familiarize themselves with the existing code and the impact for the requested changes.

Call to the Public:

Mr. Larry Moore, A Company Inc., addressed the board

- Stated that the fee in itself for chemical toilets is unjust and it should be totally disregarded or taken away. Thinks the fee is very hard to implement and enforce due to competition with other entities.
- Questioned spending additional money for extra enforcement. Believes the purpose of the fee and the permit is wrong.

Mr. McNeil requested prior discussion with members of the community before the public hearings.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Air Quality:

Presentation by Holly Ward, Public Information Officer, Air Quality Department on the "Bring Back Blue" Campaign

- For the past two years Maricopa County has exceeded air quality standards by 19 and 27 days respectively.
- Focus groups and phone surveys were used to provide input and suggestions on the best ways to involve the community for participation in the Clean Air campaign
- The EPA is asking Maricopa County to reduce particulates by 5% each year until EPA standards are met.
- Campaign will consist of television, radio and online advertising, public relations and grassroots marketing

Dr. Cook said that the program presented today is going to take time to make an impact in the community. She asked what the county is doing to partner with other agencies to protect our children?

Ms. Ward explained that a pilot program is underway in the Roosevelt School District using colored flags to explain to the children the quality of the air we breathe. A green flag represents a good air quality day, a yellow flag is a bad/or almost a bad air quality day, and orange and red flags indicated the quality of the air is far below set standards and harmful to your health. The children can go out for recess and lunch time on good air quality days.

After viewing the four television ads, Dr. Cook asked if a pediatric doctor had been consulted when filming these ads. Ms. Ward said the Maricopa County Lung Association and the Asthma Coalition were participants. Dr. Cook commented that pediatric guidelines strongly encourage using a spacer with an inhaler for proper absorption of the medication. Dr. Cook voiced her concerns that the video might be sending the wrong message to the community, but agreed that overall the message was a good one.

Valley Fever: Presentation by Dr. England

- Valley Fever is something that has always been here – it is a fungus (coccidioidomycosis) that lives in the soil in the desert southwest.
- Only 1% of the population has a severe case.
- The older you are the more likely you will be diagnosed with valley fever. Most of the cases of valley fever are diagnosed in early summer. ADHS is requesting funding from the state legislature for two research positions to specialize in the treatment of valley fever.

Hepatitis A Update: Presentation by Dr. England

- One confirmed case of hep A from a food service worker who worked at two local restaurants in Guadalupe.
- The individual was diagnosed early enough to give the county the opportunity provide Immuno-Globulin to those who ate at the restaurant
- Restaurant reported approximately 1800 people could have eaten at the restaurant during the time period
- Health department employees outreached to the community, church groups and media to spread the word that free clinics would be offered.
- Approximately 875 individuals accepted the vaccination during two clinics in Guadalupe

Director's Report:

Overall -

- Public health's new medical director for clinical services joins the Department on February 5th.
- Corinne Velasquez has accepted the position of clinical services administrator.
- The disease control position has not been posted, as of yet.
- Salary reviews are in progress – the compensation study for IT positions won't be addressed until after the completion of the IT program assessment.
- Departmental All Hands meeting completed in November. It was a great morale booster with many recommendations on suggested changes.
- The department's mini employee satisfaction survey late last fall provided improved ratings in almost every category although some were very minor. Public Health management is using this information to implement change.
- Dr. England is addressing RIRs for additional funding as a unit to assist the needs of the Department.
- Per a request from the Board, Dr. England provided a handout comparing Maricopa County Public Health to the services provided by the ten largest public health districts in the US.

External Communications --

- Dr. Bob attended a health summit in South Phoenix focused on infant mortality. The summit was led by Public Health's Family Health Partnership program which assists communities in developing coalitions to target certain health issues. Both Maryvale and Sunnyslope have similar groups.

Infrastructure --

- Public Health is posting the IT manager position. The Spectrum Mall immunization clinic has closed.

Strategic Planning --

- Public Health has revised and incorporated new Managing for Results measures into our budget this year.

Disease Control --

- Public Health continues to work jointly with ADHS on projects such as the pandemic flu advisory committee. Many businesses in the community already have their own emergency type plans.
Supervisor Kunasek asked if Dr. England had considered incorporating the inmate population in the event of an outbreak. Dr. England mentioned that we do have a position entitled Special Populations that works with such groups as inmates. As far as recommendations for

drug allocation during a pandemic, the current protocol will come from the state health department based on a prioritized basis. Inmates will be taken into consideration in this plan.

STD Program –

- The County's overall syphilis rates are higher than in year's past than the national average. Arizona had the highest number of congenital syphilis cases in the country in 2005. This may be primarily due to undocumented individuals who do not receive medical care during pregnancy due to their visa status.

Dr. Cook asked if all of the hospitals in Maricopa County are complying with the syphilis prevention policy. Dr. England said he thought many of the hospitals continue to comply with the requested congenital syphilis policy established by the Board of Health.

Mr. McNeil asked for more details regarding the 2005 state syphilis rankings. Of the 28 cases of syphilis reported in Arizona in 2005, 22 of the cases were in Maricopa County. Dr. Cook said border states seem to have a higher number of syphilis cases compared to the rest of the county.

Clinical Services –

- The Department's tuberculosis reorganization is continuing.
- The Department's Health Care for the Homeless Program has an opportunity to enhance services by providing a small dormitory style, nurse supervised, area in a space adjoining the Homeless Center and CASS. Dr. O'Sullivan's religious order offered this as a charitable donation. The funding will cover the associated costs for this area. Many of these clients will be recent releases from other medical settings who still require medical care.

Disease Updates –

- Environmental Services recently led a planning retreat to discuss mosquito control and the upcoming West Nile Virus season.
- Public Health is requesting a new position to establish community volunteer assistance for many County services. One example of how volunteers could be utilized in the county would be in locating mosquito breeding grounds in neighborhoods.
- The current flu season does not seem to have peaked yet. Utilization of vaccine is way down with volumes of extra vaccine available. Cigna asked PH for assistance in distributing extra vaccine.
- An infant died at the Roosevelt WIC clinic last week. The mother and two week old infant were waiting in the waiting area for their scheduled visit when it was discovered the child was not breathing. CPR was performed but it was not possible to save the child. Staff did everything they possibly could to assist. Local authorities are in charge of the situation.

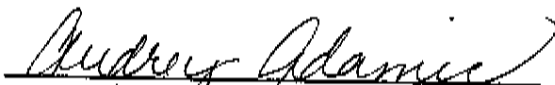
CALL TO THE PUBLIC:

No one was present.

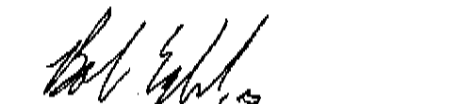
CURRENT EVENTS SUMMARY:

Dr. Cook requested periodic updates by the Air Quality Department at the Board of Health meetings.

The meeting adjourned at 4:53 p.m.



Audrey Adamic, President



Bob England, M.D., M.P.H., Director

The minutes were transcribed and edited by Susan Attiah.