

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

Ms. Adamic called the meeting to order at 3:07 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Members Present:

Audrey Adamic
Don Cassano
Susanne Cook, RN, PhD
James Giangobbe, M.D.
Zuhdi Jasser, M.D.*
Maricopa County Supervisor Andrew Kunasek, District 3
Brian F. Spicker*
James Vandeventer*
Pam Wight

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

(* denotes members arriving after Roll Call)

CALL TO THE PUBLIC:

Should we have any members of the public who would like to speak and address the Board there are forms available to place your request.

ACTION ITEMS:

Approval of the August 27, 2007 Board of Health Meeting Minutes:

Supervisor Kunasek made the motion to approve the August 27, 2007 meeting minutes. Dr. Giangobbe seconded the motion. The Motion passed unanimously by six votes.

Election of Physician Representative to Serve on the Board of Health Executive Committee:

Mr. Cassano nominated Dr. Jasser to serve as the Physician Representative for the Executive Committee of the Board of Health. Dr. Giangobbe seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by six votes.

Congenital Syphilis Testing Extension Request:

Mr. Cassano made the motion to continue the current Syphilis Prevention Policy for prenatal and obstetrical care through October 31, 2008. Dr. Giangobbe seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by six votes.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Air Quality Update:

Mr. Kard, Director, Air Quality Department, said the Air Quality Department is making great progress and looks forward to your support. The Department has nine divisions. We are touching on a few of those divisions today: the air monitoring division (24 stations that we monitor from), air quality compliance (the inspection section), business resource center (small business and general business assistance), dust compliance division, enforcement (settlement of cases that come before us where the notices of violation are issued), and permit engineering (how we regulate the emissions from chimney stacks).

Dr. Jasser arrived

Ms. Adamic asked for more information regarding the enforcement division specifically about the negotiation process for penalties and asked if this relates to the million dollar settlements assessed to home builders? Mr. Kard said yes and explained the process works as follows: enforcement officers look at the case presented to them by the inspection staff – they look at the facts of the case, the evidence we have – they hear what the alleged violators have to say and how they reacted when presented with choices to mitigate emissions rather than contribute to them and then consider reaching a settlement for the violation(s).

Mr. Cassano asked for information covering dust violations and whether the inspector has to witness the violation? Mr. Kard said complaints require in person documentation of a violation.

The vehicle repair and retro fit program assists approximately 1,000 owners each year with automobile repair costs up to \$550.00 per vehicle to help the owner meet emission standards. The owner of the vehicle is required to provide the

first \$150.00 toward repair and the program covers the next \$550.00 toward repairs. Retro fitting a 1,000 cars a year reduces yearly emissions by 19 tons. We estimate that 60,000 cars in Maricopa County exceed the emissions standards limit at any given time.

Mr. Spicker arrived

In 2006 Maricopa County exceeded the set standards for particulates on 27 days; we have eight such days in 2007 – and all eight days appear to qualify as an exceptional event by the EPA mandates and will not count as a violation. The requirement we are striving to reach allow for no more than three elevated readings beyond the standard, over a three year period. When calculating our levels we do average the particulate level readings over a twenty four hour period and use that average as our count.

Maricopa County has an ambitious plan in affect to reduce the pollution in our community. While working under mandates can be difficult it also provides the opportunity to use every resource available and converge with creative thinking for success.

Mr. Vandeventer arrived.

Director's Report:

Dr. England, Director, Department of Public Health, explained that flu shots are available after the meeting today for anyone who has not had their shot this year.

Staffing – The first new Employee Orientation group meeting was held this morning. Through this initiate new employees will gain a better understanding of what public health is about and how their new role fits into the process.

Facilities – The Glendale WIC site is under renovation to better accommodate our needs. The Maryvale facility will co-locate with the 67th Avenue YMCA and several other social service agencies in the same complex. We are subletting space in Mesa with the New Leaf social services program beginning in January of 2008.

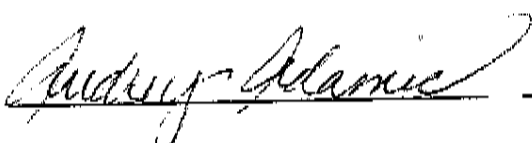
Ms. Adamic asked if Dr. England could discuss the 10 to 20 year long range plans for the department at the next meeting.

Dr. England continued:

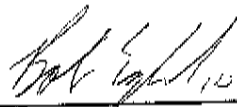
- The Super Bowl 2008 planning is constant to ensure the safety of the community.

- Community Health Nursing played a vital role in the National Health Week celebration last week.
- West Nile Virus rates are running higher than the last two years. Why?
- MRSA - nothing has changed about MRSA in a long, long time. This has been a gradually increasing problem.
- The Department is looking ahead to future needs for accreditation.

The October 22, 2007 Board of Health meeting adjourned at 4:47 PM.



Audrey Adamic, President



Bob England, MD, MPH, Director

The minutes were transcribed and edited by Susan Attiah.