

**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.
September 25, 2006**

Ms. Adamic called the meeting to order at 3:10 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Members Present:

Audrey Adamic
James Giangobbe, M.D.
Zuhdi Jasser, M.D.
Supervisor Andrew Kunasek
Brian Spicker*
Jim Vandeventer
Pam Wight
(*arrived during the meeting as noted)

Members Excused:

Don Cassano
Susanne Cook, R.N., Ph.D.
Brian McNeil
Maclovia Zepeda

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

ACTION ITEM:

Approval of the July 24, 2006 Board of Health Meeting Minutes:

Mr. Vandeventer made the motion to approve the July 24, 2006 Board of Health meeting minutes with two changes: adding Dr. Jasser's first name in Roll Call and changing the spelling of Roll. Dr. Giangobbe seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by six votes.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Fee Schedule Update:

Mr. Power, Director, Environmental Services announced his recent appointment as Director by Ms. Rich, having served as the Acting Director of Environmental Services for more than a year. Mr. Power and Mr. Ludwig, Environmental Health Division Manager, provided an overview of the Environmental Services fee schedule related to food services, with comparisons from Pinal and Pima Counties.

The Maricopa County Board of Supervisors have the authority to approve fees for the restaurant industry. Included in the fees are the reasonable costs associated with providing this inspection service as well as administrative costs.

A handout was provided to the Board members comparing the related costs. Each County uses a different methodology in setting fees making it difficult to assess equal comparisons.

Maricopa County bases their fee structure on seating capacity. Pima County uses square footage for assessment purposes. Environmental Services is a fee supported department, while Pima County fee revenues become part of the General Fund. Maricopa County includes retail and fixed food inspections under this program. Enforcement penalties that are assessed in Maricopa County also help offset the cost of department administration. In addition process improvements and increased uses of technology for services provided through this program help to decrease costs.

Since the Board of Health members last addressed the fee increase measure in April, the Board of Supervisors approved the fee request with the stipulation that the increase be phased in equally over three years.

Director's Report:

Dr. England, Acting Director, Department of Public Health, asked the Board of Health members for feedback on the layout for the Director's Report.

Dr. England gave an overview for the Department covering Human Resources, Communication Infrastructure, Strategic Planning, Programs, and Disease Updates.

Highlights are as follows:

- 99 open positions – down from 223 in April
- Key Recruits: The Director and Admin Deputy Director remain Acting. The Clinical Services Medical Director position is waiting for a salary offer from compensation - hopefully to be filled very soon. The Disease Control Administrator is awaiting available funding. The Information Technology Director will be posted in the future. Note: Dr. French will return full-time to Public Health Emergency Management as the Medical Specialist in October.

Mr. Spicker arrived.

Ms. Wilson has made a staffing recommendation to Mr. Smith for the Director of the Department and will update the Board when a final decision has been made.

- The All Hands Meeting is planned for November 29th
- The updated Public Health website made its debut, although additions will be forthcoming
- An abbreviated Employee Satisfaction Survey is scheduled in October
- Finance centralization is complete
- Close to completing entire migration of Information Technology
- All planned moves at 4041 N. Central complete
- Director's Team Retreat is scheduled on November 18th
- Public Health Emergency Management is tackling deliverables head on
- Adjunct Faculty Advisor Program Underway
- Clinical Services Administrator leaving the Department – Corinne Velasquez, Healthcare for the Homeless Clinic, will serve as Acting Clinical Services Administrator
- Safety supply of bicillin available during shortage in the STD clinic
- No decision made yet on transferring Homeless Clinic authority under Maricopa Medical Center
- Admin portion of Title I authority moved under Shawn Nau, Health Care Mandates, effective immediately
- Record number of mosquito complaints last week; approximately 1600
- Ryan White Pharmacy distribution move complete for mail-in service
- Three confirmed cases of E-coli confirmed and linked to spinach
- New statistics related to heat deaths this summer estimate 20 deaths
- Arizona Health Information Network on-line through University of Arizona available to all Department of Public Health employees

Family Planning Clinic

Dr. England first discussed some background information. Scientific data increasingly indicates that the health of a woman before pregnancy plays a larger role than previously predicted, may be even more important than prenatal health. Family Planning Services can play a vital role in maintaining pre-conceptual health. In addition, teen pregnancy is a serious issue here. Arizona has the fourth highest teen birth rate in the United States.

Public Health receives two funding sources for family planning: Title V through the Arizona Department of Health Services and Title X through the Arizona Family Planning Council. Many of the clients served are families from the Garfield neighborhood surrounding the Public Health clinic.

Dr. England explained that Federal regulation that accompanies both Title V and Title X Family Planning funding requires that minors be served without impediment. However, members of the Board of Supervisors have objected to treating minors in our Family Planning Clinic unless they have parental consent. Any attempt to require parental consent would violate Federal regulation.

Because of uncertainty that the Board of Supervisors would be willing to continue to accept Federal funds these conditions, both the Department and its funding agencies have sought alternatives to providing these services without abandoning our current patient population. Dr. England described some of these options, pointed out that the Board of Supervisors was the appropriate entity to make such policy decisions, and noted that they and their staffs had been very helpful in this process.

Supervisor Kunasek discussed the issue of parental consent in detail. Dr. Jasser then thanked Supervisor Kunasek for explaining his position.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC:

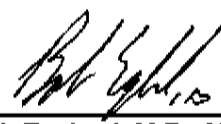
No members of the public were present.

CURRENT EVENTS SUMMARY:

Ms. Longo, Maricopa County Attorney assigned to Public Health introduced Ms. Mangiapane, Maricopa County Attorney, who will represent the Board of Health and assist Ms. Longo on issues pertaining to the Board of Health and to the Department of Public Health. Ms. Mangiapane is especially well versed in open meeting law.

The meeting adjourned at 4:40 p.m.


Audrey Adamic, President


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

The minutes were transcribed and edited by Susan Attiah.