

**Maricopa County  
Board of Health Meeting Minutes  
Admin Building  
301 W. Jefferson Street, 10<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Board of Supervisors Conference Room  
Phoenix, Arizona 85003  
3:00 p.m.  
June 26, 2006**

Ms. Adamic called the meeting to order at 3:12 p.m.

**ROLE CALL:**

**Members Present:**

Audrey Adamic  
Don Cassano  
Susanne Cook, R.N., Ph.D. (telephonically)  
James Giangobbe, M.D.  
Zuhdi Jasser, M.D.  
Jim Vandeventer  
Maclovia Zepeda

**Members Excused:**

Supervisor Andrew Kunasek  
Pam Wight

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

Ms. Adamic welcomed everyone and recognized Dr. Cook telephonically participating for the "Action Items" portion of the agenda.

Guest speakers forms are available for anyone wishing to address the Board of Health today under the "Call to the Public" segment. Time will be allotted at the end of the agenda. Board of Health members cannot take action or comment on items addressed under the "Call to the Public" segment.

**Approval of the April 22<sup>nd</sup> and May 22<sup>nd</sup> 2006 Board of Health Retreat/  
Meeting minutes:**

*Mr. Cassano made the motion to approve the April 22<sup>nd</sup> Board of Health Retreat Meeting minutes and the May 22<sup>nd</sup> Board of Health Meeting minutes. Dr. Jasser seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by seven votes.*

**DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

**Completion of Health Status Report / District Status Reports:**

Ms. Santana, Epidemiology and Data Services, was present to answer questions regarding the Health Status Report presented at the May 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting. The data cannot be compiled by Supervisory District at this time due to the lack of an experienced staff member to perform geocoding.

Ms. Santana said the most obvious demographic change is the incredible amount of population growth of Maricopa County. Many areas have grown dramatically. Ms. Santana suggested regionalization as the best approach to provide public health services. Dr. Jasser asked Ms. Santana how she perceives to conceptually regionalize services from a cost standpoint.

Mr. McNeil arrived.

Dr. England offered his thoughts on regionalization with limited resources. Twenty-five years ago Maricopa County was leaning toward a regionalized model at a time when the family health centers were very involved in public health. We are in the process of exploring partnerships with many of our partners, such as the community health centers to expand our public health services to other agencies. In many cases, service locations might be expanded at minimal or no cost to either agency but to the benefit of each. A simple example might be integration of some of our immunization clinics within Maricopa Integrated Health Systems sites. Dr. Jasser asked for examples of services that might be provided regionally. Some examples, and their fiscal implications, were discussed.

Mr. Spicker arrived.

Mr. McNeil asked what the major threats are to the health of Maricopa County? A discussion ensued regarding these factors that most effect our health versus those that we can most impact. For example, Dr. England noted that nutrition, exercise, and tobacco are the most significant health issues whereas other, smaller health threats are easier to address. It is crucial that the local health department adequately perform those core services for which it is responsible.

Dr. Cook ended telephonic attendance at this time at 3:37 p.m.

### **Avian Influenza Update**

Dr. England gave a presentation on pandemic influenza preparedness. He outlined factors about the virus that cause a pandemic to be a heightened concern recently, discussed issues involved with pandemic influenza planning, and discussed the role of the Department.

He also described steps being taken to mount an unprecedented educational campaign about the use of flu vaccine in this County, and gave several examples.

We are awaiting pandemic influenza funding. Congress has appropriated 100 million dollars for an influenza study determining how to react and treat an epidemic. Maricopa County's share is \$750,000. The funding is expected next week but carries the caveat that funding has to be spent entirely by the middle of August 2006.

#### **Director's Update:**

Dr. England said the proposed vital records legislation passed – counties can individually determine the fee charged for a vital record. With vital records available state-wide it is feared that individuals may now comparison price shop. We are not sure what impact this will have on Maricopa County. This new legislation coincides with new federal regulations requiring a birth certificate in some instances when applying for federal benefits starting July 1st.

The process to hire an Administrative Deputy Director is underway. Dr. England expects to begin interviewing candidates for the Medical Director position shortly.

Mr. Nau was present to give an update on the nurse market range study. Nursing salaries have increased to a competitive range as a result of the market range study implemented in May of 2006.

We still have 141 open positions at this time with 80 positions in the active recruitment stage. We are making steady progress – at the last update we had 200 open positions.

Dr. England announced the completion of the scheduled consolidation of programs into one location at 4041 N. Central Avenue with the relocation of Nutrition Services, Public Health Emergency Management, Community Health Nursing, Epidemiology, and the Tobacco Program.

HIV Testing Day is tomorrow, June 27<sup>th</sup>. Board members may see some Public Health related media coverage for all the activities planned in the community featuring Supervisor Mary Rose Wilcox and Mayor Phil Gordon at Body Positive.

Both the American Public Health Association newsletter and the National Association of City and County Health Officials recognized the MACTUPP website designed to provide information on cessation services. Congratulations on a superb website.

We have distributed our first newsletter to health care providers highlighting information for West Nile Virus, pertussis, mumps, and Valley Fever.

We are in the midst of doing a heat awareness campaign in conjunction with emergency management.

Ms. Castaneda-Martinez, Vitals Manager, is working with foreign consulates to create protocols to facilitate death certificates for foreign nationals allowing transportation across international lines.

**CALL TO THE PUBLIC:**

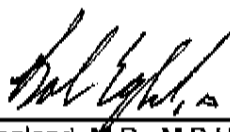
No one responded from the public.

**CURRENT EVENTS SUMMARY:**

Ms. Adamic congratulated Dr. Jasser as the newly elected President of the Arizona Medical Association.

The meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

  
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Audrey Adamic, Vice-President Finance

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

The minutes were transcribed and edited by Susan Attiah.