

MARICOPA COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH
Meeting Minutes
Administration Building
301 W. Jefferson Street, 10th Floor
Board of Supervisors Conference Room
Phoenix, Arizona 85003
March 23, 2009

Ms. Adamic called the meeting to order with a quorum present.

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 Mike Snitz

Shannon Smith

Mike Snitz

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Members Excused:

Brian Spicker

Michael Kearns

Ex-Officio: Bob England, M.D.

(Denotes members arriving after Roll Call)*

CALL TO THE PUBLIC:

Ms. Adamic advised that if anyone from the public is present at the meeting today who would like an opportunity to speak, a Speaker Request Form is available and must be filled out prior to addressing the Board of Health. The Board of Health cannot take action on but only discuss questions from the public under the Call to the Public section.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:

1. Approval of the February 23, 2009 BOH Minutes: -Ms. Adamic

Mr. Cassano made the motion to approve the February 23rd, 2009 BOH minutes. Dr. Giangobbe seconded the motion.

Ms. Adamic would like the minutes to reflect that Don Cassano took over the meeting with respect to the pool abatement assessment appeal and rejoined after that agenda item was finished.

The motion passed with a 7 to 0 vote.

2. Review and Approval of Board Order in Case #263668 -Mr. Cassano

There was no quorum available to vote on this line item therefore it will need to be rescheduled.

3. Fee Waivers: -Ms. Minichiello

Ms. Minichiello presented 5 fee waivers for approval. Serrine Adult Day Care of Mesa, AGAPE Network, Chez Nous Center Café (Sun City Area Interfaith), St. Clement ADHC (Sun City Area Interfaith) and Mesa Veterans Parade Association/Maricopa Association for Combat Veterans. The Department of Environmental Services recommended approval of all with the

exception of Mesa Veterans Parade Association/Maricopa Association for Combat Veterans. The last fee waiver is not being recommended because it will not be utilized for the poor, distressed or underprivileged. The fees would be to fund the Mesa Veteran's Day Parade only.

Dr. Giangobbe directed a comment to Ms. Minichiello that no direct charitable services would be given if this fee waiver is approved and that it would only be used for advertising.

Ms. Minichiello answered saying that the money would go toward advertising the parade and then the money that they get from the parade would go toward education.

Mr. Cassano made the point that \$85 is not a hardship.

Mr. Cassano made the motion to accept the first four fee waivers. Dr. Giangobbe seconded the motion. The motion passed with a 6 to 1 vote. (Board member Shannon Smith disapproves in giving fee waivers at this time with the budget crisis)

Mr. Cassano made the motion to deny the fee waiver application from the Maricopa Association for Combat Veterans and Dr. Giangobbe seconded. The motion passed with a 7 to 0 vote.

4. Discussion on Board Retreat and Scheduling

- Ms. Adamic

Last meeting we discussed something in May.

Mr. Snitz asked question regarding the funds available for the retreat and how the retreat is handled, is there an agenda or a moderator? Ms. Adamic answered by saying the retreat is handled the same way as an open meeting.

There will not be a retreat and regular meeting in the same month. The retreat usually takes the place of the regular meeting. The retreat offers a much greater in depth coverage of those items that we have discussed for example the budget and epidemiology.

Mr. Snitz asked if there will be a facilitator at this meeting. He would like to make sure that we are utilizing this time to better determine the need and purpose of the board.

Dr. Cassano made mention that we do operate under statutes. Ms. Adamic also made mention that under the bylaws, the Board is allowed to create other standing committees.

The staff will send out an updated list of members and bylaws to all the members.

Who will lead the strategic planning presentation?

Dr. Bob mentioned that the structure of the meeting is totally up to the Board.

Date for the Board Retreat will be May 29th, 2009 from 9:00-3:00 pm.

We will definitely want to have Mare Shumacher on behalf of epidemiology and Sarah Santana on behalf of TB facilitate and someone for strategic planning.

Mike Snitz would also like discussion of partnership enhancement and utilization

Supervisor Kunasek would like to know if we would be hearing from other areas – i.e. animal control, quality air control)

Dr. Giangobbe wanted to know what happened to pollution control, clean air presentations?

The Board should focus on all areas that affect public health.

Mr. Spicker said we need to look at all the pieces as far as the overall health of the county. What is the best way to look at this in a cohesive way on an ongoing basis?

Dr. Bob said we need to look at what public health is and the different ways it is structured nationally and then have a group discussion as it relates to this county. Maricopa County is the third largest jurisdiction in the country.

Dr. Adamic would like to know how the funding of Maricopa County compares with other areas in the nation and also with the other western states.

Mr. Cassano proposes that maybe 1-3 board members work with Dr. Bob to create an agenda. Will that require another meeting? A meeting with less than quorum is fine which does not have to require an open meeting agenda.

Vicki suggested that she give an overview of responsibilities and limitations at the Board Retreat.

Audrey Adamic will contact those who may possibly be interested in being on the committee to work with Dr. Bob to create an agenda.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Public Health Report

-Dr. England

Dr. Bob England presented the following matters to the Board.

Human Resources

RIF Plan pending – RIF will be in waives so that we hang on to as many individuals so that there may be opportunities that open up for them. The meeting with OMB to finalize personnel will be this week.

Communication

Public Health Week will be April 6-10. We are hoping to get a little bit of awareness out this week.

Infrastructure

Funding – Supervisor Kunasek discussed the closing of the family planning clinic. MIHS will see people that had originally been coming to our family planning clinic. We have been referring people to other community services as well.

In general as it relates to public, we are going where we have to go with limited funds in order to maintain a balanced budget. The revenue continues to worsen. The goal is to right size for what we feel will be a continued revenue reduction until we recover and therefore we are looking at more cuts in the future.

ADHS contracts – WWHC restored and NICP was partially restored. ADHS is being cooperative and supportive.

Stimulus Package – First things first is releasing some of their money in the form of RFPs which we are getting. The stimulus is short term money.

Strategic Planning

SLHI study underway – SLHI is looking at a local health infrastructure now and trying to compare it to other locations. Dr. Spicker was surveyed, not sure how they are going about selecting people but they are currently surveying individuals.

Programs

Disease Control

OPR – Office of Preparedness and Response – The Coyote Crisis is the name of a large drill that is done usually in the East valley. It is an annual emergency preparedness drill that is done with the hospitals, medical coordination centers and sometimes with the military. Our role was to help

POD exercise (Point of Dispensing) happening in Sun City Grand on Sunday, April 5th.

Vitals fee schedule was approved

Clinical Services

Working hard on TB program efficiency

Disease Update

Rabies vaccine supply is gradually getting better. Incidentally it is increasing with animals with rabies cases.

Announcements and Current Events

No announcements or current events discussed

-Board Members

Adjournment

Mr. Snitz mad the motion to adjourn the meeting. Dr. Giangobbe seconded the motion. The motion was passed with a 7 to 0 vote.