

MARICOPA COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING MINUTES

Monday, January 27, 2014

301 W. Jefferson Street, 10th Floor

Phoenix, Arizona 85003

Board of Supervisors Conference Room

Meeting was called to order at 3:00 pm.

ROLL CALL:

Members Present:

Debra Baldauff
Dr. Boyack – by phone
Don Cassano
Andrew Ingram
Francisca Montoya
Kip Steill
Colleen Wheeler - by phone
Michael Mills
Nedra Halley
Supervisor Kunasek
Ex-Officio: Bob England, M.D.

Members Excused:

Guests:

Jeannie Taylor
John Kolman
Becky Henry

CALL TO THE PUBLIC:

Mr. Ingram advised anyone from the public that would like to speak during the meeting to see Carrie for a Speaker Request Form, which she will then turn over to the board. 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 October 28, 2013 Board of Health Minutes:

- Motioned – Ms. Montoya
- Second – Mr. Steill
- Motion passed unanimously

2. Fee Waiver Applications

(See attached document-Summary Sheet for 01-27-14 BOH Meeting)

Note: The agenda stated 25 fee waivers were being presented, that needs to be changed to 9 fee waivers.

Mr. Jeannie Taylor presented on all 9 fee waivers.

- Ms. Montoya asked if the permits were for students. Ms. Taylor explained that they are for the students in the culinary program that we passed about a year ago.
- Motioned – Mr. Cassano
- Second – Ms. Halley
- Motion passed unanimously

3. Enhanced Regulatory Outreach Program (EROP) – Proposed Revisions to the Maricopa County Environmental Health Code (MCEHC). These staff reports may be viewed on the EROP Website at: <http://www.maricopa.gov/regulations/es/pdf/meetings/012714staff.pdf>

- Mr. Kolman gave a summary of what each case pertains to. At this point the Board will be voting to allow these cases to continue in the process, which the next stop is going to the Board of Supervisors.

ES-2013-007/ Food Peddler Permit – This will create a 6 month permit for people that are wanting to try out the business, or are only here for 6 months out of the year. There was a public meeting for this which provided no feedback.

- Mr. Ingram asked that if this shortened permit is because it is a seasonal position. Mr. Kolman confirmed that is part of the reason, people that are only here seasonally were paying for a whole year but only using 6 months.

ES-2013-008/ Manual Warewashing Sink Compartment Requirements- This is a change to the warewashing code that allows a two compartment sink versus a three compartment sink were allotted. There was a public meeting, which provided no feedback.

ES-2013-009/ FDA Food Code Reference Amendment – This will align with ADHS code regarding home baked goods being sold in regulated establishments. There have been several meetings pertaining to this, we have had 19 comments, 17 were in support and 2 were in opposition. We believe the oppositions are based on a misunderstanding around the application of this code.

- Mr. Ingram pointed out that when reading the comments it does sounds like the oppositions are in favor of the change to the policy, and he feels that their opposition is strictly a misunderstanding.
- Motioned to pass all three at one time – Mr. Cassano
- Second to pass all three at one time –Ms. Montoya
- Motion passed unanimously

Discussion Items

Welcome to the two new Board of Health members, Supervisor Kunasek and Nedra Halley.

1. Community Health Improvement Plan – Ms. Henry presented a Power Point updating the Board on the Community Health Improvement Plan, she also provided a handout pertaining to the dashboard and how that is developing.

- This is a five year program that will go through 2017, when we will start the process over again
- We currently have 55 partners involved
- Updates will be posted on <http://www.arizonahealthmatters.org/index.php?module=htmlpages&func=display&pid=5003>
- Ms. Montoya has interests in seeing the toolkit when it is completed.

2. E-cigarettes – Dr. England gave a presentation on E-cigarettes.

- Tobacco is still the leading cause of preventable death.
- When the public passed Smoke Free Arizona the numbers reported back were that 1 in 5 smokers quite.
- The community colleges and ASU have gone smoke free. Which is more than 7,000 students quitting at community colleges. Approaching 10,000 between community colleges and ASU.
- Over the past few years E-cigarette use has increased.
- Smoke Free Arizona does not apply to E-cigarettes, which means there is no law or regulations pertaining to these.
- Bad news is research shows that some brands contain carcinogens. Good news is the level is substantially lower.
- The FDA does not regulate E-cigarettes, so there is no way of telling what is in these. Good news is it might just be nicotine.
- There is a potential for these to be a useful harm reduction device for people who currently smoke.
- Patches are not as helpful because they are slow release compared to the immediate rush you get from inhaling. The E-cigarettes can allow a person to get the rush while lowering the amount of nicotine they intake.

- The problem with E-cigarettes is that they are damaging the stigma we have spent years creating about smoking in public.
- Many states have added E-cigarettes to their established in order to ban them. The problem is that E-cigarettes may have the potential to help in harm reduction. Dr. England is going to try to find some sort of middle ground.
- There are still so many unknowns with these. However we have some choices:
 - We can do nothing and wait for data to come in, which may be too late, because at that point more people will be using them.
 - We could do nothing as a County and wait for the Legislator to do something. Dr. England does not see that likely in the short-term.
 - We can do something as a County, like a Public Health order or a County ordinance. Dr. England wants to find some way of allowing E-cigarettes to be used, but not send them outside like smokers, but also not allow them to just do it anywhere. Something like inside vapor rooms, where they could go smoke these and not worry about others around them.
- Even though there is a Tobacco ban on advertising, we are getting advertisements for E-Cigarettes
- At this point Dr. England wants the Board to start thinking about it, he is not asking anyone to do anything right now, but he is currently meeting with people to talk about this.

3. Public Health Report –

I. Human Resources

II. Communication

III. Infrastructure – Our budget is going to the Office of Management and Budget next week, therefore at the next Board of Health meeting you will see the whole budget.

IV. Strategic Planning

V. Programs – Dr. England mentioned about a year ago that the state rolled out the new electronic system for death certificates. For the past year they have had nothing but issues. As of January 1st they rolled out the electronic birth certificate system, there are not as many issue but there are still some issues. We cannot see some of the data that we need to see, which is causing delays.

We have also put a lot of effort into health insurance enrollment. We have several staff trained, and are working with our partners to help get people enrolled.

We have started working on an efficiency plan for the TB program. Treatment takes 6 months, and the man power and time behind that is extreme. We take the pills to the client each day and watch them swallow them. There is a lot of time involved in driving from client to client. To eliminate some of that time we have started doing remote observed therapy, which is similar to Facetime where we can call and watch the client take their medication.

VI. Disease Update – We are right in the throes of the Flu season, we should peak in a few weeks. Some hospitals have already exceeded capacity. This year's flu is primarily H1N1, which is the same strand as of our 2009 pandemic. Currently we are behind a couple of weeks compared to last year, but the individuals seem to be sicker.

There has been a national shortage of saline solutions with some hospitals running out.

We stepped in recommending hospitals share their supply with other hospitals instead of making their own. This was a supply and demand issue.

VII. Future Topics

ADJOURNMENT –

- Motioned – Mr. Cassano
- Second – Ms. Halley
- Meeting was adjourned at 4:15 pm
- Next Meeting is April 28, 2014