

**SPECIAL SESSION
February 11, 2004**

The Board of Supervisors of Maricopa County, Arizona convened in Special Session at 9:30 A.M., February 11, 2004, in the Tom Sullivan Conference Room, 301 W. Jefferson Phoenix, Arizona, with the following members present: Andrew Kunasek, Chairman, District 3; Fulton Brock, District 1, Don Stapley, District 2, Max W. Wilson, District 4, and Mary Rose Wilcox, District 5. Also present: Fran McCarroll, Clerk of the Board, Shirley Million, Administrative Coordinator, David Smith, County Administrative Officer and Paul Golab, Deputy County Attorney.

CANVASS OF ELECTION RETURNS FOR THE PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE ELECTION

Motion was made by Supervisor Wilcox, seconded by Supervisor Stapley, and unanimously carried (5-0) to accept and approve the canvass of election returns for the February 3, 2004, Presidential Preference Election in accordance with the Official Results prepared by the Maricopa County Elections Department. Karen Osborne reported they had 329 polling places open and that 28.55% of the registered Democrats had voted. (C21040097) (ADM1717)

Karen Osborne, Elections Department, reported that of the 411,781 registered Democrats a total of 117,559 ballots were cast. The Board extended their congratulations to Ms. Osborne and her staff for another successfully conducted election.

MARICOPA INTEGRATED HEALTH SERVICES POLICY AND PROCEDURE

Item: Approve the Maricopa Integrated Health Services Policy and Procedure entitled, Arizona Integrated Pharmacy (AIP) Business Practices: Scope. This policy is effective prospectively from and after March 1, 2004. (ADM 2100) (ADM2100-005)

Discussion was introduced by Lou Gorman on Arizona Integrated Pharmacy (AIP), which was created by MIHS (Maricopa Integrated Health Systems) in October 2001 to provide pharmaceutical related health care services. Those using AIP included institutionalized patients of health care providers contracted with Maricopa County or where the County has a statutory or regulatory obligation to provide those services. Complaints have been received from private sector nursing homes that want to be included to take advantage of lower prices stating the unfair advantageous pricing competition hurts them financially. An IGA (Intergovernmental Agreement) with outside health care entities is being considered. The new policy, which is not retroactive and would go into effect on March 1, 2004, states:

“AIP will only provide its goods and services to its patients, health care entities, facilities, or health plans owned operated or managed by Maricopa County or pursuant to an intergovernmental agreement where Maricopa county or MIHS is a party.”

Supervisor Wilcox stated that it is too late to open this to other areas. She said, “Our people are providing a good service and if the private sector can’t match it that’s too bad.” She indicated that she would not support this measure.

Supervisor Stapley asked what affect this new policy would have on MIHS. Mark Hillard indicated that the program is currently a moneymaker for MIHS and he felt that the private sector was not being under bid or hurt because of these services. He reminded the Board that nursing homes are non-regulated and some patients in them are not Maricopa County Health Plan patients. However, it was stated that there are currently 500 ALTC (Arizona Long Term Care) patients that AIP does not provide services for as this involved a “bid” process and the decision was made not to participate in it. It was also stated that

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approximately 20-25% of the 2,600 patients living in 26 private facilities throughout the state are members of the County's health care program and many are not receiving services that they need.

Discussion ensued on limiting any expansion within Maricopa County vs. going outside the County. Supervisor Wilcox mentioned that there are some rural areas that have no services of this kind and it would be a service to those living there.

Motion was made by Supervisor Wilson, seconded by Supervisor Stapley, and carried by majority vote (4-1) with Supervisor Wilcox voting "no" to approve the Maricopa Integrated Health Services Policy and Procedure entitled, Arizona Integrated Pharmacy (AIP) Business Practices: Scope with the qualification that it was not to be practiced to drive competitors out of business or to inflict damage but to act as an incentive to attract people to the County's health plan so their needs may be filled.

MEETING RECESSED TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion was made by Supervisor Wilson, seconded by Supervisor Stapley, and unanimously carried (5-0) to recess to executive session to consider the matter listed below.

PERSONNEL MATTERS - PROMOTION, DEMOTION, SALARY, ETC. -- ARS §38-431.03 (A)(1)

Clerk of the Board Personnel Issues

Gwynn Simpson, Director, Human Resources
Linda MacLeish-Jensen, Management Consultant

MEETING ADJOURNED

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned.

Andrew Kunasek, Chairman of the Board

ATTEST:

Fran McCarroll, Clerk of the Board