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Subject: **January 28, 2008 Board of Health Meeting Minutes**

Please post the January 28, 2008 meeting minutes to the Board of Health Website ASAP.

Maricopa County Board of Health
Meeting Minutes
Administration Building
301 W. Jefferson Street, 10th Floor
Board of Supervisors Conference Rm
Phoenix, Arizona 85003
January 28, 2008
3:00 p.m.

Ms. Adamic called the meeting to order at 3:07 p.m. 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
James Vandeventer
Pam Wight

Members Excused:

Brian F. Spicker
Ex-Officio: Bob England, M.D.

(* denotes members arriving after Roll Call)

CALL TO THE PUBLIC:

Should we have any members of the public who would like to speak and address the Board there are forms available to place your request. The Board of Health is not able to address any items not already on the agenda for the meeting today but will listen to any concerns you wish to discuss.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:

Request for Approval of the October 22, 2007 Board of Health Meeting Minutes:

Mr. Cassano made the motion to approve the October 22, 2007 meeting minutes. Dr. Giangobbe seconded the motion. The Motion passed unanimously by six votes.

Supervisor Andrew Kunasek, District 3, arrived at 3:08 p.m.

Request for Approval for the Environmental Services Fee Waiver Request from Triple R Behavioral Health Inc.:

Mr. Cassano made the motion to waive the Plan Review Fee of $615.00 and the Eating and Drinking 10+ Seats, Class 4 fee of $775.00 for Triple R Behavioral Health Inc. Supervisor Kunasek seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by seven votes.

Request for Approval for a Variable Fee Schedule Increase for Adult Immunizations:

Dr. Jasser arrived at 3:13 p.m.

Mr. Cassano made the motion to accept the fee increase schedule as provided by the handout today and to adopt a thirty percent variable increase cap for all future purchases of adult immunization vaccines. Dr. Giangobbe seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by eight votes.

Request for Approval of Dietetic Internship Accreditation Fee Increase:

Dr. Jasser made the motion to increase the student Dietetic Internship accreditation fees from $1851.00 per student to $2,500.00 per student. Mr. Cassano seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by eight votes.

Environmental Health Code Revisions (Chapters I, II, VI, & VIII) - Action to Set Public Hearing on February 25, 2008:

Mr. Cassano made the motion to move forward with the Public Hearing on February 25, 2008 for Chapter 1, Fees, of the Health Code. Dr. Giangobbe seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by eight votes.

Dr. Jasser made the motion to move forward with the Public Hearing on February 25, 2008 for Chapter II, Section V, Refuse Collection and Disposal Services. Dr. Giangobbe seconded the motion. The motion passed by seven votes. Mr. Cassano excused himself due to a conflict from voting on this motion.

Supervisor Kunasek made the motion to move forward with the Public Hearing on February 25, 2008 for Chapter II, Section VI, Sewage and Wastes, Privies, Job Toilets. Dr. Giangobbe seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by seven votes. Mr. Cassano excused himself due to a conflict from voting on this motion.

Dr. Jasser made the motion to move forward with the Public Hearing on February 25, 2008 for Chapter VI, Section I, Bathing Places – Public and Semipublic Swimming Pools. Mr. Cassano seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by eight votes.

Mr. Cassano made the motion to move forward with the Public Hearing on February 25, 2008 for Chapter VIII, Section I, Food, Food Products, Food Handling Establishments. Dr. Jasser seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by eight votes.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Introduction of the Methamphetamine Program:

Ms. Amy A. Rex, Director, Arizona Meth Project, Maricopa County Crime Prevention Program Manager, said the methamphetamine program started two years ago under Supervisor Don Stapley and Attorney General Terry Goddard. Our program is modeled after a program used in Montana. The average user age of methamphetamine is fourteen years old. Most families don't discuss this specific drug use with their children. Experts state awareness as a key factor in working within communities to overcome a drug problem.

The County started a mass media campaign with radio and TV ads, internet postings and billboards, including a Spanish radio ad, after conducting baseline surveys last March and April. This approach has worked very well in Montana, dropping their state ranking for meth use to #39 vs a #5 ranking just two years ago. The long range plan for both states is to change attitudes, behaviors, and to provide awareness to the community of the devastation of meth use.

Environmental Services Overview & Vector Control Presentation:

Mr. Power, Director of Environmental Services, said he hopes to come before the Board every two months with an overview for a program or a division. Attached is an organization chart to provide clarity on how the Environmental Services Department functions.

Mr. Townsend, Vector Control Division, Environmental Services, explained that 500 plus co2 traps provide samplings of mosquitoes from across the Valley to gauge the effectiveness of our program to fight West Nile Virus. Each of the 1800 traps are checked weekly. The volume of mosquitoes was down while the strength of the virus was more severe according to test results.

Mr. Townsend and staff also responded to 9,623 green swimming pool complaints last year. We referred 859 of those swimming pool complaints to the County Attorney for legal proceedings. We expect the numbers to climb because

of all of the home foreclosures with pools, not being treated appropriately. 3,160 sites (591 acres) are treated monthly with larvacide to control breeding sites for mosquitoes. We have two main Metro Phoenix areas of concern: 1) a portion of the Southeast valley, and 2) around 91st Avenue. Overall the decline in positive cases of West Nile Virus does not seem to indicate the virus is diminishing.

Mr. Townsend and staff also respond to rodent complaints. The rodent problem has not spread much beyond where they were first reported. It appears that their food supplies are adequate and there is no reason for the rodents to move to other areas. The older neighborhoods also have Irrigation systems which is a good source of water for the rodents.

Director's Report:

The Director's Report was tabled until Dr. England returns from medical leave.

The January 28, 2008 Board of Health meeting adjourned at 4:42 p.m.

Audrey Adamic, President

Bob England, MD, MPH, Director

The minutes were transcribed and edited by Susan Attiah.