

MARICOPA COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING MINUTES

Monday, April 27, 2020 at 3:00 PM

Virtual Meeting due to COVID-19 and social distancing guidelines

President Hughes called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Members Present:

Don Hughes
Debra Baldauff
Don Cassano
Kristen Acton
Paul Dr. Stander
Paula Banahan
Robert MacMillan
Scott Celley
Supervisor Bill Gates

Members Absent:

Andrew Rascon

Ex-Officio: Marcy Flanagan

CALL TO THE PUBLIC:

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:

- 1. Approval of Minutes:** President Hughes asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the Board of Health (BOH) Meeting held on January 27th, 2020. Motion was made by Mr. MacMillan to approve the BOH minutes as presented. Motion was seconded by Mr. Cassano and all were in favor. The motion passed unanimously. Motion was made by Mr. Cassano to approval the BOH Finance Committee Report and seconded by Mr. Celley, all were in favor. The motion passed unanimously.
- 2. Appointment for New Board Member Paula J. Banahan** **Ms. Marcy Flanagan**
Ms. Banahan’s appointment was announced to the Board of Health recognizing her expertise as a Medical/Surgical Concentration and degree from Boston College School of Nursing. Ms. Banahan emphasized her current work with Cardiac and Vascular students as well as launching a community program for cardiovascular. Ms. Banahan was welcomed by all.
- 3. Environmental Services - Fee Waiver Applications – 24 fee waivers** **Ms. Darcy Kober**
Ms. Kober addressed the recommendation made at the January 27th BOH meeting about a possible code change in relationship to the criteria that has been used for fee waivers and whether an entity must solely be for the poor distressed or underprivileged. It was decided to defer that conversation to the July meeting. In relation to the two applications previously discussed at the January meeting, a reminder that only an operator of a charitable nonprofit which operates to provide relief solely for the poor distressed or underprivileged may apply for a Board of Health waiver of a permit fee and that waiver of fee may be granted only to an operator of an establishment with a current 501 (c)3 and also who demonstrates that the said fee will cause financial hardship. The 24 new fee waiver applications were reviewed by staff and were

deemed to meet the criteria outlined in the health code. There were no questions or concerns pertaining to the applications presented.

Motion was made to approval all 24 fee waiver applications presented by Mr. Celley. Motion was seconded by Mr. Cassano and all were in favor. The motion carried.

Reconsideration of Two Fee Waiver Applications – Based on the word Solely

A discussion continued about the two fee waiver applications that were denied at the January 27th BOH meeting because they did not meet the solely for the poor distressed or under privilege and parties were not present. The recommendation from the Board was to allow for contact and comment and present at the next meeting. Having done so, P1 - The Heritage Square Foundation acknowledge to Environmental Services that they were fine with not meeting with the BOH and agreed that they didn't meet the criteria and therefore withdrew their application from consideration, however the Director of Child Nutrition Services, Ms. Jennifer Gordon intends to call in on behalf of P2 – Laveen Education Foundation. President Hughes called for Ms. Gordon to speak but found that she was not present on the call, Ms. Sampler tried reaching Ms. Gordon by phone unsuccessfully.

Ms. Kober was asked to remind the Board why P2 Laveen Education Foundation was denied and added that the only additional information received was that the financial need is weighted heavier than other criteria when evaluating those scholarship applications and so there is more emphasis given to the financial component, but it is not solely, the only component used in awarding those applications. What was presented previously for consideration of the application found that P2 did not meet the requirements. With further consideration to the additional information presented, found that P2 still did not meet the requirements. The Board suggested that if Ms. Gordon were to call before the meeting ended, they would be open to allow for her to speak. At the conclusion of the report, Ms. Gordon did not present herself on the call.

Motion was made by Mr. Cassano to defer the Laveen Education Foundation appeal to the July meeting. Motion was seconded by Ms. Banahan. All were in favor and the motion carried.

Consideration of the word Solely

Ms. Kober suggested that the Board of Health allow for further conversation to address the word “solely” and requested that Environmental Services received some input from the Board of Supervisors. Mr. MacMillan recommended that the topic be deferred until the next scheduled meeting to allow Ms. Gordon to appear and speak on behalf of P2-Laveen Education Foundation. Ms. Kober added one more point of clarification in terms of clarifying solely would involve a code change and changing the word solely to something else and or deleting it from the code would require what's referred to as a *EROP* case, which is a public process to change the code, the process would take time to initiate, however the Board can continue conversations on how to interpret solely, mindful that it wouldn't be in effect until a public process took place. The topic will be added to the July 27, agenda for more consideration.

Environmental Services Operations Update

Ms. Kober provided a brief insight on how the operations have been impacted for Environmental Services as they continue as an essential service to provide food establishment inspections, while practicing social, distancing, calling ahead and making some modifications in terms of inspections protocol. As food establishments remain open by using take out or delivery methods, Environmental Services found that they are educating establishments more these days. Inspections are still in effect for those that remain open.

4. Public Health Report

Ms. Marcy Flanagan

- I. Human Resources
- II. Communication
- III. Infrastructure
- IV. Strategic Planning
- V. Programs
- VI. Disease Update
- VII. Future Topics

Marcy Flanagan provided the Director updates.

Coronavirus/Covid-19 Response

- Entering our fourth week of Unified Command, which several departments come together and form one kind of response to an emergency.
- Unified Command consist of members from other departments:
 - Public Health
 - Maricopa County Department of Emergency Management Human Services
 - Phoenix Fire
 - Maricopa County Sheriff's Department

Operation at UIC

Having a dual Incident Command Center helps operationalize a bit better and more cohesively when we share the responsibility between the Emergency Management Department Director, Robert Rowley. Very appreciative that County Attorney Allister Adel for allowing us to setup our unified command and at the county buildings. The setup at 225 Madison building, has afforded us the opportunity to host at least 3 press briefing each week where the public can watch via YouTube or Facebook.

Percentage of Cases Reported

Currently Maricopa County has 3445 cases a 50/50 split of male and female for the age groups.

- Ages 0 to 19 with 4%
- Ages 20-24 with 37%
- 45-64 with 33%
- 65 and older with 26%

The information reported is not necessarily a representative of what the true numbers are, based on who may be positive in the community by age breakdown. The numbers are merely an eighth of the breakdown by who has been tested verses those who are positive.

- 597 or 17% are have reported positive and have been hospitalized
- 178 or 5% have been admitted to the ICU
- 121 or 4% resulted in a death
- Those 65 and older make up 74% of those hospitalized and 88% of those who had sadly passed away

Deaths are among those that are age 65 and older with chronic medical conditions. The county has 94 long-term care facilities who are reporting at least one positive case, we will continue to work daily with the facilities.

PPE Supplies & Distribution

PPE continued to be distributed throughout Maricopa County.

Contract Tracing

The County has not stopped contract trace investigations, unlike larger cities when their numbers increased. Staff are contacting every person that have been in contact with a positive patient so that we can provide them with all the educational materials at our disposal. The county is working with ASU and U of A to develop a curricula training for our contact tracers that is specific to the County. The idea is to model New York City Public Health and what they did with John Hopkins University. Discussion are underway as to when the Governor plans to reopen the state and how Public Health will adjust any of our programs.

Influenza Season

The season is officially over, but we're not seeing any cases of the flu has really turned into something that has seasonal peak. The fall is probably one of the largest ever campaigns and pushes form public health to get the word out.

Announcements and Current Events - none

Board Members

Adjournment

Mr. Hughes

There being no further business, motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mr. Celley, seconded by Mr. Cassano and the motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 4:43 p.m.