



## HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES MEETING MINUTES OCTOBER 3, 2023

Call to Order: 1:31 PM

**In attendance:** Doug Kenyon, Tom Berezny, Karl Wagner, Jen Wagner, Brett Lee, Chris Erickson, Joyce Finkelstein, Debbie Kenyon, David McAllister Romo

**Commander Doug Kenyon:** Updates on PCSD wristband program for at-risk populations. Program is anticipated to roll out at the November 7<sup>th</sup> KGVY Boomer Fair. The Green Valley community will be the pilot program. After the initial roll out, it is anticipated that the GVC, the GVSAV, and VAS will be distribution points for the program. As of October 3<sup>rd</sup>, only 25% of seasonal residents have returned, GVSAV is still conducting 900 home checks.

**District 4 Representative Tom Berezny:** No updates from the Supervisor.

**Karl Wagner:** He will be tabling at the Green Valley library on the first Friday of each month and will be present at the Sahuarita library on the third Tuesday of each month. He provided the committee with flyers for homeless outreach. VAS will be working with Pima County on resource navigation.

**Jen Wagner:** Flu season has arrived in Pima County. New COVID tests are available through [covid.gov/tests](https://covid.gov/tests), each household can request 4 boxes at no cost. The Salud Arte program that held its event on September 24<sup>th</sup> in Green Valley has three upcoming events: 10/08, 10/15, and 10/28. The RSV vaccine is currently available and is recommended by Pima County Health Department.

**Brett Lee:** Ambulance traffic is currently lower, and there have been no significant increases in hospitalizations. There is no official statement on the development of the urgent care on Esperanza Blvd.; however, it is believed to be on track for a Q2 2024 opening.

**Chris Erickson:** The new EPIC (Engaging and Prevention in the Community) classes will begin in late October. Classes will focus on a myriad of health topics. VAS will also be starting new diabetes-focused classes. VAS is currently receiving 12 calls each day for homeless prevention services, and they are seeing 1 homeless family per week. In addition to their coverage area, VAS is reporting seeing several residents of Tucson coming to Green Valley to seek assistance. VAS will be hosting a fundraiser walk on October 28<sup>th</sup> at the Quail Creek Veterans Municipal Park.

**Joyce Finkelstein:** The Volunteer Clearinghouse will be hosting a Volunteer Showcase on November 8<sup>th</sup> from 10-noon at the GVR West Center. The Green Valley Rotary Club will be hosting an Oktoberfest event on October 14<sup>th</sup> at Historic Canoa Ranch.

**President Debbie Kenyon:** The GVC will be hosting the End-of-Life Planning and Care forum on October 12<sup>th</sup> from 9:00-10:30 at the GVR East Center in partnership with PCOA. The GVC will be hosting a meeting with Pima County Administrators and department leaders on October 6<sup>th</sup>. The GVC is continuing to finalize details for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual First Responders Fair. Pima County Health Department has been invited to hold a table.

Meeting Adjourned.