

BASIC PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES

WHEREAS: In Arizona there is a lack of unified public health operations among county health departments and

WHEREAS: All Arizonans do not have equal access to basic public health services and

WHEREAS: Standards which stipulate basic public health services have not been adequately articulated nor promulgated and

WHEREAS: Funding for public health services has continually been decreasing and

WHEREAS: Public health funding rather than public health need has determined the type and scope of service delivery and

WHEREAS: Diversity of services from one local health department to another exists

WHEREAS: There has been a lack of unified, coordinated statewide initiative to implement a much needed transformation and revitalization of the Arizona public health system;

AND WHEREAS: In some communities, AHCCCS providers refer AHCCCS clients to local health departments, which then bear the costs of such services, while AHCCCS providers still receive full payment;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT: A collaborative partnership be established between the Arizona Counties Health Officers Association (ACHOA) and the Arizona Public Health Association (AzPHA) to take the leadership role and to initiate and maintain a statewide coordinated effort to identify initiate and maintain a statewide coordinated effort to identify BASIC AND RECOMMENDED SERVICES for Arizona's public health system;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT: A legislative plan be developed which would result in statutory public policy changes to ensure ADEQUATE delivery of basic services among county health departments;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT: The drafted legislation propose that the State provide county health departments the funds necessary to:

- (1) institute and maintain the delineated basic services;
- (2) improve their capabilities to carry out the functions of assessment, policy development and assurance. Said funds could be derived by requiring a health-related increase in cigarette tax and/or liquor tax, similar to what has been accomplished in California and Michigan.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT: Within the drafted legislation county health departments be provided with adequate legislative support to carry out their responsibilities.

Such support would include the guidelines for county funding;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT: Within the drafted legislation, the funding for prevention services overall, be given a higher priority;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT: It be proposed, within the drafted legislation, that AHCCCS channel funding to local health departments as contracted providers of selected primary care services.

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