



PUBLIC HEALTH ADVISORY COMMISSION
Thursday September 15, 2022
5:30 – 7:00 p.m.
Alexandria Health Department
Hybrid via Zoom and at 4480 King Street, 4th floor

- I. Establishment of Quorum
- II. Approval of the July 2022 minutes
- III. New Electronic Participation Policy
- IV. Legislative Agenda Items
- V. CHIP- Update
- VI. Medicare for All- Updates
- VII. Health Department Updates
- VIII. Public Comments
- IX. Adjournment

Commission Members	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Chair</i> Andrew Romero
<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Vice-Chair</i> Patricia Rodgers
<input type="checkbox"/>	Dr. Jessica Hill
<input type="checkbox"/>	Allison Miner
<input type="checkbox"/>	Dr. Michael Trahos
<input type="checkbox"/>	Richard Merritt
<input type="checkbox"/>	JeanAnn Mayhan
<input type="checkbox"/>	Lisa Chimento
<input type="checkbox"/>	Melissa Riddy
<input type="checkbox"/>	Brian Hricik
<input type="checkbox"/>	Jacob Weinberg
<input type="checkbox"/>	Anita McClendon
<input type="checkbox"/>	Sylvia Jones
Alexandria Health Dept. Staff	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Natalie Talis, Population Health Mgr.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Dr. David Rose Health Director
<input type="checkbox"/>	Casey Colzani Executive Secretary, Staff Liaison



**Minutes of the Thursday July 21, 2022
PHAC Meeting
5:30 – 7:00 p.m.
Hybrid - 4480 King St and Zoom
Alexandria Health Department**

Present In-Person	Patricia Rodgers (PR) Richard Merritt (RM), JeanAnne Mayhan (JM), Anita McClendon (AMC), Sylvia Jones (SJ) Allison Minor (AM), Brian Hricik (BH),
Present- Virtual	Jacob Weinberg (JW), Dr. Michael Trahos (MT),
Absent (Excused)	Chair - Andrew Romero (AR), Dr. Jessica Hill (JH) Melissa Riddy (MR), Lisa Chmiento (LC),
Absent (Unexcused)	
AHD Representatives	Casey Colzani (CC), Dr. Anne Gaddy (AG)
Guests	Jonathan Krall, Richard Chapman, Maribel Gonzales, Emily Hart, James Hart, Cedar Dvorin, Isabella Anderson Joanne Broderick (Commission on Aging)

I. Establishment of a Quorum

- Meeting called to order at 5:45 pm by Co-Chair Patricia Rodgers (PR), role taken.

II. Approval of the June 2022 Minutes

- Richard Merritt (RM) motioned to approve minutes, JeanAnn Mayhan (JM) second. Two small editorial changes will be made. All in favor, motion passed, minutes approved

III. CHIP Updates

- JM provided an update on the CHIP. Provided brief overview for new members. Prior to CHIP the Community Health Assessment was done in conjunction with the community. The priority areas identified by the community are Housing, Mental Health, and Poverty.

- JM has been quarterly updates, the next will be September 15th.
- At the next update she will provide action items for commission – will be beta testing progress tracking for the tactic owners. Commission will have further discussion at next meeting about next steps on items that PHAC are tactic owners for.

IV. Updates on Virtual Meetings- HB 444/Meeting Location Options

- CC provided an update on new meeting legislations this will begin in September and will be shared with all commissioners once the final information is received from the City Attorney's Office. Several members voiced concern about why the commission is required to have in person meetings.
- AHD staff continues to look for alternate meeting spaces that will support our hybrid model.

V. Healthy Homes Meeting Update

- PR provided an update from the Healthy Homes meeting she attended as PHAC representative. Approximately 30-40 reps from agencies and entities that serve the community attended the late June meeting
- Briefing was held on the principal of the Healthy Homes project- discussed common issues residents are encountering in their homes (including violence, mold etc.)
- This was the first of many meetings from the Health Homes project.

VI. City Council resolution on Abortion Rights

- PR gave overview of the resolution on abortion rights that passed through City Council. Resolution is pertinent for what PHAC will support through budget and legislative agenda.
- AHD will present at a later meeting what reproductive health services are available through the AHD, and where budget support is needed.

VII. Clarification on New Business

- CC gave an update on new business items that may arise between the posting of meetings and the start of meetings.
 - i. If any items arise between the posting of the meeting (minimum of 3 business days) and the start of the meeting- please forward to staff liaison and Chair as soon as possible. Depending on content- Chair may or not allow new items to be announced.
 - ii. Will continue to seek clarification from City Attorney's office to ensure all FOIA laws are abided by- additional concerns were raised by some commission members

VIII. News Article – Health Commissioner

IX. Announcements-

- Health Dept. Update
 - i. AHD continues to offer under 5 COVID vaccinations at small clinics at AHD office
 - ii. 42 Northern VA cases of Monkeypox currently mostly affecting the men who have sex with men group. This is ramping up work at AHD, DC-Metro area has 3rd highest case rate in the US. Continue to monitor and perform case investigations on all cases.
 - iii. EPI department is doing outreach to the community, partners and providers
 - iv. DC has begun to vaccinate high-risk individuals without known exposures
 - v. AHD has been approved to begin vaccinations and has launched an interest for those who are interested in being vaccinated once appointments are available. Initial demand will be higher than supply.
 - vi. AM asked what the procedures are for when Monkeypox arises in a group that is not currently eligible – AHD is prepared to provide targeted messaging about symptoms, treatment, and prevention if cases arise in community settings.

X. Public Comment

- Jonathan Krall, Richard Chapman, Maribel Gonzales, Emily Hart, James Hart, Cedar Dvorin, and Isabella Anderson with Grassroots Alexandria. Spoke to the commission about a coordinated effort to encourage City Council to make a resolution in support for Medicare for all. RM and some other members voiced concern about backing a resolution that has not been circulated through the commission yet.
- Jacob Weinberg is working with Grassroots Alexandria and will answer any questions commissioners have.

XI. Adjournment

- One commissioner departed the meeting during public comment, quorum was lost, and meeting was adjourned at 6:57 p.m.

ELECTRONIC PARTICIPATION POLICY FOR REMOTE PARTICIPATION AND ALL-VIRTUAL PUBLIC MEETINGS

City of Alexandria

Public Health

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Electronic Participation Policy for Remote Participation and All-Virtual Public Meetings

It is the policy of the Public Health Advisory Commission that members may participate in meetings of the Commission by electronic communication means as permitted by § 2.2-3708.3 of the Code of Virginia.

Remote Participation by Individual Members

Remote participation by individual members is allowed under the following circumstances:

1. A personal matter
 - a. On or before the day of a meeting, the member shall notify the Chair that the member is unable to attend the meeting due to a personal matter. The member must identify with specificity the nature of the personal matter.
 - b. A quorum of the Commission must be physically assembled at the primary or central meeting location.
 - c. The Chair may approve or disapprove the request for electronic participation. If the absent member's remote participation is disapproved because such participation would violate this policy, the basis for the disapproval shall be recorded in the Commission's minutes. The decision shall be based solely on the criteria in this policy, without regard to the identity of the member or matters that will be considered or voted on during the meeting.
 - d. The Commission shall record the specific nature of the personal matter and the remote location from which the absent member participated in the Commission's minutes.
 - e. Participation by the absent member due to a personal matter shall be limited in each calendar year to: (1) two (2) meetings or (2) 25% of the meetings held rounded up to the next whole number, whichever is greater, of the [TYPE OF GROUP].
2. A member's temporary or permanent disability or other medical condition or a family member's medical condition that requires the member to provide care for such family members, thereby preventing the member's physical attendance
 - a. On or before the day of a meeting, the member shall notify the Chair that the member is unable to attend the meeting due to the member's temporary or permanent disability or other medical condition that prevents his or her physical attendance or a family member's medical condition that requires the member to provide care for such family members, thereby preventing the member's physical attendance.

- b. A quorum of the Commission must be physically assembled at the primary or central meeting location.
 - c. The Commissions shall record the fact of the member's disability or other medical condition or a family member's medical condition that requires the member to provide care for such family members, thereby preventing the member's physical attendance, and the remote location from which the absent member participated in the Commission's minutes.
3. The member's principal residence is more than 60 miles from the meeting location identified in the meeting notice.
4. For any remote electronic participation, the Commission shall make arrangements for the voice of the absent member or members to be heard by all persons in attendance at the meeting location.

All-Virtual Public Meetings

All-virtual meetings are permitted, other than for groups prohibited by Code of Virginia § 2.2-3708.3, when conducted in conformance with the following requirements:

1. The meeting notice shall indicate that the meeting will be all-virtual and a statement that the method by which the Commission meets shall not be changed unless a new notice is advertised;
2. Public access to all-virtual public meetings is provided via electronic communication means;
3. The electronic communication means used allows the public to hear all members of the Commission participating in the all-virtual public meeting and, when audio-visual technology is available, to see the members of the group as well;
4. A phone number or other live contact information is provided to alert the group if the audio or video transmission of the meeting fails. The Commission shall monitor the means of communication during the meeting and recess until public access is restored if the transmission fails for the public;
5. A copy of the proposed agenda and all agenda packets and, unless exempt, all materials furnished to members of the Commission for a meeting is made available to the public in electronic format at the same time that such materials are provided to members of the group;
6. The public is afforded the opportunity to comment through electronic means, including by way of written comments, at those public meeting when public comment is customarily received;
7. No more than two members of the Commission are together in any one remote location unless that remote location is open to the public to physically access it;
8. If a closed session is held during an all-virtual public meeting, transmission of the meeting to the public resumes before the Commission votes to certify the closed meeting as required by § 2.2-3712(D);

9. The Commission shall not convene an all-virtual meeting more than (i) two (2) meetings or (ii) 25% of the meetings held per calendar year rounded up to the next whole number, whichever is greater. The Commissions shall not hold consecutive all-virtual meetings; and
10. Minutes of all-virtual public meetings held by electronic communication means are taken as required by Code of Virginia § 2.2-3707 and include the fact that the meeting was held by electronic communication means and the type of electronic communication means by which the meeting was held. If a member's participation from a remote location is disapproved because such participation would violate this policy, such disapproval shall be recorded in the minutes with specificity.

This policy shall not govern an electronic meeting conducted to address a state of emergency declared by the Governor or the City Council. Any meeting conducted by electronic communication means under such circumstances shall be governed by the provisions of Code of Virginia § 2.2-3708.2.