



Public Health
Advisory Commission
of Alexandria, VA

**Minutes of the Thursday, April 20, 2023
PHAC Meeting
5:30 – 7:00 p.m.
Hybrid 4850 Mark Center Drive and via Zoom
Alexandria Health Department**

Present- In Person	Vice-Chair - Lisa Chimento (LC), Richard Merritt (RM), Anita McClendon (AM), Sylvia Jones (SJ) Jerome Cordts (JC) Julie Stahlhut (JS) Dr. Jessica Hill (JH), JeanAnne Mayhan (JM)
Virtual	Dr. Michael Trahos (MT), Melissa Riddy (MR), Patricia Rodgers (PR)
Absent (Excused)	Andrew Romero (AR),
Absent (Unexcused)	
AHD Representatives	Casey Colzani (CC), Dr. David Rose (DR) Natalie Talis, (NT)
Guests	

I. Establishment of a Quorum

- Meeting called to order at 5:35 pm by Vice-Chair Lisa Chimento (LC) role taken.

II. Approval of the April 2023 Minutes

- Anita McClendon(AM) motioned to approve April 2023 minutes, JeanAnne Mayhan (JM) Second. No discussion, All in favor, motion passed.

III. Flora K. Casey Award

- Richard Merritt (RM) proposed bringing this award back. 2020 was the last award given. Proposed presenting the 2023 award in the fall.
- Some concerns about the process were raised due to low nominations in the past five years. Group agreed that the commission should review nomination requirements and promotion of the award.
- Jerome Cordts (JC), Melissa Riddy (MR) and RM will work on the revitalization of the award and will present at the next meeting.

IV. Updates from the Chair/Vice-Chair

- LC provided brief updates. City Budget – Public comment will be closing soon.
- Regular CHIP Updates will resume in June

V. Health Department Updates

- Dr. Rose presented on City Budget- goals were to reinforce clinical services, environmental health, and COVID recovery. Including administrative support for the Teen Wellness Clinic, as well as a provider for the new Mini Howard Campus when it is complete. AHD and DCSH will be co-located at that location to provide additional services to families in Alexandria.
- Three-year temporary funding for a Health Equity Program manager- this person will help lead programs like ALXBreathes and focus on chronic disease and their burden on our community. This position will also manage the Community Health Workers.
- Commissioners asked about the burden of Long COVID, currently not enough data to provide more insight.
- Two more add/delete sessions and then the final acceptance of the budget in the first week of May.
- AHD continues to review/edit Strategic Plan 2019-2022 in preparation for years going forward. Will present to PHAC at a later meeting.
- Unite Us- Used by INOVA and AHD to help connect services for residents. MR requested this be added to future agenda.
- Dr. Rose gave a brief update about Local Administration. VDH has been in contact in preparation for this investigation. More information at the end of May or June.
- NT revisited the last meeting's topic on health data, and how AHD provides that data to the community, partner organizations, and council.
- AHD can provide data support and insight to the commission when the group has topics they might be interested in.
- Prior to 2020 AHD issued regular "State of Health" reports. AHD is currently restructuring reporting measures and schedules- to the council and the public.
- JC asked if AHD is involved in the Safety event associated with ACPS - AHD is not currently involved in this event. Will forward the Gun Safety Resolution that PHAC passed last year.

VI. Announcements

- JC requested a tour of new AHD location for PHAC at future meeting.

VII. Public Comment

- No members of the public in attendance.

VIII. Adjournment

- JM motioned for meeting adjournment, JS second. All in favor, meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.