



Public Health  
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**PUBLIC HEALTH ADVISORY COMMISSION**

**Thursday, January 19, 2017  
5:30 – 7:00 p.m.  
Fourth Floor Conference Room  
Alexandria Health Department**

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- II. Updates from the Chair
  - a. Query to City Manager regarding Inova MOU
  - b. Vision Zero resolution and letter of support
- III. Flora Krause Casey Award
- IV. 2017 priorities
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- VI. Standing Reports
  - a. Partnership Update
  - b. Partnership Access to Care Work Group
  - c. Neighborhood Health Update
- VII. Adjournment



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**Minutes of the Thursday, January 19, 2017  
PHAC Meeting  
5:30 – 7:00 p.m.  
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<b>Present</b>	Daniel Hawkins, Jessica Hill, Brian Hricik, Allen Lomax, Richard Merritt, Barbara Nowak, Tricia Rodgers, Dr. Michael C. Trahos, Katya Wanzer (Chair), and L. Tamara Wilson
<b>Absent (Excused)</b>	Ruth Chamowitz, Liz Ghandakly, Meredith Taylor, Ann Harbour
<b>Absent (Unexcused)</b>	n/a
<b>AHD Staff</b>	Dr. Stephen A. Haering and Janine B. McCormick

**I. Establishment of a Quorum**

Meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm. A quorum was established.

**II. Updates from the Chair**

a. Query to the City Manager regarding INOVA MOU

Allen Lomax (AL) moved to approve the December 15, 2016 minutes, Barbara Nowak (BN) seconded. Dr. Michael C. Trahos (MCT) requested the minutes include the discussion between chair Katya Wanzer (KW) and co-chair Ann Harbour (AH) from last meeting. MCT asked for clarification of the possible impact on INOVA's ability to handle low-income pregnant patients if city funding was cut. Dr. Stephen A. Haering (SH) recalled that, without funding, AHD had stated that INOVA would re-evaluate their service delivery models. In regards to the MOU discussed at the previous meeting, SH stated the MOU is to satisfy the City's need to understand what services are being provided for the funding. With that, all PHAC members were in favor of approving the December 15, 2016 meeting minutes, motion passed unanimously.

b. Vision Zero resolution and letter of support

Jim Durham of the Alexandria Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee and guest attended the meeting. At Jim Durham's request, KW spoke at the public meeting City Council Public Hearing on December 17, 2016. Jim Durham provided an update on the Vision Zero resolution. After approval by City

Council, City staff will begin to build an action plan and developing a budget. AHD will be a part of the Vision Zero work.

SH provided committee with an interim report titled "Alexandria Fire Department Response to Pedestrians Struck and Bicycle Crashes – Interim Report". The interim report reveals shows that incidents of pedestrians struck in Alexandria are 2.6 times greater than the Healthy People 2020 goal. Also, Alexandria saw a 37% increase in bicycle crashes from 2015 to 2016. AHD will be working with the City GIS experts so that the final report will present a map of hot spots of the locations of the incidents.

General discussion about this topic ensued. SH anticipates providing to PHAC the final report at the February 16, 2017, PHAC meeting.

### **III. Flora Krause Casey Award**

General discussion about continuing the traditional award ceremony – PHAC decided informally to continue the tradition.

SH and JM will search for more details on the documented, historic qualifications of Casey nominees. KW and Janine McCormick (JM) will begin preparing the nominations and updating the nomination form. RM suggested using applications from 2016.

A Casey Award Subcommittee was formed: Tricia Rodgers (TR), BN and AL.

### **IV. 2017 Priorities**

General discussion about priorities. PHAC informally decided to pursue this at another time.

### **V. Health Department Updates**

SH informed PHAC that the AHD budget is stable at this point. The Opioid Workgroup has been meeting periodically and beginning to understand from DCHS and the Sheriff's office the limitations of services provided and magnitude of the problem.

TR proposed having Health Department updates immediately following updates from the Chair.

### **VI. Standing Reports**

- a. Partnership Update: At January 14, 2017 Drug Take Back Day, over 200lbs were collected. A fourth event has been added in July, next event will occur in April. The Partnership is also moving to address the issue of health equity in 2017. Youth substance prevention community needs assessment has been submitted to the state, a summary report will be available at a later time.

- b. Partnership Access to Care Work Group: Brian Hricik (BH) updated the committee on the Community Health Program. BN asked if having Narcan<sup>®</sup> available in schools should be reconsidered. SH answered that the rapid response time of Alexandria EMS obviates the need for Alexandria Police to carrying Narcan<sup>®</sup> and, by extension, schools as well. BH added that having Narcan<sup>®</sup> in schools is typical in communities (e.g. rural) where EMS response times are lower than in the City.

## **VII. Adjournment**

KW made the motion to adjourn, MCT seconded. All in favor, motion passed unanimously. Meeting was adjourned at 7:12 pm.