

PUBLIC HEALTH ADVISORY COMMISSION

**Thursday, January 21, 2016
5:30 – 7:00 p.m.
Fourth Floor Conference Room
Alexandria Health Department**

- I. Welcome and Introductions
- II. Establishment of Quorum
- III. Approval of the Minutes
- IV. Updates from the Chair
 - A. Casey Award
 - B. Letters
- V. Standing Reports
 - A. Health Department Update – Dr. Stephen Haering
 - B. Partnership Update – Allen Lomax
 - C. Neighborhood Health Update – Keith Hearle
- VI. 2016 Priorities
 - A. Tally results and vote on top 5 to report to City Council
- VII. Adjournment



Public Health
Advisory Commission
of Alexandria, VA

Minutes of the Thursday, January 21, 2016 Meeting
5:30 – 7:00 p.m.
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Present

Richard Merritt	L. Tamara Wilson
Jessica Hill	Katya Wanzer
Daniel Hawkins	Allen Lomax
Michael C. Trahos	Barbara Nowak
Brian Hricik	Stephen Haering, AHD
Diana Sanchez, AHD	

- I. Welcome, introductions and attendance – Katya Wanzer
- II. Meeting was called to order at 5:38 p.m. A quorum was established.
- III. Approval of the meeting minutes from the December 17, 2015 meeting.
 - o Motion to approve the minutes – A. Lomax
 - o 2nd to back motion. – D. Hawkins.
 - o Minutes were approved unanimously at 5:41 p.m.
- IV. Updates from the Chair – Katya Wanzer
 - A. Casey Award – Discussion of the Casey Awards. As of today 1/21/16, no nominations have been received.
 - B. Letters – A draft of the letters to Council will be provided to the members of PHAC at the next meeting.
- V. Standing Reports
 - A. Alexandria Health Department (AHD) Update – Dr. Stephen Haering
 - Welcome packets for PHAC members were distributed and discussed.
 - Brief overview of the goals and strategies of AHD were reviewed with commissioners. Number of WIC clients had to be reduced due to difficulties in recruiting and maintaining staff. Current WIC turnover is over 50% and two clinics had to be closed temporarily (Arlandria and Casey).
 - Discussion of AHD staffing and retention issues. Explanation of funding to PHAC members. Not all positions are City supplemented (17 currently are grant funded).
 - Information about Zika virus presented to PHAC. It is mosquito transmitted, and not human to human. Recommendations of ultrasounds for pregnant women who have been to affected countries, will be recommended.
 - B. Partnership for a Healthier Alexandria (PHA) Update – Allen Lomax
 - New person has been added to steering committee, Laurie Flynn.
 - The Suicide Prevention Alliance Network (SPAN) now have representatives from each of the jurisdictions in Virginia. Fairfax County has the lead and it is now moving forward, holding their first meeting last month.

- Healthy Eating and Active Living group have held multiple meetings. They presented to the steering committee about their progress.
- Lisa Guli and Tricia Rodgers held training session called "How you measure your success". It provided a great opportunity to outreach and educate other groups on the Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP).

VI. 2016 Priorities – Katya Wanzer

- Discussion opened up about 2016 priorities and coming up with 5 priority items. Outreach to other commissions was suggested to avoid duplication of priority items and a recommendation to attach action ideas to the selected priorities items was suggested.
- Information about pedestrian/bicycle injuries and fatalities was shared with commissioners (currently about 4 or 5 a week). Defining the problem of when and where these accidents occur will be discussed at a later date.
- Priority items ranked:
 1. AHD Budget and Staffing
 2. Pedestrian/Bicycle fatalities and injuries: Data analysis of pedestrian/bicycle injuries and fatalities for a heat map where the accidents are taking place.
 3. Access to Care: Medicaid expansion/uninsured, continuity of care, Neighborhood Health and patient, patient provider access, medical beds for the homeless and provider access using data driven methods.
 4. Substance use: Prevention and treatment (tobacco, cannabis, tobacco, opioids, synthetic drugs). Discussion about smoking prevention and cessation (including e-cigarettes). Suggestions to receive data from Epi's and EMS about current trends or spikes in the City, such as opioid overdose, gun violence, etc.
 - Motion to approve the following four items as priority items for 2016: AHD Budget and Staffing, Pedestrian/Bicycle fatalities and injuries, Access to Care and Substance Use. – D. Hawkins
 - 2nd to approve motion - M. Trahos
 - The motion was approved unanimously at 7:20 p.m.

VII. Meeting adjourned at 7:21 p.m.

Next Meeting: February 18, 2016

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by:

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