



Public Health
Advisory Commission
of Alexandria, VA

**Minutes of the Thursday, December 15, 2016
PHAC Meeting
5:30 – 7:00 p.m.
Fourth Floor Conference Room
Alexandria Health Department**

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| Present | Katya Wanzer (Chair), Ruth Chamowitz, Liz Ghandakly, Ann Harbour, Jessica Hill, Allen Lomax, Barbara Nowak, Tricia Rodgers, Meredith Taylor, Michael C. Trahos, Guest Rick Talento (INOVA) |
| Absent (Excused) | Daniel Hawkins, Richard Merritt, L. Tamara Wilson |
| Absent (Unexcused) | Brian Hricik |
| AHD Staff | Dr. Stephen Haering (Health Director), Janine B. McCormick (Executive Secretary) |

I. Establishment of a Quorum

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

II. Special Guest: Rick Talento, CFO, INOVA Alexandria

- Ann Harbour (AH) has reviewed the MOU between INOVA and the city of Alexandria, will be signed within the next couple of weeks.
- Michael C. Trahos (MCT) argued that city funds allocated to INOVA, in the amount of ~\$1.1 Million, should instead be given to the Alexandria Health Department (hereinafter referred to as AHD), as INOVA's monetary reserve is currently at \$3.45 Billion (as seen on Attachment I: INOVA Reserve Funds), and that for the fiscal year of 2016, INOVA placed an additional \$250 Million in reserve.
- Guest Rick Talento (RT) explained that the reserves generated by INOVA allow them to "reinvest in the community." However, after covering costs for facilities, debt, and providing medical services to uninsured/self-paying patients, INOVA generates about \$400-\$600 million in capital. Despite this, RT states that the money generated by INOVA eventually returns to the city of Alexandria. When asked to explain the huge annual growth in reserves, RT answered that funds are invested until needed. INOVA bondholders expect the organization to have a certain amount of reserves, however, only a certain portion is usable. INOVA exceeds 501(c)(3) requirements of using at least 5-7

percent of revenues for charitable care, providing about \$25 million in charitable care to the citizens of Alexandria. INOVA, as an IRS 501(c)(3) entity, paid no taxes for fiscal year 2016.

- There were concerns that Dr. Stephen Haering (SH) was not involved in MOU process between INOVA and the city of Alexandria. Allen Lomax (AL) moved to send a query to the city manager to find out if the AHD Health Director will be involved in the MOU process, if the MOU will be a docket item before signing and, finally, whether or not there will be a public comment, MCT seconded; all in favor, motion passed unanimously.

III. Updates from the Chair – Katya Wanzer

- The minutes were reviewed from last meeting. Elizabeth Ghandakly's (EG) name needs to be corrected under Section I. Under Section IV: Standing Reports – Partnership Update, "Youth Survey Organization" should be changed to "Youth Services Organization." AL moved to accept the minutes with changes Patricia Rodgers (PR) seconded; all in favor, minutes are approved with changes.
- Katya Wanzer (KW) distributed updated Talking points (Attachment II) and "Additional Details Related to Local Administration of AHD" (Attachment III)
- Pedestrian Deaths and BPAC email to City Council & Vision Zero resolution and letter of support: KW needs letter of support for Vision Zero before the end of the year. Provided article (Attachment IV) on the Vision Zero projects, city government seems to be moving forward with the program. KW also provided committee with an updated copy of the Vision Zero resolution (Attachment V).
- Northern Virginia Oral Health Forum, January 26, 2017 and report card (Patricia Rodgers): In November, the Virginia Oral Health Coalition issued its first ever report card. It was a 7 month effort, meant to portray the status of oral health in VA and identify a path towards improvement. The study looked only at existing data and compared VA to the nation on four topics of oral health; prevention, collaboration, health status and coverage. Study also considered socioeconomic, racial and ethnic disparities in oral health. VA received a grade of C+. The VaOHC will host first of series of regional conversations across the state, beginning January 26, 2017 at the Tysons Corner Sheraton from 10:00 am – 2:00 pm. Copy of VaOHC Report Card (Attachment VI) and full Report (Attachment VII) distributed to committee. Jessica Hill (JH) mentioned she had not heard of the study through the VA dental society, KW will forward the information to members of the PHAC.

IV. Health Department Updates – Dr. Stephen Haering

- Governor has issued proposed budget from 2016-2018, Dr. Stephen Haering (SH) does not see any big changes. Still waiting to hear about funding for 2018. AHD will undergo a 5% budget exercise, but could receive 2.5% back possibly as year-end settlement money. AHD will be requesting to get back money from FY2016 due to hiring freeze.

V. Standing Reports

- a. Partnership Update – Allen Lomax: Partnership has created a donation account; account now has \$2,675.00 in funds. Money will be going towards grants in the future. The next Prescription Take Back Day will take place January 7, 2017 and will have two locations; Del Ray pharmacy and the fire department. AL will provide Barbara Nowak (BN) with information to disperse to Alexandria city students. The Youth Substance Abuse Prevention coalition will provide a needs and readiness assessment by December 30, 2016. First draft available by 12/16 and all comments should be submitted by 12/21. There will be a workshop for organizations (city and non-profit) that work with youth to review the data, and decide on 1-3 protective factors that will be endorsed throughout the city on February 8, 2017 from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. Eleven organizations are supporting the effort and the design team will meet next Monday (December 19, 2016).
- b. Partnership Access to Care Work Group – Meredith Taylor: Access to Care team visited Wednesday's Partnership meeting. New objective to be added with a health improvement plan to help uninsured children in the city of Alexandria. Objective is to increase the proportion of children in Alexandria with health coverage by 2% by 2019. Meredith Taylor (MT) wants to reach out to local organizations, such as recreation programs, churches, schools, daycares, etc.
- c. Neighborhood Health Update – Dr. Stephen Haering: NH is working on a strategic plan. Unsure of when, but should happen within the next 1-3 months. Meeting will be held Monday night (December 19, 2016). Neighborhood Health is in need of a flagship building in the city, and more leadership infrastructure. Former committee member, and NH PHAC representative, Keith Hearle will be reapplying for membership (per KW).

VI. Adjournment

- Meeting adjourned at 7:22 pm.