

Alexandria Public Health Advisory Commission
Minutes of the Thursday, June 19, 2014 Meeting

5:30 – 7:00 p.m.

Fourth Floor Conference Room

Alexandria Health Department

I. Introductions, Attendance and Call to Order

Present

Andrew LaVanway
Meredith Taylor
Rebecca Ash
Mary Dixon
Zuhal Haidari
Mark Penn
Katya Wanzer

Dr. Stephen Haering, AHD Health Director
Diana Sanchez, AHD

Guests

James Durham, Alexandria Bicycle and
Pedestrian Advisory Committee

II. Meeting was called to order at 5:34 p.m. A quorum was not met.

III. Discussion about Partnership for a Healthier Alexandria and their movement to become a 501c3. – Meredith Taylor

- Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) - Partnership Steering Committee looking for approval in July

IV. Discussion and update regarding Alexandria Health Department – Dr. Stephen Haering

- No budget in place for new FY – plan is at Governor’s Office.
- Environmental Health: Up-tick in mosquitoes testing positive for West Nile – a little bit ahead of last year.
- Question asked by Mr. LaVanway regarding Whooping Cough:
 - No issues here as of late – Dr. Haering
- Question asked by Mr. LaVanway regarding employee turnover:
 - Turnover is increasing and is up this year about 10-15% - possible increase due to retirements and long hiring processes to fill vacancies.
 - Mentioned next AHD orientation meetings.

V. Discussion about Office of Emergency Management – Mark Penn

- Burke & Herbert Bank held two day exercises focused on corporate and branch preparedness.
- Region is going to new alert and orientating system called EvenBridge.
- June 30th staff cut by 50% and Fire Chief wants a new representative for Emergency Management due to shed of jobs and uptake of responsibilities.
- Re-draft current memo to have new representative chosen by Fire Chief.

Quorum established at 6:00 p.m.

Motion: To amend roster from one representative from Fire and Emergency Services Community to be chosen by the Fire Chief.

Vote: Motion Approved Unanimously

Next meeting in September will be used to revise memo.

VI. City is reviewing Mental Health letter of support from Community Services Board.

VII. New Business:

- Guest Speaker with the Alexandria Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee - Jim Durham
 - Advocate for encouraging bicycling and walking in Alexandria.
- Discussion regarding the Flora Krause Casey Award – Andrew LaVanway
 - Two candidates/nominees have been named so far: Dr. Charles Konigsberg and Richard Merritt.
 - Everyone to bring the name of a nominee and also narrow down to one nominee by next meeting.
- Discussion about electronic cigarettes – Andrew LaVanway
 - PHAC ideas – get a speaker from schools regarding whether it is a problem and also gather more information to present at the next meeting.

Motion to adjourn at 6:57 p.m.

Next Meeting: Thursday, July 17, 2014.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. Sanchez", written in a cursive style.

Diana Sanchez