

Alexandria Public Health Advisory Commission

Minutes of the Thursday, May 15, 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

Katie Dziak

Jessica Hill

Shay Holman

Mark Penn

Katya Wanzer

Dr. Stephen Haering, AHD Health Director

Diana Sanchez, AHD

Meeting was called to order at 5:43 p.m. A quorum was not met.

II. Discussion about asbestos at Hunting Towers.

III. Discussion about Office of Emergency Management – Mark Penn

- Emergency Management Commission is conducting monthly meetings with seniors and people with disabilities, regarding their emergency preparedness.
- Commission is working with state regarding emergency preparedness plans.
- Aging issues brought up such as no assisted living or senior living facility in Alexandria that provides help or staff for people who live alone. Facilities in Alexandria are just senior housing (living alone with no help).
- City project is in the works for an online registry that is funded regionally which will help sign up individuals with needs.
- Discussion about community paramedics. Community paramedics would be used to follow-up with patients who were discharged from hospital, to ensure that they are following their discharge instructions.

IV. Discussion about Partnership for a Healthier Alexandria community outreach issues. – Andrew LaVanway

- Ideas presented for better community engagement.
 - Public channel-segment
 - Public Health Advisory Commission website creation.
 - Social media utilization, such as creating a Facebook or Twitter account.
 - Newsletter, either electronic or paper, that is sent out quarterly to community.
 - Public Health Fair for whole city of Alexandria.

- Banner on city of Alexandria's website, linking to Public Health Advisory Commission website.
 - Email addresses created for non-city people of the Public Health Advisory Commission.
- V. New Business
- Debra Collins will be presenting the Community Health Child and Youth Master Plan, on Saturday, May 17, 2014.
- VI. Follow-up
- Mental health – letter of support from Community Services Board. – Shay Holman

Meeting adjourned at 7:01 p.m.

Next Meeting: Thursday, June 19, 2014.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by:

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "D. Sanchez".

Diana Sanchez