

**Alexandria Public Health Advisory Commission**  
**Minutes of the Thursday, October 16, 2014 Meeting**

5:30 – 7:00 p.m.

Fourth Floor Conference Room  
Alexandria Health Department

I. Introductions and Attendance – Andrew LaVanway

Present

Meredith Taylor  
Rebecca Ash  
Mary Dixon  
Katie Dziak  
Arlene Hewitt  
Jessica Hill  
Shay Holman  
Haidari, Zuhail  
Andrew LaVanway  
Katya Wanzer  
Dr. Stephen Haering, AHD  
Diana Sanchez, AHD

Guests

Allen Lomax  
Evelyn Asamoah  
Frances Kpundh  
Alexandra Moten  
Seelay Pattan  
Shive Graves  
Victoria McDowell  
Doris Andjoe  
Rosemary Ayasi  
Massah Kebbre  
Segum Oyeboade  
Doreen Bannerman  
Sasha Lifleur  
Hadi Nasser

II. Meeting was called to order at 5:34 p.m. A quorum was established. – Andrew LaVanway

III. Standing Reports

A. Partnership for a Healthier Alexandria – Meredith Taylor

- Guest speaker from Partnership for a Healthier Alexandria – Allen Lomax
  - Editing and in the final stages of the Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP). A final introduction letter is being put together and a public release is planned for November.
  - Planning team with PHAC and PFAHA will meet on October 27, 2014.
  - Governor has put out a 10 point action plan for access to healthcare in Virginia – Meredith Taylor

B. Alexandria Health Department – Dr. Stephen Haering

- AHD has been getting physicians, communities, schools, hospitals, Neighborhood Health, etc to get information out there to have screening and protocols in place in regards to Ebola.
- How is AHD getting prepared? – Shay Holman
  - We have prepared AHD first, with processes on how to handle patients. AHD is working with different departments to review their processes and ensure they are compliant with CDC guidelines.
- Is AHD getting federal government information fast enough? – Andrew LaVanway
  - Yes, absolutely and we are fully confident in that information.
- Have you reached out regionally to other local Health Departments? – Shay Holman
  - Yes and a rotating schedule has been created to rotate with other Health districts.
- We have activated our District Response Team. We will pull a nurse from another department to be a part of the Ebola team.
- Anything new with Enterovirus? – Andrew LaVanway

- There is a backlog of testing but we have not heard of a spike in the number of cases.
  - How do we get that information out to the Alexandria community? – Shay Holman
    - City Communications office is getting involved in terms of handling information that will be sent out to public and employees.
  - How is Inova Alexandria Hospital preparing? – Andrew LaVanway
    - The focus is on preparing and protecting staff in being able to handle an Ebola case. Videos have been developed for staff but those have been taken down due to rapidly changing information. Consortiums of hospitals are meeting regarding Ebola. A task force is meeting weekly to ensure staff and patient safety. Drills are being conducted routinely.
    - ED Staff are confident and comfortable. ICU has been trained to put on and remove PPE. Help from AHD has been received and three patients have been ruled out for Ebola. – Mary Dixon
- IV. Chair/Vice-chair Elections – Andrew LaVanway
  - Nominations have been opened for chair and vice chair.
  - Meredith Taylor has been nominated by Andrew LaVanway for the chair of the PHAC.
  - Question before the Commission to vote for Katherine Meredith Taylor to start her term as soon as possible as new chair, say aye. Those in favor say “aye”. Those opposed say “no”. The ayes have it, unanimously approved at 6:23 p.m.
  - Nominations have been opened for new vice chair. – Andrew LaVanway
  - Katya Wanzer has been nominated by Jessica Hill.
  - Question before the Commission whether or not to nominate Katya Wanzer as new vice chair. Those in favor say “aye”. Those opposed say “no”. The ayes have it, unanimously approved at 6:25 p.m.
- V. Casey Award – Andrew LaVanway
  - Voting for the Flora Krause Casey Award commences and the majority of votes are for Arlene Hewitt.
    - Case made for Deborah Warren – Shay Holman
    - Case made for Dr. Charles Konigsberg – Andrew LaVanway
    - Case made for Arlene Hewitt – Meredith Taylor
    - Question to the Commission, is there anyone else for or against these nominations? – Andrew LaVanway
  - Motion: Shall the Commission award the 2014 Flora Krause Casey Award to Arlene Hewitt.
    - 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion – Meredith Taylor.
- VI. The motion was unanimously approved at 6:49 p.m. The 2014 Flora Krause Casey Award will be awarded to Arlene Hewitt.
- VII. Minutes from the meeting on September 18, 2014 were held for review until November 20, 2014. The minutes from July 17, 2014 were approved unanimously at 6:57 p.m.
- VIII. Motion to adjourn meeting at 7:03 p.m. approved.

Next Meeting: November 20, 2014

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by:



Diana Sanchez