

Alexandria Public Health Advisory Commission
Minutes of the Thursday, September 18, 2014 Meeting

5:30 – 7:00 p.m.

Fourth Floor Conference Room
Alexandria Health Department

I. Introductions, Attendance and Call to Order

Present

Meredith Taylor
Rebecca Ash
Mary Dixon
Katie Dziak
Arlene Hewitt
Jessica Hill
Shay Holman
Gene Kendall

Katya Wanzer
Jeffrey Levine, AHD
Diana Sanchez, AHD

Guests

Allen Lomax
Ian Brown

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

III. Minutes from the previous meeting on July 17, 2014 were held for review until the next meeting on October 16, 2014.

IV. Standing Reports

A. Partnership for a Healthier Alexandria – Meredith Taylor

- Guest speaker from Partnership for a Healthier Alexandria – Allen Lomax.
 - Over the summer the number of congregations has increased from 4 to 13 and they meet every two weeks to discuss hunger in Alexandria. The 13 congregations will be preaching to end hunger in Alexandria.
 - Hunger Free Alexandria fund has been established and a meeting with the vice mayor regarding the issue has occurred.
- Question asked by Ms. Taylor regarding if PFAHA needs or is looking to partner with commissions or other partnerships?
 - Yes, we are looking into different options and are currently speaking with commissions regarding support.
- On August 13, 2014, the Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) was approved.
 - It is to insure all people have access to resources and make certain Alexandrians lead healthy lives.
 - The plan is a five year plan (2014 – 2019)
 - Allen Lomax will send CHIP to Meredith Taylor to share with the commission.
- Medicaid expansion and insurance issues such as access to care are the issues at hand. Should we hold a joint meeting in the fall with the Partnership in regards to access to care which would include schools, etc? – Meredith Taylor

Move to hold a joint meeting in the fall in regards to access to care with PHAC and PFAHA – Meredith Taylor

The motion was unanimously approved at 5:54 p.m.

B. Alexandria Health Department – Jeffrey Levine

- New healthy vending machines will be placed throughout the City starting in November and healthy food procurement will be a future project.

- A new Deputy Health Director has been hired, Dr. Tarleen Singh, who will be starting soon.
 - An Assistant Public Health Emergency Coordinator has also been hired.
 - Epi position will be opening up who will be reporting to Dr. Singh.
 - Budget for FY15 is fine and the cut was 7%.
 - AHD is working with the City on Results Alexandria which is a metrics system established by the City in order to evaluate processes and look for ways of improvement. Surveys will be sent out by the City to Alexandria residents.
- C. Neighborhood Health Update – Gene Kendall
- Executive Director, Martha Wooten, has resigned. Medical Director, Dr. Basim Khan is the interim director.
 - No issues to continue services at Neighborhood Health.
- V. Casey Award
- January 27, 2015 is being looked at as a possible date to hold the award ceremony at City Hall.
 - Inova Alexandria Hospital will continue to support, will confirm with Chris Candio. – Mary Dixon
 - The number one agenda item on the next meeting will be to look over nomination packets and select a candidate.
- VI. Medicaid Special Session
- Andrew LaVanway received an email from the City asking if Medicaid Expansion should be included on the City Council’s agenda. Does the commission support including Medicaid Expansion in the Commonwealth of Virginia on the City Council’s agenda? – Meredith Taylor

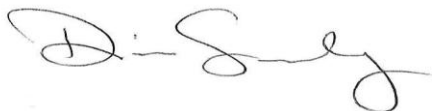
Move to support Medicaid Expansion in the Commonwealth of Virginia to be included on the City Council’s agenda by the commission. – Meredith Taylor
The motion was unanimously approved at 6:17 p.m.

- VII. Ebola/Enterovirus Update – Mary Dixon
- Ebola scare at Inova Alexandria. There is an Inova task force to make sure that they are prepared to handle Ebola.
 - The hospital is looking at rooms where they could handle patients.
 - Enterovirus overview. A request for an update next meeting on Enterovirus.

VIII. Motion to adjourn at 6:48 p.m.

Next Meeting: October 16, 2014

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by:



Diana Sanchez