



Public Health
Advisory Commission
of Alexandria, VA

PUBLIC HEALTH ADVISORY COMMISSION

Thursday, April 20, 2017
5:30 – 7:00 p.m.
Fourth Floor Conference Room
Alexandria Health Department

- 5:30 Establishment of Quorum
Approval of the February and March 2017 minutes
- 5:35 Updates from the Chair
- 2017 Legislate Packet announcement
- 5:45 Health Department Updates
- 6:00 Resolution to City Council regarding ACA
- Guests from Grassroots Alexandria:
Sarah Stott, Barbara Murray, Gillie Campbell
- 6:20 Resume priority discussion
- 6:40 Other loose ends
- 7:00 Adjournment

Commission Members	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Chair, Katya Wanzer
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Alexandria Health Dept. Staff	
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<input type="checkbox"/>	Janine B. McCormick, Executive Secretary



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**Minutes of the Thursday, April 20, 2017
PHAC Meeting
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Present	Dan Hawkins, Arlene Hewitt, Brian Hricik, Allen Lomax, Dr. Michael C. Trahos, Katya Wanzer, L. Tamara Wilson, Christopher Dunay
Absent (Excused)	Ruth Chamowitz, Liz Ghandakly, Ann Harbour, Keith Hearle, Dr. Jessica Hill, Richard Merritt, Dr. Barbara Nowak, Tricia Rodgers
Absent (Unexcused)	
AHD Representatives	Dr. Stephen A. Haering, Janine B. McCormick
Guests	Sarah Stott (Grassroots Alexandria), Barbara Murry (Grassroots Alexandria), and Gillie Campbell (Grassroots Alexandria)

I. Establishment of a Quorum

- Meeting called to order at 5:30 pm. A quorum was not established. February and March 2017 meeting minutes will be approved next meeting.

II. Updates from the Chair – Katya Wanzer

- Welcomed Chris Dunay as the new Community Services Board (CSB) representative for PHAC
- Legislative packet for City Council will be due by September. Katya Wanzer (KW) asks commission members to submit ideas to include in the packet over the next month, to have submission ready for a vote by next meeting.

III. Health Department Updates – Dr. Stephen A. Haering

- Dr. Stephen A. Haering (SH) presented findings from the Bicycle and Pedestrians report. Report is not available for distribution yet, however, will be provided to the commission once finalized.
- Reiterated the new minutes process to the commission. Only action items will be included in the minutes. If commission members would

like exact wording included, submissions must be sent to Janine McCormick (JM) in pdf format to be appended to the official minutes.

- Overall teen pregnancy rates for 2015 are down to 18.6; stratified data (by race and ethnicity) are pending; AHD is providing more Long Acting Reversible Contraceptives than any health district in the Commonwealth
- VDH will start charging for STI services in July – AHD has asked for metrics to be tracked to determine possible consequences (e.g. increase in late diagnosed STIs)
- Federal changes to the Affordable Care Act that reduce or eliminate funding to the CDC (via the Prevention and Public Health Fund) could negatively impact AHD’s immunization program – and the 2017 National Health Security Preparedness Index lists “Incomplete Vaccination Coverage” as one of four rising threats to health security)
- AHD is working with the City Attorney’s Office to discuss changes to regulations of Farmers Markets and Temporary Events
- Nothing significant to report regarding budget or human resources

IV. Resolution to City Council regarding ACA

- Grassroots Alexandria would like the assistance of the PHAC in developing a resolution to present to City Council in response to possible changes in the ACA
- Such a resolution should have bipartisan language, be future-looking/non-specific to legislation, focused on basic health principles, and include public health
- Resolution will have two components; (1) City Council’s opinion on federal/state legislation and, (2) a report by the PHAC
- Dan Hawkins (DH) and Grassroots Alexandria will provide data on the uninsured in Alexandria to SH. SH will have an AHD epidemiologist review and research the data for the PHAC
- Responsibility of writing the report will fall on a PHAC subcommittee. KW, DH and L. Tamara Wilson (LTW) volunteered to participate on this subcommittee. Other possible members may include Liz Ghandakly (not present) and Richard Merritt (not present)

V. Resume Priority Discussion

- Discussion of adding Resolution project with Grassroots Alexandria to the 2017 PHAC Priorities list as addressing access to care issue
- Because a quorum was not established, final priorities will be discussed and finalized at the next meeting
- Discussion of categorizing priorities in terms of short, intermediate and long term goals

VI. Other loose ends

- AL suggested considering the idea of having public hearings periodically