



PUBLIC HEALTH ADVISORY COMMISSION

Thursday, March 16, 2017

**5:30 – 7:00 p.m.
Fourth Floor Conference Room
Alexandria Health Department**

5:30 Establishment of Quorum
Approval of the February 2017 Minutes

5:35 Updates from the Chair

5:45 Health Department Updates

- City and regional review of impact of human services w/changes in immigration policy and enforcement
- Budget
- Human Resources
- Facilities
- VDH Initiatives

6:30 Other

7:00 Adjournment

Commission Members	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Chair, Katya Wanzer
<input type="checkbox"/>	Vice-Chair, Ann Harbour
<input type="checkbox"/>	Ruth Chamowitz
<input type="checkbox"/>	Elizabeth Ghandakly
<input type="checkbox"/>	Daniel Hawkins
<input type="checkbox"/>	Arlene Hewitt
<input type="checkbox"/>	Dr. Jessica Hill
<input type="checkbox"/>	Brian Hricik
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<input type="checkbox"/>	Richard Merritt
<input type="checkbox"/>	Dr. Barbara Nowak
<input type="checkbox"/>	Patricia Rodgers
<input type="checkbox"/>	Dr. Michael C. Trahos
<input type="checkbox"/>	L. Tamara Wilson
Alexandria Health Dept. Staff	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Dr. Stephen A. Haering, Health Director
<input type="checkbox"/>	Janine B. McCormick, Executive Secretary



Public Health
Advisory Commission
of Alexandria, VA

**Minutes of the Thursday, March 16, 2017
PHAC Meeting
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Present	Ruth Chamowitz, Ann Harbour, Dr. Jessica Hill, Dr. Barbara Nowak, Dr. Michael C. Trahos Health Dept: Dr. Stephen A. Haering, Janine McCormick Guest: Sarah Stott
Absent (Excused)	Liz Ghandakly, Daniel Hawkins, Keith Hearle, Arlene Hewitt, Brian Hricik, Allen Lomax, Richard Merritt, Tricia Rodgers, Katya Wanzer, L. Tamara Wilson,
Absent (Unexcused)	

I. Establishment of a Quorum

Meeting called to order at 5:34 pm. A quorum was not established, February 2017 meeting minutes will be approved at next meeting.

II. Updates from the Chair – Ann Harbour

- Ann Harbour (AH) announced returning commissioner Arlene Hewitt
- General discussion about commission appointment process and Alexandria boards, commissions and committees
- Janine McCormick (JM) will contact Jackie Henderson in the City Council office to inquire about information for boards, commissions and committees

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

- City and regional review of impact of human services w/ changes in immigration policy and enforcement: Alexandria Health Department (AHD), Parks and Recreation, Department of Community and Human Services, Alexandria City Public Schools (ACPS) and Alexandria Police Department are working together to identify data elements to measure how changes in immigration policy are affecting the ways in which people seek services in Alexandria. AHD will try to monitor (dependent on partners) the following: (1) number of women who show up at Inova Alexandria to deliver without prenatal

care, (2) SNAP benefits enrollment, (3) WIC participation, and (4) number of refusals for baby care case management, (5) total clinic visits at Neighborhood Health

- Budget: AHD budget with Virginia Department of Health (VDH) is on track; finalized in July-August. City budget for AHD has flat lined. The City Council will meet again at the beginning of May 2017; budget should be approved shortly thereafter.
- Human Resources: Communications officer position with AHD is still pending. AHD has interviewed and selected a new Medical Director. Will begin recruitment for new Business Manager, as current BM is retiring.
- Facilities: 4480 King Street location improvements have begun on parking garage; future projects include updating light fixtures and updating conference rooms to better enhance AHD operations. Dr. Stephen Haering (SH) will consult with Business Manager Jeffrey Levine about lack of appropriate lighting outside of AHD 28th Street exit.
- VDH Initiatives: VDH is gearing towards more population health initiatives. To achieve this, some health departments are creating Population Health Manager positions.

IV. Other

- SH will recommend inviting a representative from ACPS to the Opioid Workgroup to Susan Tatum
- Commissioners identified creating a centralized system for community resources (similar to Spicy Noodle) as another possible PHAC 2017 priority
- Dr. Michael C. Trahos (MCT) shared the March 14th letter from the VA Board of Medicine about new regulations for prescribing opioids. General discussion about opioid crisis ensued.
- SH will check with Katya Wanzer; will offer to contact DCHS Director Kate Garvey about PHAC representation from the Community Services Board

V. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:07 pm.