

Alexandria Public Health Advisory Commission
Minutes of the Thursday, February 19, 2015 Meeting

5:30 – 7:00 p.m.

Fourth Floor Conference Room
Alexandria Health Department

I. Introductions and Attendance – Meredith Taylor

Present

Rebecca Ash
Mary Dixon
Katie Dziak
Jessica Hill
Shay Holman
Andrew LaVanway
Mark Penn
Meredith Taylor
Katya Wanzer
Debbie Bowers, AHD
Diana Sanchez, AHD

Guests

Allen Lomax, PHA
Keith Hearle, Neighborhood Health
Beth Plionis

II. Meeting was called to order at 5:35 p.m. Quorum was established.

III. Approval of the meeting minutes from the December 18, 2014 and January 15, 2015 meetings.

- Motion to approve the minutes - Rebecca Ash
- 2nd to back motion – Shay Holman
- Minutes were approved unanimously at 5:40 p.m.

IV. Standing Reports

A. Partnership for a Healthier Alexandria (PHA) – Meredith Taylor

❖ Guest speaker from PHA – Allen Lomax

- A discussion has taken place to see if it would be viable to go forward with a joint meeting between PHAC and PHA. Concern that it would duplicate the Mayor's Advisory Panel's efforts.
- There is a list of organizations that would like to become members of PHA. This would help spread the Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP).

B. Alexandria Health Department (AHD) – Debbie Bowers

- AHD is appreciative of the support received at the Community Health Engagement meetings.
- The State budget is a little bit better than previously reported. There is a delay in filling positions. There are quite a few vacancies and we are waiting to see what happens with budget.
- AHD is in the final transition of Child Health Services to Neighborhood Health.
- Dr. Singh is representing AHD on the Mayor's Advisory Panel.

C. Department of Emergency Service - Mark Penn

- Working on snow/ice.
- Ebola update: The City is committed to working on plans for the City to solidify plans for the future.

- An active shooter exercise will take place next Wednesday, 2/25/2014 at 4:00 a.m. The exercise will take place in a movie theater.
 - Question by Katya W. regarding how shooter exercise, is it one shooter?
 - No, it will be multiple shooters.
 - PIO's will be releasing information on social media, press release, etc soon.
- ❖ Motion to have Neighborhood Health added to the standing reports – Andrew LaVanway.
- 2nd to back motion: Katya Wanzer
 - The motion was unanimously approved at 5:56 p.m.
- D. Guest from Neighborhood Health – Keith Hearle
- Dr. Basim Khan is the new permanent director of Neighborhood Health.
- V. Casey Award – Meredith Taylor
- A. 2014 Casey Award was given to Arlene Hewitt and many guests and guest speakers attended. Thank you for the support from Inova Alexandria Hospital.
- B. Open discussions regarding the 2015 Award and whether to award the 2015 Casey award in April 2016 to align with Public Health week and City Council's schedule.
- Motion: To have the 2015 Casey Award Ceremony in April 2016 to align with Public Health week and City Council's schedule – Andrew LaVanway.
 - 2nd to back motion: Shay Holman
 - The motion was unanimously approved at 6:08 p.m.
- VI. Access to Care – Meredith Taylor
- A. Mayor's Advisory Panel Discussion
- Advisory panel meets to discuss the 5000 Alexandrians who are uninsured because their incomes are 100% below the poverty line and cannot receive Medicaid because Virginia has not done Medicaid expansion. Questions such as: Why are they uninsured? What challenges are they facing? Are there cultural and transportation barriers? What resources are available to them right now?
 - The goal is to have a product from the group by Spring, with short term and long term goals. There is an April 30 deadline to get a report to the Mayor.
 - The CHIP can further pass along the goals of panel as Access to Care is part of the goals of the CHIP.
 - Meeting today discussed transparency with the efforts of the group.
 - Lack of access to care can be due to lack of access to information as to what is available.
- B. Discussion concerning if a joint meeting is still needed.
- Support the delay in having a joint meeting between PHAC and PHA. This will give PHAC the opportunity to go back and see the outcomes of the Advisory Panel report and go from there. Vote to delay joint meeting.
 - Motion: To delay the joint meeting – Rebecca Ash
 - 2nd to back motion: Mark Penn
 - The motion was unanimously approved at 6:35 p.m.
 - Ask for ROI on final report and send to PHAC and PHA for review. Also involve an economist to look over the report and process information.
- VII. 2016 Budget
- A. February 9th Civic Engagement Session
- City schools have a large portion of budget.

- People were not happy with Inova's percentage of budget.
- B. Next Steps with Advocacy Efforts
 - More participation is needed from PHAC in 2016. Look into setting up a meeting with other commissions under the Health Department for a meeting/meet and greet.
 - School Health Advisory Board wants to improve the health of kids attending ACPS. It would be good to touch base with them.
 - Community Services Board will be holding a public hearing on April 2 and commissioners are invited to attend the meeting.
 - The City Manager releases the budget on March 3. The City's Public Hearing will be at the end of April.

VIII. Commission's Ordinance and Priorities for 2015 will be tabled for next meeting.

IX. Motion to adjourn meeting at 7:01 p.m.

Next Meeting: March 19, 2015

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. Sanchez", written in a cursive style.

Diana Sanchez