



Public Health
Advisory Commission
of Alexandria, VA

**Minutes of the Thursday, October 20, 2016
PHAC Meeting
5:30 – 7:00 p.m.
Fourth Floor Conference Room
Alexandria Health Department**

Ruth Chamowitz
Ann Harbour
Allen Lomax
Meredith Taylor
L. Tamara Wilson

Stephen A. Haering (Health Director)
Daniel Hawkins
Tricia Rodgers
Katya Wanzer
Ray Hayhurst (Guest Speaker)

- I. The meeting was called to order at 5:35PM. A guest of Katya Wanzer (KW) was present— Ray Hayhurst of the Department of Transportation and Environmental Services. Commissioners confirmed they had received the minutes from the prior meeting. A quorum was not established, so it was agreed to vote to accept the minutes at the next meeting.
- II. Introductions: Tricia Rodgers, of the Northern Virginia Health Foundation, was welcomed as a new member.
- III. Guest: Ray Hayhurst (RH) of the VA Department of Transportation & Environmental services spoke about the Vision Zero program. Implemented in several states in U.S., hoping Alexandria will be the first in the Commonwealth to adopt the program. RH provided a copy of the Vision Zero resolution to be presented before the budget is released, around January or February 2017. Suggestions included the monitoring of high-risk areas in Alexandria by the police, communities and potential use of Medical Reserve Corps., to include the term “Equitable” in the resolution in order to garner more support and reflect the intent of Vision Zero, as well as using community leadership instead of just City agencies to be more inclusive. RH would like a letter of support from the PHAC to present to the City Council.
- IV. Approval of the September Minutes: The September Minutes could not be approved because a quorum was not established.
- V. Approval of Medicaid Expansion request for city’s Legislative Packet: KW informed the group that, due to an administrative oversight, the PHAC’s contribution was not included in the City’s legislative packet. If a forum can be established in the coming meetings, members can attend Alexandria

delegations to express opinions on Medicaid expansion; however, it may be too late to still get the PHAC's contribution included.

VI. Updates from the Chair – Katya Wanzer: City Manager's budget priorities letter: KW will compose letter including the highest priorities of the PHAC and what can be cut. Ultimate goal is to preserve as much funding as possible for the AHD. Anyone who would like to contribute to the letter should submit suggestions to KW by 10/31/2016. The request to conduct a study at the General Assembly level to help determine costs was denied by Bernie Caton (City Legislative Director), however, KW believes the meeting with the Mayor has changed this. Mayor unaware of how AHD was structured, and, therefore, did not know how the hybrid city/state system caused issues. The Commission decided the best person to speak with regarding the legislative packet would be Senator George Barker. Ann Harbour (AH) will create a sheet of talking points for members to have when encountering council members and call Barker's office to schedule a meeting; she requested that Dr. Haering send her previous memos. L. Tamara Wilson (LTW) expressed her concern with the lack of action taken by the Commission and agreed that talking points would be helpful. PHAC will also work on creating a streamlined, singular message, and identifying all boards and commissions involved with health in order to create relationships.

VII. Standing Reports:

- a. Health Department Update –Dr. Haering will present next meeting. Will go over message map and ten year trends. Did share that, while most other city budgets have increased, the City budget for AHD has decreased by 1%.
- b. Partnership Update – Allen Lomax: Drug Take Back Day will be held Saturday, October 22 from 10AM to 2PM. The Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition will try to hold this event four times annually. Allen Lomax (AL) is in talks to possibly put in a permanent prescription drop-off box. PHA is looking to expand to a fourth site in Spring 2017. ACT setting up a donation fund for the Partnership.
- c. Partnership Access to Care Work Group – Meredith Taylor: Will have updates in 2017.
- d. Neighborhood Health Update – Keith Hearle: Not present at meeting.
- e. Inova Alexandria Update – Ann Harbour: Simplicity Clinic will be open the first week in November. AH will provide the commission with flyers. Also, there will be Simplicity representation at the Community Health Fair. I

VIII. Minutes recorded by Janine McCormick and submitted by Katya Wanzer