



Public Health
Advisory Commission
of Alexandria, VA

PUBLIC HEALTH ADVISORY COMMISSION

**Thursday, March 17, 2016
5:30 – 7:00 p.m.
Fourth Floor Conference Room
Alexandria Health Department**

- I. Welcome and Introductions
 - a. New Commissioner, Liz Ghandakly (unable to attend tonight)
- II. Establishment of Quorum
- III. Approval of the Minutes
- IV. Updates from the Chair
 - a. Casey Award
 - b. Letters to City Council
 - c. Strategic Plan meeting March 14th
 - d. Budget letters
 - i. AHD
 - ii. Northern Virginia Dental Clinic
 - iii. Complete Streets Funding
- V. Standing Reports
 - a. Health Department Update – Dr. Stephen Haering
 - b. Partnership Update – Allen Lomax
 - c. Neighborhood Health Update – Keith Hearle
- VI. Discuss next steps and timeline for 2016 priority areas
 - a. Establish a monthly calendar on designated topics
 - i. Align with City Council’s calendar
- VII. Adjournment



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Minutes of the Thursday, March 17, 2016 Meeting
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Present

Meredith Taylor	Katya Wanzer
Ruth Chamowitz	Allen Lomax
Michael C. Trahos	Richard Merritt
Ann Harbour	Katya Wanzer
Barbara Nowak	Stephen Haering, AHD
Katie Dziak	Tamara Wilson
Tom Wilson, NoVA Dental	

- I. Welcome, introductions and attendance – Katya Wanzer
- II. Meeting was called to order at 5:32 p.m. A quorum was established.
- III. Approval of the meeting minutes from the February 18, 2016 meeting.
 - Motion to approve the minutes – A. Lomax
 - 2nd to back motion. – R. Chamowitz
 - Minutes were approved unanimously at 5:36 p.m.
- IV. Updates from the Chair – Katya Wanzer
 - A. Casey Award
 - Planning is underway and invitations will be sent shortly. The ceremony is set for Tuesday, April 26th.
 - B. City Council Letters
 - Letters sent as agreed upon at the last meeting; there has been some general interest expressed by Council Members.
 - C. Strategic Plan Meeting, March 14th
 - Commissioners who attended the City's Strategic Plan meeting reported that the top themes raised were: a) healthy eating and active living, b) more resources for people with special need, c) expanded scope for Neighborhood Health, d) increased mental health services and care. Additional discussion will take place at the upcoming City budget meetings.
 - D. Budget Letters
 - i. Northern Virginia Dental Clinic
 - A draft letter of support for the NoVA dental clinic was presented by Jessica Hill and Tom Wilson to request funding be retained as part of the City of Alexandria 2017 budget. Neighborhood Health refers to NoVA dental for services they do not provide (e.g., dentures, partials, crowns, etc). Approximately 20% of the patients served last year were Alexandria city residents.
 - Motion to send a letter of support – A. Lomax
 - 2nd to back the motion – M. Trahos
 - Motion was approved unanimously.

iii. Complete Streets Funding

- The City of Alexandria is proposing a FY 17 budget cut for the complete streets plan.
- Motion to send a letter of support – A. Lomax
- 2nd to back the motion – M. Taylor
- Motion was approved; R. Merritt abstained

V. Standing Reports

A. Alexandria Health Department (AHD) Update – Dr. Stephen Haering

- The AHD 2017 budget request to supplement positions has been incorporated into the current proposal by the City Manager. To date no questions have been raised by City Council members but the Healthy and Thriving session is scheduled for April 14th; it was suggested that members attend.
- The AHD garage and patient parking lot is going to be repaved. K. Wanzer and Dr. Haering will discuss holding the April meeting at an alternative location.
- Mosquito season officially starts May 1st. There will be an effort to educate citizens on how to find a reputable pest company.
- The AHD 100th Anniversary will take place in two years and initial planning has commenced.

B. Neighborhood Health

- K. Wanzer read an update on behalf of Neighborhood Health and will be meeting with leadership to determine what the Commission can do to support their efforts.

C. Partnership for a Healthier Alexandria (PHA) Update – Allen Lomax

- Healthy Workplace Awards were reinvigorated this year and will be sustained going forward.
- The Arlington All in Youth Conference had over 300 (youth and adults) participants. The conference focused on areas such as bullying, substance abuse and mental health.

VI. Monthly Calendar for 2016 Priority Areas – Katya Wanzer

- 2016 priority areas were discussed by the group and a timeline was developed. Dr. Haering expects to present the pedestrian safety report at the April meeting. The next two reports will focus on access to care data and substance abuse data; the timing is to be determined based upon available AHD staff.
 - April will focus on AHD budget/staffing and pedestrian safety
 - May is TBD
 - June is TBD
 - July is TBD
 - Fall/Winter will primarily focus on the upcoming year's budget

VII. Meeting adjourned at 7:04 p.m.

Next Meeting: April 21, 2016

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by:

Katie Dziak

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