



ALEXANDRIA PUBLIC HEALTH ADVISORY COMMISSION

Thursday, June 20, 2024
5:30 – 7:00 p.m.
4850 Mark Center Dr., Alexandria, VA (3rd Floor)

- I. Welcome!
- II. Roll Call – Establish Quorum
- III. Review/Approve Minutes – May 2024
- IV. Review Agenda
- V. Update from the Chair
- VI. Health Department Update
 - Community Health Assessment Update
 - Public Health Highlights
- VII. Topical Issues
 - AHD 101 Orientation (Context for Local Admin Decision)
 - Programs and Budget
 - Q&A
- VIII. Liaison and Community Partner Updates
 - a. Inova Health Systems
 - b. Community Services Board
 - c. Alexandria City School Board
 - d. Partnership for a Healthier Alexandria, CHIP
 - e. Neighborhood Health, Inc.
 - f. Fire Department
 - g. Practicing Dentist
 - h. Practicing Physician
- IX. Public Comments
- X. Adjourn

Commission Members	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Chair, Jerome Cordts</i>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Vice Chair, Lisa Chimento</i>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Andrew Romero
<input type="checkbox"/>	Dr. Michael Trahos
<input type="checkbox"/>	Richard Merritt
<input type="checkbox"/>	JeanAnn Mayhan
<input type="checkbox"/>	Anita McClendon
<input type="checkbox"/>	Sylvia Jones
<input type="checkbox"/>	Patricia Rodgers
<input type="checkbox"/>	Melissa Riddy
<input type="checkbox"/>	Michele Walz
<input type="checkbox"/>	Alex Long
<input type="checkbox"/>	David Bowen
<input type="checkbox"/>	Fire Department (Andrew Duke)
<input type="checkbox"/>	School Board (Dr. Victor Martin)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Northern VA Dental Soc (vacant)
Alexandria Health Dept. Staff	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Dr. David Rose Health Director
<input type="checkbox"/>	Natalie Talis, Population Health Mgr.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Casey Colzani Executive Secretary, Staff Liaison

Next Meeting: Thursday, July 18, 2024



**Minutes of the Thursday, May 16, 2023
PHAC Meeting
5:30 – 7:00 p.m.
Virtual Via Zoom
Alexandria Health Department**

In-Person	
Virtual	Chair- Jerome Cordts (JC), Lisa Chimento (LC), Anita McClendon (AM) Patricia Rodgers (PR), Sylvia Jones (SJ) Richard Merritt (RM), Andrew Romero (AR), David Bowen (DB), JeanAnne Mayhan (JM)
Absent	Michele Walz (MW), Melissa Riddy (MR), Alex Long (AL)
AHD Representatives	Casey Colzani (CC), Natalie Talis (NT)
Guests	

I. Establishment of a Quorum

- Meeting called to order at 5:35 pm by Chair Jerome Cordts (JC); role taken.

II. Approval of the Previous Meeting’s Minutes

- Andrew Romero (AR) motioned to approve April 2024 minutes, Richard Merritt (RM), Second. All in favor, minutes approved – no edits.

III. Review Agenda

- Jerome Cordts (JC) reviewed the meeting agenda with the commissioners.

IV. Update From the Chair

- 2025 City Budget Submission - JC reviewed follow-up budget letter to Council that was sent after last meeting.
- Planning to meet in person in June. Commission cannot have back-to-back virtual meetings.
- Still working on updated approach to Flora K. Casey award.
- Wednesday May 22nd- When Good Enough Isn’t Good Enough; June 7th, Wear Orange Against Gun Violence (RM will be participating with Mothers Against Gun Violence; JM will attend as private citizen; JC will attend.)
- JC reviewed updated data from **Vision Zero**- City’s initiative to reduce and eliminate serious injuries and deaths of pedestrians. Commission will consider if there is a place where they can engage on this initiative.
- Tricia Rodgers was awarded the Marian Van Landingham Lifetime Achievement Award.

V. Health Department Update

• Community Health Assessment

- Fist CHA steering committee will be held in June. Process, Timeline, roles and responsibilities.
- Multiple other entities are doing their assessments in the same timeframe- Housing Master Plan, Children and Youth Community Plan, ACPS, Age Friendly Alexandria Plan, Economic Mobility Plan/Assessment. All have a representative on the steering committee to optimize data gathering and sharing to avoid creating survey fatigue in the community.

• Health Highlights and Challenges

- Men's Health Empowerment Expo – June 8th at Charles Houston. AHD co-hosting with other entities.
- Healthy Homes engagements- May 25th is the last English session. All sessions have been engaging and interactive.
- New Data resource from VHD- updated Maternal and Child Health data. Dashboard shows trends from 2015-2022. City has seen a drop in rates of Teen Pregnancy and infant mortality.
- JM attended Adolescent Campaign on Adolescent Pregnancy meeting- JM will share slides with the group when they are received.

VI. Topical Issues for Discussion

• Local Administration of Health Department

- LC and PR – Mayor had requested PHAC input on Local Administration of AHD.
- PHAC will focus on targeted topics that will not duplicate work (i.e. budget analysis will be completed by other city/state entities).
- Commission could offer considerations on reporting structure, Pros/Cons/Things to consider - decision making framework assessment components that should be reviewed by the City during the evaluation process. Will need to also consider newly incoming City elected officials.
- JC has been in contact with other Localities that have been/have the authority to transition to local administration. Councilperson Chapman and Mayor Wilson indicated that this input is not urgent.
- NT and DCR will present on Health Department services and reporting structures to inform commissioners to assist in making decision framework.

• Legislative and Engagement Topics

- House Bill 947 passed- Allows a locality to regulate the retail sale locations of tobacco products- may prohibit a retail sale location on property within 1,000 linear feet of a child day center or a public, private, or parochial school.
- NT discussed with state counterparts at VHD Regional Tobacco Coordinators- VDH is working on templates and guidance for localities who wish to implement this. Sarah Taylor will be briefing council on these bills- NT will send meeting details to PHAC when available.
- HB947 was just one of several smoking related bills to pass. (HB790- removal of penalties for minors trying to purchase tobacco underage; HB1069- Requires

product registration tobacco and liquid/vapor nicotine products and other consumer protections.)

- David Bowen (DB) Motioned for commission to draft a letter- recommending Council support for new tobacco related bills and offering Commission guidance/input during the process of review and implementation. RM Second. All in favor. DB will complete first draft and send to commission for review.

I. Liaison and Community Partner Updates

- Fire-EMS- AD provided update- City still being impacted by shortage of transport units, commonly rely on neighboring jurisdictions. Have only added one ambulance transport unit in the last 12 years. Council granted permission to submit for a federal grant that would increase the number of transport units by two and a grant for Bariatric patient transport tools.
 - i. Upcoming webinar National Association of EMS on disparities in out of hospital cardiac arrests- focusing on CPR. CPR is done less frequently in Black and Hispanic communities.
 - ii. Will work with JC to arrange Avive ADH presentation for July meeting.
- Partnership for Healthier Alexandria- Workgroup on Social Isolation and Connectivity- have sent surveys to groups already working in this area. CHIP 2025 still ongoing.

II. Announcements

- AM- has been assisting as coach and facilitator for the Health Department on Strategic Planning process. Will share completed plan with commission next month.
- PR- Four graduate students helping to look at housing issues through Alex311 complaint data. Will share results from that work when available.

III. Public Comment

- No comments from members of the public.

IV. Adjournment

- SJ Motioned for meeting adjournment, JM second. All in favor, meeting adjourned at 6:59 p.m.