



ALEXANDRIA PUBLIC HEALTH ADVISORY COMMISSION

Thursday, September 19, 2024

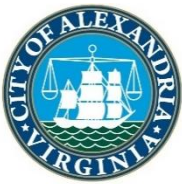
5:30 – 7:00 p.m.

4850 Mark Center Dr., Alexandria, VA (3rd Floor)

- I. Welcome!
- II. Roll Call – Establish Quorum
- III. Review/Approve Minutes – August 2024
- IV. Review Agenda
- V. Update from the Chair
- VI. Identifying PHAC Priorities Exercise (1st of 2 sessions) – 50 min
- VII. Topical Issues and Discussion – 10 min
 - 2025 Legislative Package Items (Priorities, Principles)
 - Community Health Assessment (Anita, David)
- VIII. Liaison and Community Partner Updates (As time permits)
 - a. Partnership for a Healthier Alexandria, CHIP
 - b. Inova Alexandria Hospital
 - c. Community Services Board
 - d. Alexandria City School Board
 - e. Practicing Physician
 - f. Neighborhood Health, Inc.
 - g. Fire Department
 - h. Practicing Dentist
- IX. Public Comments
- X. Adjourn

Next Meeting: Thursday, October 17, 2024

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"/>	Dental Society (Dr. Gibberman)
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



**Minutes of the Thursday, August 15, 2024
PHAC Meeting
5:30 – 7:00 p.m.
Virtual
Alexandria Health Department**

In-Person	
Virtual	Chair- Jerome Cordts (JC), Lisa Chimento (LC), Anita McClendon (AM) Sylvia Jones (SJ), David Bowen (DB), JeanAnn Mayhan (JM) Michele Walz (MW), Alex Long (AL) Dr. Michael Trahos (MT), Andrew Romero (AR), Patricia Rodgers (PR),
Absent	Melissa Riddy (MR), Richard Merritt (RM),
AHD Representatives	Casey Colzani (CC), Natalie Talis (NT) Dr. David Rose (DR)
Guests	Dr. Lauren Gibberman (NOVA Dental Society)

I. Establishment of a Quorum

- Meeting called to order at 5:30 pm by Chair Jerome Cordts (JC); role taken.

II. Approval of the Previous Meeting’s Minutes

- Anita McClendon (MW) motioned to approve July 2024 minutes, Dr. Michael Trahos (MT), Second. All in favor, minutes approved with edits.

III. Review Agenda

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

IV. Updates From the Chair

- Welcome Dr. Lauren Gibberman. The nominee from the Northern Virginia Dental Society. Dr. Gibberman will be officially on the commission after council returns from summer recess.
- ACPS still has not identified a representative. JC will continue to work with Dr. Martin on this.
- Fire Department – Assist Chief Duke has been standing in as representative.
- Flora K. Casey award will be presented in April 2025. Commission will discuss process at later meeting.
- JC will be attending the Inova Landmark Open House.
- JC and CC will prepare Annual Report- commissioners should send their inputs and activities to CC.

V. PHAC Priority Setting – 1st Exercise

- Exercise will be held at next in-person meeting.

- AM will facilitate a consensus facilitation exercise for the commission. Deliberate but light-weight planning exercise over two meetings.

VI. Health Department Update

- City Breastfeeding and Lactation rooms. AHD Nursing and WIC teams developed guidance for City, this will go into official City guidance. AHD will continue to work with City on staff and public lactation spaces.
- AHD will be working with City Emergency Planners on possible heat response plans. This will be additional layers of response beyond the current Cooling Shelters.
- Commissioners also raised concerns about build environment effect on heat, children's safety on outdoor playground equipment, and community thoughts on current cooling center options.
- PHAC should review legislation regarding workers and heat - recommended this topic as a for the legislative package if there are not current worker protections in VA. OSHA recently put out new regulations about worker protections from heat.
- Heat has been a topic on the Metrics Subcommittee of the Health Homes initiative.

VII. Topical Issues for Discussion

- **Community Health Assessment Update**
 - DR thanked commission members who are participating in the CHA steering committee.
 - Representatives are Anita- main and David- back up.
 - AC provided update, thanked health department staff on their handling of a large group with differing opinions.
 - Community Kick Off will be pushed back. Date TBD.
- **2025 Legislative Package**
 - Boards and Commission have been invited to submit Priorities or Statement of Principal for the State legislative agenda.
 - Last year PHAC submitted: Reproductive Rights, LGBTQ+ health information, Community Health Worker Reimbursement, Health Equity.
 - PR proposed submitting Reproductive Rights, and LGBTQ+ Health Information and Services again this year. LC suggested reviewing the status of the Community Health Worker legislation and either updating or resubmitting.
 - Other ideas: Access to primary, specialty, and lactation services for Medicaid population.
 - PHAC will review previous and new submission topics at next meeting.
- **Local Administration of Health Department**
 - JC reviewed ideas for a draft letter regarding local admin input as requested by the Mayor.
 - Topic for Mayor/Council to consider during the determination process:
 - Health Outcomes
 - Employee Impact
 - Cost/Administrative impact

- Community Engagement
 - Transparency and inclusiveness
- Commissioners asked if PHAC should have a more decisive opinion or should just provide neutral guidance. Other option would be to offer a more decisive opinion after City staff have completed more of their internal work (cost benefits, ect.)
- PR motioned to send a letter with discussed wording changes to council. DB second. All in favor, motion passed.
- Other considerations: several elected positions will have new incumbents in the coming year.
- **Outreach and Other Issues**
 - **Northern Virginia Health Foundation**
 - Submitted letter requesting a meeting with new Executive Director Courtney Rice. She has accepted. Meeting date TBD.
 - **Economic Opportunities Commission**
 - Health Care Assess is a topic this commission is discussing. JC will discuss common goals with their commission chair (specifically for legislative package submissions).
 - **HIV/AIDS Commission**
 - Possibility of sunseting this commission. JC has reached out to Chair to determine if there is ongoing topics that PHAC could pick up.
 - Commission was developed at a time when HIV/AIDS policies, systems, and funding needs were very high. The community currently has a strong network of services in place. Population should still have a voice, but AHD and City are looking at other options.
 - Commission has suffered low interest and participation for many years.
 - JM interested in attending meeting with JC and HIV/AIDS Commission Chair.
 - **Commission on Aging**
 - RM will report at a later meeting
 - **Firearm Violence- Surgeon General's Report**
 - Commission passed a Gun Safety resolution in 2022.
 - Report highlights increases in gun related injuries in children.
 - Will be a topic of discussion at later meeting.

I. Liaison and Community Partner Updates

- **Partnership for Healthier Alexandria-**
 - 3rd year of soliciting proposals from non-profits that will be supporting work on CHIP projects. Every year have seen an increase in applications.
 - Will report our more information in September
 - JC and JM drafting a letter to Partnership regarding the tactics that PHAC is on.

- **Neighborhood Health-**
 - Hosted the Administrator and key staff of the Health Resources and Services Administration for Community Health Center month.
- **Physician working in Alexandria-**
 - 4 new active COVID-19 Variants that are significantly more infections and possibly evade vaccination immunity.
 - Has seen an increase in cases and patients being hospitalized in serious condition despite vaccination.
 - DT and staff are still wearing well fitting KN-95 masks when seeing patients.

II. Public Comment

- No public in attendance

III. Adjournment

- JM motioned to adjourn the meeting. AM second. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 6:57pm.