
Health Needs and Human Services Commission Minutes

Tuesday, June 9, 2015 12:00 pm
3rd Floor Conference Room of City Hall

Commission Members: Dr. Paul Bahna, Doug Osborne, Dr. Myron Fribush,
Amy Zanuzoski, Galadriel Morales, Vicki D'Amico, Lauren Hughey
Tristan Guevin (Assembly Liaison)

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Bahna called the meeting to order at approximately 12:03 PM.

II. ROLL CALL

Present: Dr. Paul Bahna, Doug Osborne, Amy Zanuzoski, Galadriel Morales, Lauren Hughey,
Also Present: Tristan Guevin (Assembly Liaison)
Absent: Vicki D'Amico (excused), Dr. Myron Fribush (excused)

III. AGENDA CHANGES

M -Osborne/S - Morales moved to postpone Item A. under Unfinished Business and switch items A. New Business and D. New Business. Motion carried unanimously.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

M - Osborne/S - Morales moved to amend the previously approved minutes from April 14, 2015 to include the following motion under item A of New Business: M-D'Amico/S - Bahna moved to continue the MAPP goal from 2014 to 2015. Motion carried unanimously.

M - Osborne/S - Morales moved to approve the minutes from May 19, 2015. Motion carried unanimously.

V. PERSONS TO BE HEARD/CORRESPONDENCE

Julia Smith with Sitkans Against Family Violence as a Prevention Director asked for feedback on what the commission is looking for and what would be useful for a presentation she will be bringing at the next meeting on youth programs.

VI. REPORTS

Chair - Introduced the idea of having a vision for the commission; talked about the new medical assistant program at UAS; and reminded the commission of the difference between excused and unexcused absents.

Commissioners - None.

City Staff - None.

Assembly Liaison - The goals from the HNHS commission is on the Assembly agenda for the meeting tonight.

Other(s) - None.

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. 2015 Goals

Chair Bahna went over the memo of the goals for the Assembly. Guevin expressed concern with some of the language that was presented in the memo.

M –Osborne/S –Zanuzoski moved to make an amendment to the first goal to include 1 to 3 public meetings by the end of the year. Motion carried unanimously.

M –Osborne/S – Zanuzoski moved to strike the sentence on the first goal that states *Our mission is creating a healthier community where every Sitkan can have access to primary health care services regardless.* Motion carried unanimously.

M – Osborne/S – Morales moved add public health policy on goal three and to strike the last sentence of the example. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Discussion on the possibility of having a website/mailbox/policy/manual/archives/office for the commission.

Chair Bahna suggested focusing on creating a manual similar to the Hospital Board that includes ordinance of establishment, roster, list of all health care agencies, policy of establishing agenda items, rules of communications between members, and absences. Guevin stated that in the last meeting minutes the only policy the commission has is the ordinance and a manual is subjective to each commissioner and each commissioner’s own reasonability. Zanuzoski stated that all public documents are kept in the clerk’s office. Morales stated that she has her own binder of documents and expressed that she would not use an office or mailbox and reminded the commission of the training that was provided. Guevin stated there is a website for the commission and that policies have been and is set by the city and consistency needs to be across all commissions. Osborne questioned the options and proposed one member make a binder and continue the consistency amongst other members. Guevin cautioned the members of sharing notes amongst commissioners and stated that Melissa Henshaw, Deputy Clerk has the packets if you need a clean copy from every meeting. Zanuzoski thought the manual was unnecessary as the secretary has the information. Chair Bahna will make a binder for his own use and will let other members see his example.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Tobacco Tax

Osborne told of history regarding the tax, the health benefit of increasing the price of tobacco, and suggested a resolution from the Commission. Zanuzoski was in support of this. Morales had concerns with the allocation of the money raised. Chair Bahna was in support and explained the economic diversity of the tax. Hughey supports more barriers. Guevin is currently opposed to the ordinance as a revenue generator rather than the public health aspect of it. Morales hoped that the ordinance would be sent to this commission.

B. Discussion on MAPP involvement

Not covered, waiting until Julia Smith can present on primary prevention.

C. Discussion of changing the noon time to an evening time commission meeting to allow for a longer meeting time.

Not covered.

- D. Preparing a questionnaire for administrators of all schools in Sitka requesting information on how students safety/health education/bullying prevention are being implemented and if they need support in specific areas**

Not covered.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

- A. Agenda items for next meeting.**

- 20 minute presentation from Julia Smith on primary prevention

- B. Set next meeting date.**

The next regular meeting is July 14, 2015.

M -Morales/S -Zanuzoski moved to adjourn at approximately 1:00pm. Motion carried unanimously.

Attest:
Melissa Henshaw, Deputy Clerk