

RESOLUTION NO. 401

WHEREAS, a number of health related agencies, committees, and boards exist in the City of Alexandria,

WHEREAS, the City Council recognizes the necessity to provide broad coordination, planning and evaluation of health related services in the City of Alexandria, and

WHEREAS, the City Council has held a public hearing to consider recommendations of citizens and of various presently existing boards and committees related to health needs of the citizens of Alexandria,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Alexandria hereby creates the Alexandria Public Health Advisory Commission to perform the following functions and responsibilities.

1. To serve as the evaluating and advisory commission to City Council regarding any and all health matters in the City of Alexandria and to help in coordinating public health agencies and activities within the City.
2. To provide information/evaluation, regarding health related matters when requested by City Council.
3. To investigate specific health problems on its own initiative and at the request of City Council.
4. To act as a listening body for the community; so that, any citizen, health professional or lay person, may present his/her opinions to the Advisory Public Health Commission on health matters in Alexandria.
5. To render opinions reflecting in each instance:
  - (a) Any health care or service advantage or merit;
  - (b) Any health care or service disadvantage or danger;
  - (c) Priority perspective within the City's overall public health needs or programs;
  - (d) Health Planning for the City and its citizens;
  - (e) Feasibility
  - (f) Alternatives or modifications;
  - (g) Evaluation;
  - (h) Any other factors deemed pertinent by the Commission.

In performing these activities, the Commission shall have no powers of decree or veto or enforcement or regulation, Furthermore, its responsibilities shall not impinge upon the functions of existing boards or committees. It shall be responsive to and serve as an instrument of all segments of the City's population. The Commission findings shall be based on a thorough review of the facts and its recommendations will be those believed to be in the best interest of the citizens of Alexandria.

The Commission shall consist of fifteen (15) members to be appointed by the City Council as follows:

Category A

Representative of Committee on Health Centers  
Representative of Emergency Medical Services Council  
Representative of the Mental Health and Mental Retardation Services Board  
Representative of the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Control Coordinating Committee

Category B

Representative of the Alexandria Medical Society  
Eight citizen members, three of whom shall be health professionals  
and five of whom shall not be health professionals  
Representative of Alexandria Hospital Board  
Representative of Alexandria Dental Society

A Health Professional is defined as any person who derives --- or within the previous five (5) years did derive --- income providing health care, health services or from being engaged in health related activities generally.

Members in Category A shall serve on the Commission coextensive with their service as a member of the parent committees named. Members in Category B shall serve a term of two years and may be reappointed. City Council may fill vacancies for unexpired terms.

The City Council shall appoint a convener, and the members of the Commission shall elect a chairperson and a vice-chairperson for a one year term. The Commission shall meet at least monthly, except in July and August when it may also meet if it chooses. The Commission shall forward its dockets, minutes and reports to the City Clerk for distribution to City Council.

The Commission shall establish its own rules of order provided that they are not inconsistent with this resolution and applicable provisions of City and State Codes.

The Public Health Director and City Manager's office shall provide staff assistance to the Public Health Advisory Commission.

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