

RESOLUTION NO. 233

WHEREAS, the City Council, on May 8, 1973, adopted a resolution that approved a new system of health centers to provide health care in Alexandria, which system shall be composed of: (1) a major health center to be established and operated in a new free-standing health center building on the Seminary Road campus of the Alexandria Hospital, and (2) a smaller health center to be established and operated in downtown Alexandria in rented quarters or in a newly constructed facility that would be suitable for other uses at a later time; and,

WHEREAS, the City Council, in the aforementioned resolution, declared that it will establish an Ad Hoc Committee on Peer Review, and directed the City Attorney to prepare an appropriate resolution establishing said advisory committee; and,

WHEREAS, the City Council desires that this Ad Hoc Committee on Peer Review be composed primarily of medical professionals but also include general public representation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, as follows:

1. That a nine-member Ad Hoc Committee on Peer Review be immediately established and appointed by the City Council.
2. That the membership of the Ad Hoc Committee on Peer Review include:
 - a. Four physicians.
 - b. One dentist.
 - c. One registered nurse.
 - d. Two citizen members, of whom one shall be a low income person.
 - e. The Public Health Director of Alexandria.
3. That the establishment of the committee be publicized and all candidates for appointments submit their applications to the City Clerk by the close of business September 17, 1973, for consideration by the City Council and appointment at the second meeting in September.
4. That the Ad Hoc Committee on Peer Review is hereby charged with the responsibility for undertaking necessary studies and making recommendations to the City Council by January 31, 1974, on the preferred means of providing peer review to ensure that medical services provided in the proposed health centers are of high quality.

5. That the Ad Hoc Committee, in formulating its recommendations on the preferred means of providing peer review, shall give due consideration to Title XI, Part B, of the Social Security Act, as amended, (Public Law 92-603), under which professional standards review organizations will soon be established in areas such as Northern Virginia, as a condition to qualifying for Medicare and Medicaid. The Ad Hoc Committee, as a part of its work, should determine and make appropriate recommendations on how the peer review system it recommends for Alexandria's proposed health centers can best relate to, and be coordinated with, the professional standards review organization to be established under the Social Security Act.
6. That the Mayor shall name the convener of the committee and the committee shall elect its own chairman and vice chairman.
7. That the committee shall receive staff support from the Public Health Director and, as required, from the City Manager and City Attorney.
8. That the committee may adopt its own rules of procedure, provided that these rules are not in conflict with the provisions of this resolution.
9. That the committee shall be discharged by the City Council within a reasonable period of time upon completion of its report, allowing for the committee to participate in the implementation of its recommendation.

Adopted July 24, 1973

Mrs. Helen Vickers, City Clerk
and Clerk of Council