


MEMORANDUM

DATE: MARCH 4, 2008

TO: THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL

FROM: JAMES K. HARTMANN, CITY MANAGER 

SUBJECT: REQUEST TO MODIFY THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE ALEXANDRIA
PUBLIC HEALTH ADVISORY COMMISSION

ISSUE: Request from the Alexandria Public Health Advisory Commission to modify its membership so that it reflects organizational changes that have occurred over time in many of the member groups and to add a new position which is designed to broaden the Commission's membership base to include all health care providers in the City (Attachment 1).

RECOMMENDATIONS: That City Council:

- (1) Approve the membership changes for the Alexandria Public Health Advisory Commission as noted below.
 - Delete the representative of the Emergency Medical Services Council;
 - Change the representative of the Alexandria Medical Society to a physician practicing in Alexandria nominated by the Medical Society of Northern Virginia;
 - Change the representative of the Alexandria Hospital Board to a representative from Inova Alexandria Hospital;
 - Change the representative of the Alexandria Dental Society to a dentist practicing in the City of Alexandria nominated by the Northern Virginia Dental Society;
 - Add a new position for a representative from the City's Office of Emergency Preparedness; and
 - Add a new position for a representative designated by the Alexandria Neighborhood Health Services, Inc. (ANHSI) Board of Directors; and
- (2) Request the City Attorney to prepare the necessary ordinance which will repeal Resolution Number 790 and incorporate the membership changes requested.

DISCUSSION: The Public Health Advisory Commission was established by City Council on May 12, 1981. The Commission is composed of 13 members (see roster – Attachment 2) and it meets monthly. Its membership has not been revised since its inception in 1981, and many of its member organizations have dissolved or changed their names. Recurring and long-term vacancies have convinced the Commission of the need to revise its membership to better reflect the City's current health care safety net.

The addition of the City's Office of Emergency Preparedness reflects the importance of public health in emergency planning in today's world. The Alexandria Emergency Medical Services Council, which meets quarterly, has had difficulty filling its slot on the Commission. The change from Alexandria Medical Society to a physician practicing in Alexandria nominated by the Medical Society of Northern Virginia reflects the merger of the Alexandria and Fairfax County Medical Societies. The Alexandria Hospital Board was dissolved when the Hospital changed ownership, however, it is important that there be a representative from the only hospital in the City. The position for a representative from the Alexandria Dental Society has been vacant since January 2002. The Northern Virginia Dental Society is an official component of the Virginia Dental Association, and would most logically represent dental interests on the Commission. Finally, the Commission proposes to add a position for a representative designated by the Alexandria Neighborhood Health Services, Inc. Board. This will increase the Commission's membership from 13 to 14.

FISCAL IMPACT: None.

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment 1. E-mail from Jerome Cordts to Rose Williams Boyd

Attachment 2. Current Roster of Public Health Advisory Commission Membership

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Dr. Charles Konigsberg, Director of Public Health

Rose Williams Boyd, Executive Secretary for Boards and Commissions



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Subject Public Health Advisory Commission - Membership change
request

Rose,

At our February 12, 2008 meeting of the Alexandria Public Health Advisory Commission, the commission members voted in favor of a series of recommendations to update our commission membership. Dr. Konigsberg of the Alexandria Health Department should be in touch with City Council soon to formalize this request, which we have approved.

Membership on the commission has been a topic of discussion for several months. It is the consensus of our current commissioners that the proposed changes are an important step toward strengthening our ability to fulfill City Council's charge.

If you have any questions, please let me know.

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Alexandria Public Health Advisory Commission

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PUBLIC HEALTH ADVISORY COMMISSION

The Public Health Advisory Commission provides information about and evaluation of health-related matters and investigates specific health problems.

The Commission meets on the third Thursday of the month at 6:00 p.m. Approximately four hours per month are required of Commission members.

Members: 13

2-YEAR TERM

Category A:

1 Representative of Emergency Medical Services Council

1 Representative of the Community Services Board

Category B:

1 Representative of the Alexandria Medical Society

8 Citizen members: 3 shall be health professionals
and 5 shall not be health professionals

1 Representative of Alexandria Hospital Board

1 Representative of Alexandria Dental Society

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<u>Member</u>	<u>Phone</u>	<u>Occupation</u>	<u>Original Appointment</u>	<u>Current Appointment</u>	<u>Oath</u>	<u>Expiration of Current Appointment</u>
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