



# Municipality of Anchorage

Dave Bronson, Mayor

## Health and Human Services Commission

**SUMMARY MEETING MINUTES ~ July 19, 2023**

**5:30 p.m. – Hybrid Meeting**

### **Attendance:**

**Commissioners present:** Gerry York, Chair; Stephanie Berglund, Shawn Degler, Matt Heilala, Tori Dallas

**Commissioners absent:** Gabe Garcia, Donna Mears, Matthew Thomas

**Staff:** Judy Atkins, Administrative Support, Kimberly Rash, Acting Director, Dr. Michael Savitt, Chief Medical Officer

### **Call to Order**

Chair York called the meeting to order at **5:31** p.m. with a quorum.

### **Roll Call – Introductions | Welcome Commissioners**

Commissioners introduced themselves and welcomed the Incoming commissioners, Matt Heilala and Tori Dallas, who provided some business/personal background info.

### **Approval of Agenda**

Chair called for approval of the agenda as presented. Motion to approve by Commissioner Heilala; seconded by Commissioner Degler. **Hearing no objection, the motion passed.**

### **Approval of Minutes**

Move to approve the March 8, 2023 minutes as presented by Commissioner Heilala; seconded by Commissioner Degler. **Hearing no objection, the motion passed.**

### **Presentation**

None scheduled.

### **Public Comment**

### **AHD Staff Report – Kimberly Rash, Acting Director**

Acting Director Rash provided highlights and statistics for May AHD programs, taken from the current Assembly Health Policy Committee Report. Staff vacancies stand at 33%; we are actively recruiting and through outreach, advocating to work at the AHD. The Safety Patrol Center, run by Securitas, ensures those who are incapacitated have a safe place to briefly stay. WIC has 3,908 participants with a goal of increasing enrollment to 10,000 by

2025. Staff are heavily focused on outreach to increase those numbers. WIC working with the Food Bank of Alaska and Head Start to better serve those suffering food insecurities. Community Health Nursing saw 17 pathogen cases, provided 123 routine vaccines and treated 12 clients with active TB. The Sexual Health Clinic reached 93 clients through the Express Clinic; 43 Naloxone kits were distributed; 3,769 condoms were distributed. The Teen Unintended Pregnancy Prevention program spoke with 367 teen youth. AHD recently hired a Public Information Officer, Michelle Fehribach. Commissioners asked questions re status of TB and syphilis in our community which were addressed by Dr. Savitt. AHD has added more outreach to address the uptake in cases and make sure folks have the ability to be checked and treated. Ms. Rash provided an overview of the current homelessness situation and referred any questions to the Assembly Housing and Homeless Committee.

### **Continuing Business**

Commission Retreat. Chair York will work on setting up a date/location for the retreat in the near future.

Identify action items for HHSC. Commission hopes to identify action items at the retreat.

Committees. This discussion will be held at the retreat

Board member recruitment. One vacancy remains at this time.

Term expirations 10/14/2023. Commissioners whose terms are expiring are Donna Mears, Gerry York, Stephanie Berglund and Gabe Garcia. They are urged to submit their applications to city at their earliest convenience.

### **New Business**

### **Commissioner Comments**

### **Next Meeting**

Motion to adjourn at 6:30 pm by Commissioner Degler; seconded by Commissioner Dallas.

**Hearing no objections, the meeting adjourned;** the next meeting will be held Wednesday, September 13, 2023.