

If this item is pulled from the consent agenda the following motion would be in order:

**POSSIBLE MOTION**

**I MOVE TO** approve Health Needs and Human Services Commission member, Anthony Treas, serving as an official City and Borough of Sitka liaison to the H.O.P.E. Coalition.

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## MEMORANDUM

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**To:** Mayor Hunter and Members of the Assembly  
**From:** Doug Osborne, Chair of the Health Needs and Human Services Commission  
**Subject:** Approve a HNHS Commissioner to the H.O.P.E. Coalition  
**Date:** February 6, 2017

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At their February 3, 2017 meeting, the Health Needs and Human Services (HNHS) Commission unanimously recommended that the City and Borough of Sitka Assembly approve HNHS Commission member Anthony Treas serve as the official city liaison to the HOPE Coalition for a Drug-Free Sitka (see motion below).

*M – Platson/S – Treas moved to have Commissioner Treas become the Health Needs and Human Services liaison to the HOPE Coalition pending approval of the Assembly. Motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.*

**Background Information:** As a pre-requisite for applying to the US Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administrations' (SAMHSA) Drug-Free Community grant program, Sitka Counseling and Prevention Services has organized the H.O.P.E. Coalition for a drug-free Sitka.

The H.O.P.E. Coalition's mission is to "reduce and prevent youth substance use and abuse by empowering individuals and organizations through knowledge, skills and options to grow resilient, substance free youth."

Under SAMHSA's requirements, the H.O.P.E. Coalition must have representation from 12 different sectors of the community, with one of these sectors being an official representative from the local city government. Given the required time commitment to serve on the H.O.P.E. Coalition and the already full schedules of city staff and Assembly, the HNHS Commission members felt it would be best for a HNHS Commissioner to serve in this capacity. Commissioner Lauren Hughey held this position previously, but has since moved out of state and Anthony Treas has volunteered to serve on the coalition.

The only commitment the City and Borough of Sitka is making through this appointment is to have a member of city government serve on the coalition.