

Should this item be pulled from the Consent Agenda the following motion is suggested:

SUGGESTED MOTION

I move to approve the Health Needs and Human Services Commission to move forward with developing a Community Health Needs Assessment and Enumeration of Services as outlined in the Commission's memo dated March 19, 2014.

Memo

To: Mayor and Assembly Members

From: Health Needs and Human Services Commission

Date: March 19, 2014

The Health Needs and Human Services Commission met on March 11th and passed a motion seeking approval from the Assembly to move forward with developing a Community Health Needs Assessment and Enumeration of Services. The following is a step by step process of the proposed process.

First, we would like to enlist all organizations that provide any health related service in Sitka, and prepare a follow-up folder to be kept in archives. Please note the Commission will start by contacting partners that currently keep lists (such as the Legislative Information Office's Sitka Community Resource Guide and the list maintained by the Division of Public Assistance: Community Resources.)

Second, the Commission will contact those organizations, asking them to provide statements of mission and vision, along with scope of activities and areas of specific needs.

Third, the Commission would like to plan for an annual citywide meeting where all organizations can get together and explore opportunities and cherish their success stories.

Fourth, an essential part of the assessment is to identify missing health services in the city, and work with the available partners and organizations towards getting those needs met.

Finally, we would like to research opportunities for interested organizations to develop new projects that meet documented community needs and to be their advocate to the Assembly for their ongoing efforts.

Thank you for your time and consideration.