

MEMORANDUM

To: Mayor Eisenbeisz and Assembly Members

From: Cecilia Koai Dumouchel, Chair of the Health Needs and Human Services Commission

Subject: Health Needs and Human Services Commission 2022 Goals

Date: May 15, 2022

At the April 20th regular meeting of the Health Needs and Human Services, commission members unanimously voted to submit the following goal to the Assembly for review and approval:

The CBS Health Needs and Human Services (HNHS) Commission 2022 goal is to finalize the CBS HNHS Commission's "Sitka Health Equity Report", and present findings to the Assembly by December 2022. The Sitka Health Equity Report will present data on health disparities in Sitka and offer actionable recommendations to the CBS Assembly to address them.

In order to prepare and finalize this report, the HNHS Commission will engage the public through different avenues (e.g. public forums, surveys, focus groups, key informant interviews, other relevant CBS commissions and committees) to learn more about experiences of health disparity from Sitkans and Sitka's Health Needs and Human Services organizations.

Thank you for your consideration of this goal.

Sincerely,
Cecilia Koai Dumouchel
Chair HNHS Commission

Health Needs and Human Services Commission Minutes

Tuesday, April 20, 2022 12:00 p.m.

Videoconference

Commission Members:

**Cecilia Dumouchel, Tristan Guevin,
Doug Osborne, Lakota Harden, Ellie Lo Re, Albert Duncan
Crystal Duncan (Assembly Liaison)**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Dumouchel called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: Cecilia Dumouchel (videoconference), Tristan Guevin (videoconference), Lakota Harden (videoconference), Ellie Lo Re (videoconference) Albert Duncan (videoconference)

Commissioners Absent: Doug Osborne (excused)

Assembly Liaison: Crystal Duncan

Staff Present: Jess Earnshaw, Deputy Clerk

III. CORRESPONDENCE /AGENDA CHANGES

None.

IV. PERSONS TO BE HEARD *(not to exceed 3 minutes)*

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. February 16, 2022

Harden moved to approve the minutes of February 16, 2022. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

VI. REPORTS

Chair – Chair Dumouchel welcomed newly appointed Commissioner Albert Duncan to the Health Needs and Human Services Commission.

Commissioners – The Health Needs and Humans Service Commission introduced themselves to Commissioner Albert Duncan. Commissioner Guevin spoke to revising Ordinance 2012-23 to include an STA representative on the commission to be appointed by the STA Tribal Council.

City Staff –None.

Assembly Liaison – Duncan said that the next Government to Government dinner would be on June 9th and the short-term town hall meeting would be on Monday, April 18th. Duncan spoke on a future diversity training.

Other(s) – None.

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Health Needs and Human Services Goals for 2022The Commission reviewed the establishing ordinance for a refresh on the purpose of the commission. The ordinance states that the primary purpose of the commission is to “address the health and social service needs and concerns of the community by undertaking specified duties, including monitoring and periodically reporting on vital information and current trends in health and human services”.

The commission voted to amend the previously passed 2022 Goals. The updated and final language of the goal was below:

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Guevin moved to approve the 2022 Goals as presented to the Health Needs Human Services Commission. Motion passes by unanimous vote.

B. People of the Global Majority in Sitka 2021 Health Report

The Commission had discussions to finalize the Sitka Health Equity Report this year with a specific focus on the following two topics:

1. Experiences of Racism in Sitka , 2. Public Safety and present the findings to the Assembly later in the year.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

IX. ADJOURNMENT

M- Osborne moved to adjourn the meeting. Seeing no objections, the meeting adjourned at 1:10 p.m.

Attest:
Jessica Earnshaw, Deputy Clerk