

Sponsors: Guevin/McConnell

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, Lauren Hughey, serving as the official City and Borough of Sitka liaison to the H.O.P.E. Coalition

MEMORANDUM

To: City and Borough of Sitka Assembly

From: Tristan Guevin, Assembly Liaison to the Health Needs and Human Services (HNHS) Commission

Subject: Approve HNHS Commissioner Lauren Hughey as the Official City Liaison to the H.O.P.E. Coalition for a Drug-Free Community

Date: December 15, 2015

At their December 8, 2015 meeting, the Health Needs and Human Services (HNHS) Commission unanimously recommended that the City and Borough of Sitka Assembly approve HNHS Commission member Lauren Hughey to serve as the official city liaison to the H.O.P.E. Coalition for a Drug-Free Sitka (see motion below).

M – Platson/S – Fribush moved to approve member Hughey of the Health Needs and Human Services Commission to serve as an official city liaison to the HOPE coalition. Motion carried unanimously.

Background Information: As a pre-requisite for applying to the U.S. 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 and the HNHS Commission assembly liaison, Tristan Guevin, felt that it would be best for a HNHS Commissioner to serve in this capacity. Commissioner Lauren Hughey volunteered to serve on the coalition and was unanimously recommended for assembly approval by the HNHS Commission.

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.