

Chapter 2.13 HEALTH NEEDS AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION

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2.13.010 Health needs and human services commission.

There shall be a commission known as the health needs and human services commission which shall be composed of seven members appointed by the assembly and, to the extent deemed advisable by the assembly, include professionals from among the fields of health and human services including medicine, psychology, public health, social services, public safety, public administration and other related fields. A member of the Sitka assembly will serve as a liaison for the commission. All members of the commission shall be at-large members and represent a diverse cross-section of the community. (Ord. [13-23](#) § 4 (part), 2013.)

2.13.020 Term.

The term of a member shall be three years or until a successor is appointed; except, term of the assembly liaison shall be for one year. The first members appointed to the commission shall, upon appointment, determine the length of the terms so that the terms of three members shall be for one year and the terms of two members shall be for two years, and the terms of two members shall be for three years, resulting in staggered terms for members subsequently appointed. A vacancy on the commission shall be filled by appointment by the assembly for any remainder of an unexpired term. (Ord. [13-23](#) § 4 (part), 2013.)

2.13.030 Meetings.

- A. Meet a minimum of four times per year at such times that the chair or, in his or her absence, the vice-chair shall determine.
 - B. Give reasonable public notice of its meetings and shall comply in all respects with the Alaska Open Meetings Law.
- (Ord. [13-23](#) § 4 (part), 2013.)

2.13.040 Organization.

The commission shall organize itself by electing a chairman, vice chairman, and secretary, each of whom shall be elected by the members of the commission at the first meeting of the fiscal year and shall serve a term to expire upon election of officers at the first meeting of the following fiscal year. (Ord. [13-23](#) § 4 (part), 2013.)

2.13.050 Resignation.

Should an officer resign from their position prior to expiration of their term, or otherwise is unable or unwilling to perform duties as required of the office, the commission may elect an officer to serve out the remainder of that term. In addition to the above officers, the commission, by a majority vote of its members, may designate and elect or appoint such other officers, assistant officers and agents as it deems necessary at such time, in such manner, and upon and for such terms as it shall prescribe. All officers and agents shall serve at the pleasure of the commission, whenever in its judgment the best interest of the commission will be served. (Ord. [13-23](#) § 4 (part), 2013.)

2.13.060 Powers and duties.

A. The commission will annually identify goals developed through the collection and consolidation of vital and current information on human service trends as well as public input. All goals shall be approved by the assembly prior to the commission initiating action. All findings of the commission will be made available to benefit and educate city and borough of Sitka decision-makers.

B. The commission will perform other activities which are necessary and proper to carry out the above duties and any other actions determined by the assembly to be beneficial to carry out the health and human service goals necessary in the city and borough of Sitka.

C. The commission will coordinate with local entities such as the Sitka Tribe of Alaska, Sitka Community Hospital, SEARHC as well as applicable nonprofits and local businesses providing health/human services to identify human service needs as well as to best streamline the collection and consolidation of vital and current information on human service needs.

(Ord. [13-23](#) § 4 (part), 2013.)

The Sitka General Code is current through Ordinance 19-15, passed April 23, 2019.

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