

Allegheny County Council

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Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, April 5, 2017

4:00 PM

Conference Room I

Committee on Health & Human Services

*John Palmiere, Chair; Thomas Baker, Patrick Catena, James Ellenbogen, Nick Futules,
Cindy Kirk, Paul Klein, Ed Kress, Robert Macey, Sue Means*

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 4:06.

Invited Guests:

William D. McKain, CPA, Allegheny County Manager or designee(s)
Dr. Karen Hacker, Director, Allegheny County Health Department

Mr. McKain was present from the Office of the County Manager.

Dr. Hacker, Mr. Parker, Mr. Slater and Ms. Wilson were present from the Health Department.

Mr. Barker was present from the Office of County Council.

II. Roll Call

Members Present: 2 - John Palmiere and Paul Klein

Members Absent: 5 - Jim Ellenbogen, Nick Futules, Cindy Kirk, Ed Kress and Sue Means

Members Phone: 2 - Tom Baker and Bob Macey

Members 1 - Patrick Catena

Non-Members:

Members Present: 2 - John Palmiere and Paul Klein

Members Absent: 5 - Jim Ellenbogen, Nick Futules, Cindy Kirk, Ed Kress and Sue Means

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Non-Members:

III. Approval of Minutes

[10105-17](#)

Motion to approve the minutes of the March 1, 2017 meeting of the Committee on Health & Human Services.

**A motion was made by Baker, seconded by Macey, that this matter be Passed.
The motion carried by a unanimous vote.**

IV. Agenda Items

Ordinances

[10039-17](#)

An Ordinance of the Council of the County of Allegheny ratifying amendments to Allegheny County Health Department Rules and Regulations pursuant to Section 12011 of the Local Health Administration Law, 16 P.S. §12001 et seq.

Sponsors: Chief Executive

At the request of the Chair, the clerk read the title of the bill and Dr. Hacker gave a brief overview of the proposed change, noting that the purpose is to modernize and streamline

the appeal and hearing regulations while making the procedure closer to those used by Commonwealth administrative agencies. Mr. Slater discussed the specific changes, noting the institution of the option for appointing a hearing officer, the regulations governing the appeal window, and discussing the changes to the hearing procedures.

Dr. Hacker noted that the proposed regulation was offered for public comment and that a handful of responses were offered, and that they were generally supportive of the changes. Mr. Slater discussed some of the comments that were received and the changes that were made in response, including changes to the rules relating to discovery, burden of proof, and the like.

In response to a question from Mr. Klein, Mr. Slater indicated that the new rule would be consistent with the procedures used by County and Commonwealth agencies that hear the same types of appeals.

A motion was made by Klein, seconded by Palmiere, that this matter be Affirmatively Recommended. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

V. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:16.