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# Health Needs and Human Services Commission Minutes

Tuesday, May 18, 2022 12:00 p.m.  
Harrigan Centennial Hall

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## 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, Tristan Guevin, Doug Osborne,  
Lakota Harden, Ellie Lo Re, Albert Duncan

Commissioners Absent: None.

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)*

Kari Sagel voiced concerns on childcare issues in Sitka.

### V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

#### A. April 20, 2022

**Harden moved to approve the minutes of April 20, 2022. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.**

### VI. REPORTS

Chair – Dumouchel announced that would be resigning after the July meeting.

Commissioners – Commission shared where they would like the commission to be in three months and in a year. General themes were that they would be an educating body that decision makers (Assembly, School Board, SEARHC) look to for information and support, they should aim to publish the Sitka Equity Report next year, put our energies toward the childcare issue in Sitka and be a model for other municipalities and work alongside the Health Coalition, Early Childhood Coalition, and STA to accomplish this goal.

City Staff –None.

Assembly Liaison – Duncan told the issue of winter accessibility would be going to Police & Fire Commission first and if needed they would come to the Health Needs and Human Services Commission for assistance.

Other(s) – None.

**VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**B. Sitka Health Equity Report**

Chair Dumouchel announced that Commissioner Guevin would be presenting the Health Needs and Human Services Commission 2022 Goals at the May 24<sup>th</sup> Assembly meeting. The Commission formed a working group to finalize experiences in racism portion for the Sitka Health Equity Report.

**VIII. NEW BUSINESS**

**C. Child Care in Sitka**

The Commission formed a working group to convene a town hall on childcare in Sitka and to seek solutions. They were looking to engaged stakeholder’s individuals, organizations in the community who are affected by and/or looking to solve the childcare accessibility issues in Sitka. And conduct research on what other municipalities and states are doing to address accessibility and affordability of childcare

**XI. ADJOURNMENT**

**M- Osborne moved to adjourn the meeting. Seeing no objections, the meeting adjourned at 1:15 p.m.**

Attest:  
Jessica Earnshaw, Deputy Clerk