

MEMORANDUM

To: Mayor Hunter and Members of the Assembly

From: Doug Osborne, Chair of the Health Needs and Human Services Commission

Subject: Health Needs and Human Services Commission 2017 Goals

Date: February 6, 2017

At the February 3rd meeting, our commission unanimously voted to submit the following two goals for you to review and potentially approve.

1. To improve the health of Sitkans, especially children, by providing leadership, education and support that could lead to the passage of a tobacco 21 policy, that would increase the minimum legal sales age to buy tobacco from 19 to 21.
2. Support the possible implementation of a sugar sweetened beverage tax ordinance and to create a Sitka Children's Health Fund with the money that would be collected annually.

The new 2017 goals are very similar to last year's. Our seven person commission is full and ready for another productive year.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Doug Osborne M.A.
Chair HNHS Commission