



**OFFICE OF MAYOR DONNA DEEGAN
TRANSITION HEALTH COMMITTEE
SUBCOMMITTEE ON PRIMARY AND DENTAL CARE ACCESS
MEETING MINUTES**

**MONDAY, JULY 24, 2023
6:00 – 7:30 PM**

Committee Members

PRESENT:

Carolyn McClanahan, M.D. – Health
Committee Chair
Dr. Sunil Joshi – Chief Health Officer
Lynn Sherman – Exec. Dir. of Health
Programs
Steven Nauman
Dennis Stone

Alexa Parsons
Mia Jones
Antonio Nichols
Paul Sapia
Ann-Marie Knight
Akilah Pope
Tra'Chella Johnson-Foy (via Teams)

ABSENT:

None

COJ Staff Support:

James Richardson
Trisha Bowles

Guests Present:

Call to Order

Dr. McClanahan called the meeting to order at 4 pm welcoming members and guests.

Chair's remarks

Dr. McClanahan thanked everyone for their time and insights and then shared how she went about drafting the report. She first took input from the committees to put together an assessment of the current conditions within the city trying to include key findings from each of the committees. She then gathered the three common areas each committee discussed and the recommendations under each group. She then put together the specific recommendations from each subcommittee.

Discussion Topics:

- **Review of Draft Transition Report**
- **Specific Recommendations from the Committee**

It was decided that the committee would go through the report by section and members would offer any suggestions. The majority of the time was spent with the specific committee recommendations.

There was much discussion around dentists and that they are not really participating in any concerted efforts and present a significant challenge. It was suggested that the Mayor could assist with this by convening them and strongly encouraging them to work with everyone to find ways to improve access and the provision of services. There was also much discussion about developing a website to share information and report progress in several areas.

After committee review of the report and suggestions, there was consensus agreement from the committee with the draft. Dr. McClanahan shared that she would go through this process with each committee and that she would share the final draft with everyone by the end of the month. Members would be encouraged to provide any last-minute input before the final was submitted.

There was a discussion of the plan for the committees after the transition. That would be determined and Lynn or Dr. Joshi would be in contact.

Comments from the Public

None