

Department of Community
and Human Services



LETTER OF INTENT FOR A COOPERATION

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Alexandria City Public Schools, Alexandria Department of Community and Human Services, Alexandria Health Department and Partnership for a Healthier Alexandria

In line with the development of a collaborative partnership, this letter of intent is in accordance with a mutual interest in developing aligned strategic plans for Alexandria City Public Schools, Alexandria Department of Community and Human Services, Alexandria Health Department and Partnership for a Healthier Alexandria. By working together as partners, the parties see the added value each can bring to fulfill this commitment. By aligning the work of these three critical plans it will be possible to maximize our collective community engagement, utilize and focus on the most important data, and to be galvanized to focus on our shared outcomes.

Specifically, each partner will contribute in the following ways:

Alexandria City Public Schools will:

- Gather, share and analyze relevant data
- Participate in and support joint community outreach events to gather input from community members
- Assign at least one person to sit on an “Alignment Steering Committee”
- Identify vulnerable populations to support targeted outreach and inform equitable strategies
- Develop and approve a joint Communications Plan
- Develop and approve a joint Engagement Plan
- Create a Strategic Plan that will be approved by the Alexandria School Board

The Department of Community and Human Services will:

- Gather, share and analyze relevant data
- Participate in and support joint community outreach events to gather input from community members
- Assign at least one person to sit on an “Alignment Steering Committee”
- Develop and approve a joint Communications Plan
- Develop and approve a joint Engagement Plan
- Create draft action plans and gather community input
- Create a Youth Master Plan that will be approved by the Children Youth and Families Collaborative Commission and the Alexandria City Council

The Alexandria Health Department will:

- Gather, share and analyze relevant data
- Participate in and support joint community outreach events to gather input from community members
- Assign at least one person to sit on an “Alignment Steering Committee”
- Do technical research into best practices to support SMART goals and objectives
- Identify vulnerable populations to support targeted outreach and inform equitable strategies
- Develop and approve a joint Communications Plan
- Develop and approve a joint Engagement Plan

The Partnership for a Healthier Alexandria will:

- Gather, share and analyze relevant data
- Participate in and support joint community outreach events to gather input from community members
- Assign at least one person to sit on an “Alignment Steering Committee”
- Identify vulnerable populations to support targeted outreach and inform equitable strategies
- Develop and approve a joint Communications Plan
- Develop and approve a joint Engagement Plan
- Create a Community Health Improvement Plan that will be approved by the Partnership for a Healthier Alexandria Steering Committee

All communications reflecting this unified planning process must be approved by the Unified Planning Process Committee before being released to the public.

The following will be applied as overarching themes to the respective plans:

Racial Equity – When race doesn’t determine quality of life, opportunities, and outcomes.

Developmental Assets approach – These 40 positive supports and strengths are building blocks that children and teenagers need as a foundation for growing up. Research shows that these assets can have a positive impact on young people’s lives.

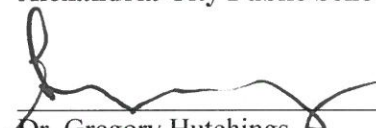
Trauma-informed – The increased awareness of trauma and adverse childhood experiences (ACES) will build a stronger more resilient trauma-informed community.

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are committed to working together to develop aligned strategic plans.

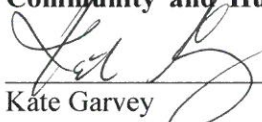
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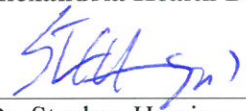
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