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**Ordinance to create Chapter 179C under Title 1, Article IX, Boards Commission Authorities to establish a Pittsburgh HIV/AIDS Commission.**

**Be it resolved by the Council of the City of Pittsburgh as follows:**

**Section 1. The Pittsburgh Code is hereby supplemented by adding, Title 1, Article IX, Boards, Commissions & Authorities, Chapter 179C, Pittsburgh HIV/AIDS Commission.**

**CHAPTER 179C: ESTABLISHMENT OF PITTSBURGH HIV/AIDS COMMISSION**

**179C.01 PURPOSE.**

The Pittsburgh HIV/AIDS Commission is hereby established to fulfill the following purposes:

1. Increase communication between service providers serving both consumers at high risk for HIV/AIDS and consumers living with HIV/AIDS.
2. Establish a collaborative of diverse community, business, academic and governmental agencies to assess needs, goals and objectives for effective HIV and STD prevention, education and treatment programs to better protect and serve the citizens of the Pittsburgh region.
3. Provide policy guidance, recommendations and consultation to the city's leadership and health community to remove barriers and promote achievement of goals and objectives set forth by the Commission.

**179C.02 COMMISSION MEMBERS.**

1. The Commission shall consist of maximum of thirty (30) members. Members shall serve for a term of four (4) years or until successors are appointed and qualified. The terms of the initial members shall be staggered. The Commission shall adopt such rules and regulations for its operations and procedures, as it deems necessary to implement this chapter. Commission members shall serve without compensation.
2. The members of the commission shall be appointed by ~~the Mayor~~ City Council upon the

recommendation of the steering committee and shall include the following:

- a. At least five (5) representatives from AIDS Service Organizations or those organizations serving people living with HIV.
  - b. At least five (5) representatives from neighborhood organizations, community groups and consumer (individuals infected by HIV/AIDS).
  - c. At least five (5) representatives from interested non-profit organizations, such as behavioral health, social services and housing agencies involved with the AIDS/HIV community.
  - d. At least two (2) representatives from Allegheny County Health Department.
  - e. At least five (5) members from academic or educational institutions.
  - f. At least one (1) representative from the Pennsylvania Department of Health.
  - g. At least five (5) representatives from the business sector;
  - h. At least two (2) Allegheny County Council Members and/or County Executive representative and/or a government representative from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.
3. Members of organizations whose services are needed to augment the work of the Commission shall be invited by the Commission to serve on an ad hoc basis, in committees, to address current issues.
  4. The Mayor and City Council members, or their designees, shall serve in an ex officio capacity.

### **179C.03 MEETINGS AND CHAIR.**

1. Within sixty (60) days of the confirmation of the appointments of all members of the Commission, the Commission shall convene to elect a chairperson by a roll call vote of the majority of the members of the Commission in attendance.
2. The Commission may also elect a vice-chair and other board officers, as needed.
3. The chairperson so elected shall serve for the remainder of the calendar year and for the following calendar year. Thereafter, an election shall be held in November of the second year, and the newly elected Chair shall begin serving at the following January meeting and shall serve for two (2) calendar years.
4. A vacancy in the position of chairperson of the Commission shall be filled by a roll call vote of the majority of the members of the Commission in attendance. The person selected shall serve temporarily until the end of the calendar year, with an election held in November, so that a duly elected Chair will

begin to serve on January 1 of the subsequent calendar year for a complete two-year term.

5. If an election for chairperson is not held, the last person holding the position of chairperson will act in that capacity until a successor is appointed and qualified.
6. The Commission shall meet quarterly, at a minimum, at a time and place designated by the Commission chairperson.
7. Five (5) members of the commission shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business and a simple majority vote of those present at any meeting is sufficient for any official action.

#### **179C.04 POWERS AND DUTIES OF COMMISSION.**

1. The Commission shall meet at least annually with the Mayor and City Council to establish priorities, goals and guidelines for its work to be conducted over the course of the year.
2. The Commission shall distribute its agendas and minutes to the Mayor and to Council members.
3. The Commission shall issue an Annual Report regarding its accomplishments to the Mayor and Council. This report shall be issued to the public via the Mayor's Office.
4. Activities of the Commission may include, but are not limited to:
  - a. Providing goals and objectives for effective programs which highlight prevention education and treatment programs to protect and serve the citizens of the Pittsburgh region.
  - b. Provide policy guidance, recommendations and consultation to the City's leadership and health community to remove barriers and promote achievement of goals and objectives set forth by the Commission.
  - c. Maintaining a clearinghouse of resource information.
  - d. Any other activities, consistent with existing laws and policies that further the mission of the Commission.

#### **179C.05 REAUTHORIZATION OF THE COMMISSION.**

The Council of the City of Pittsburgh shall reauthorize the Commission every five (5) years. Prior to reauthorization, the Commission shall report to the Council, detailing its efforts and to advise the Council on the functions of the Commission.

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**179C.06 EFFECTIVE DATE.**

The ordinance shall become effective upon the date the Mayor signs the enabling legislation.