

# PLANNING COMMISSION (COHAH) GENERAL BODY MEETING MINUTES

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 25, 2024, 6:00PM**

**ZOOM CONFERENCE AND VIDEO CALL**

ELECTRONIC – ONLINE MEETING

## ATTENDEES/ROLL CALL

COMMISSIONERS	PRESENT	ABSENT	COMMISSIONERS	PRESENT	ABSENT
Barnes, Clover (Ex-Officio)		X	Hutton, Kenya	X	
Barton, Jedidiah	X		Keita, Ramatoulaye	X	
Blocker, Lakisa	X				
Brown, Charles		X	Lewis, Rodney	X	
Camara, Farima	X		Massie, Jenné		X
Carney, Misty	X		McLain, Lenora	X	
Cauthen, Melvin	X		Mekonnen, Betelhem (Comm. Co-Chair)	X	
Clark, Lamont (Gov. Co-Chair)	X				
Coker, Sharon		X	Olinger, Joshua	X	
Cooper-Smith, Marjorie		X	Palmer, Kentrell	X	
Copley, Mackenzie	X		Penner, Murray	X	
Corbett, Wallace	X		Pettigrew, Kenneth (Ken)	X	
Cox, Derrick		X	Rakhmanina, Natella	X	
Dean, Traci		X	Ramos, Claudia	X	
DeMartino, Peter	X		Rhodes, Stefanie		X
Fogal, Doug		X	Sain, Philip	X	
Ford, Jasmine	X		Shaw-Richardson, Re'ginald	X	
Forman, Lynn	X		Stuckey, Christopher	X	
Gomez, Anna		X	Wallis, Jane (Comm. Vice-Chair)	X	
Gutierrez, Anthony		X	Yocum, Ashley	X	
Hickson, DeMarc	X				
RECIPIENT STAFF	PRESENT	ABSENT	PRESENTERS	PRESENT	ABSENT
Smith, Avemaria	X		Bruce, Monique	X	
HAHSTA STAFF	PRESENT	ABSENT	COMMISSION STAFF	PRESENT	ABSENT
Cooper, Stacey	X		Bailey, Patrice	X	
Jefferson, Regina	X		Johnson, Alan	X	
Orban, Julie	X				

## HIGHLIGHTS

*This is a draft version of the January 25, 2024, COHAH General Body Meeting Minutes which is subject to change. The final version will be approved on March 28, 2024.*

<b>AGENDA</b>	
<b>Item</b>	<b>Discussion</b>
<b>Call to Order</b>	Lamont C. called the meeting to order at 6:09 pm followed by the welcome, and a moment of silence. Attendance was taken via Zoom chat. With 26 of 34 voting commissioners present, a quorum was established.
<b>Review and Adoption of the Agenda</b>	Melvin C. asked for a motion to adopt the COHAH Agenda for January 25, 2024. The agenda was adopted unanimously via poll vote.
<b>Review and Approval of the Minutes</b>	Melvin asked for a motion to approve the December 14, 2023, Meeting Minutes. The minutes were approved unanimous via poll vote.
<b>Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program (RWHAP) Recipient Report/Updates</b>	<p><b>Avemaria S. presented the Recipient Report</b>            The Part A and Part A MAI report is being presented for the month of November for Grant Year 33. The full award, including carry-over dollars is in the amount of \$33,504,855.</p> <p><b><u>FISCAL STATUS</u></b>            At the time of reporting, twenty (26) of the twenty-six (26) providers have submitted payment requests that were processed.</p> <p><b><u>PART A FISCAL SUMMARY</u></b>            Part A expenditures were at 60% and should have been at 75%.</p> <p>Services spending 30% below expected were Housing Services (HS) due to their funding process and delays in their external review process and Other Professional Services (OPS) due to an increase that is in progress.</p> <p><b><u>PART A MAI FISCAL SUMMARY</u></b>            Part A MAI expenditures were at 57% and should have been at 75%.</p> <p>Services spending 30% below expected were Medical Case Management (MCM), Psychosocial Support Services (PSS), and Substance Abuse Services – Outpatient (SASO).</p> <p><b><u>RECIPIENT REPORT</u></b>            The Recipient is preparing to disseminate GY 34 continuation award letters before January 31, 2024.</p> <p>The Recipient will host its annual Part A &amp; B sub-recipient kickoff meeting on February 14, 2024</p>
<b>Ryan White Kahoot!</b>	Lamont facilitated a Kahoot game to test some and familiarize others on the Ryan White Program and the responsibilities of the COHAH.
<b>Standing Committee Updates</b>	<p><b>Research and Evaluation (REC) Committee reported by Lamont C.</b>            Lamont indicated that the REC meets on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month.</p> <p>On Friday January 12, 2024, the POWAB had a strategic planning meeting and discussed how they could move forward, using a needs assessment as a tool for soliciting funds. The REC will continue to work with the POWAB on</p>

developing the needs assessment. The POWAB is also looking to expand their network to include more places of worship.

**Community Engagement and Education Committee (CEEC) reported by Lamont.**

Lamont announced that Jenné Massey, CEEC Chair is on maternity leave. She delivered a baby girl and she and the baby are home and doing fine.

Jed B. reported that the Protocol Implementation 2.0 Summit is underway. It is tentatively scheduled for April 18, 2024. The framework of the summit will be in three blocks. Each block will be approximately an hour and designed with an introduction, a spotlight on an organization in the DMV, a presentation, question and answers, and 20 minutes for small group discussions. The topics are addressing stigma, social drivers of health, and caring for black women.

Alan J. reported that the Youth Summit is scheduled for February 23, 2024, at the Martin Luther King Library from 9:00am to 2:00pm. He anticipates 120-150 youth. The event will center around whole person health. Some of the activities include Trap Yoga, Go-Go High Impact Fitness Training, STI and HIV testing via the Brown Bag Program and HIV prevention and care services. Vendors to address hair care, nutrition, and entrepreneurship are also being considered. Anyone interested in participating in the event should contact Alan at [alan.johnson1@dc.gov](mailto:alan.johnson1@dc.gov). Lunch will be provided.

Lamont indicated that the CEEC meets every 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday at 5pm.

**Comprehensive Planning Committee (CPC) reported by Lamont.**

Lamont announced that this year, 2024, is a full Ryan White application year and PSRA process. Lamont asked if there were any suggestions or recommended adjustments needed to the PSRA process considering the changes in payment systems, the way each state has funded programs, and the number of job vacancies in HAHSTA that have impacted the data department and consequently the response time to data requests. It would be wise to submit any requests around July to be sure to receive responses by October.

**Integrated Strategies Committee (ISC) reported by Jane W.**

Naomi S. and Mehki W. gave a presentation on Medicaid - Part II: Examples of Jurisdictions' Medicaid MCO coverage of services for PLWH.

Naomi presented specific examples of Medicaid activities and services in different states namely New York City, Wisconsin, and Chicago. Mehki presented on the Medicaid Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) waivers and demonstration projects. Examples were taken from Maine, California, Illinois, and Missouri.

	<p>There was a lengthy discussion about the different topics that have been addressed in the COHAH and committees over the past five years, how resources can be advertised better, and how to keep the committees and community updated. One of the main topics of discussion was on LinkU. The committee will invite Ashley Coleman to the meeting in March to answer further questions. Get Checked DC was also a topic of discussion.</p> <p>ISC serves as the advisory board for EHE. However, there hasn't been a DC update due to the vacancies in HAHSTA. Lamont will ask if there is any new information to be obtained.</p>
<p><b>Lavender Lotis Presentation</b></p>	<p>Monique Bruce, Director of Lavender Lotis gave a presentation on Transforming Healthcare Through Community Support. The agency focuses on providing affordable and accessible healthcare to the LGBTQIA+ community through AI technology. Some of their programs are: collaborative Art and Wellness Exhibits, monthly community game nights, monthly clothing swaps, and holistic health consultations. Their three key concepts for better healthcare are cultural competence and sensitivity, inclusive and affirming practices, and access to comprehensive and culturally competent services. The agency is interested in working with and presenting to other agencies and non-profits. They will start with H.I.P.S.</p> <p>What makes this program stand out amongst the many other programs is their focus on technology. The app will track stress and mood as it relates to social determinants of health, be linked to consumers' electronic medical records (EMRs) and will amplify the voice and visibility of the Black Indigenous, and people of color, (BIPOC) by everything that's fed into the system. The app gives the consumer the ability to delete all of the information if the consumer chooses to. The app is also being translated into several languages, and it uses symbols more than words.</p>
<p><b>New Business</b></p>	<p>None noted.</p>
<p><b>Other Business</b></p>	<p><b>DC Jurisdictional Update was reported by Lamont.</b>          DC Health is moving at the end of February. Lamont indicated that Clover reported that DC Health had a Performance Oversight Meeting on Monday that went well.</p> <p><b>Virginia Jurisdictional Update was reported by Ashly Y.</b>          VDH is currently working on renewals for the Part B grants.</p> <p>VDH is hiring a Trauma Informed Specialist to work with the Part B program to incorporate trauma informed care, trauma informed healing center to purchase, and HIV portfolio. Ashley will send the announcement to Lamont for distribution.</p> <p><b>Maryland Jurisdictional Update was reported by Peter D.</b>          Peter reported that there are two department sponsored legislation in the general assembly. Non-occupational Post Exposure Prophylaxis (nPEP) will</p>

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	be heard before the committee next and the Giving Infants a Future Without Transmission (GIFT Act) will be heard the week after that.		
<b>ANNOUNCEMENTS/OTHER DISCUSSION</b>			
Lamont announced that there will be no COHAH meeting in the month of February. Dashiell S. North American Regional Director for Fast Track Cities announced The Continuum 2024 Conference is accepting abstracts for research and the 10 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Fast Track Cities Conference in Paris in October. He will put the information in the chat.			
<b>HANDOUTS</b>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• COHAH General Body Meeting Agenda for January 25, 2024</li> <li>• COHAH Meeting Minutes for December 13, 2023</li> <li>• Recipient Report</li> </ul>			
<b>MEETING ADJOURNED</b>	<b>7:00 pm</b>	<b>NEXT MEETING</b>	<b>THURSDAY, MARCH 28, 2024 6:00pm to 8:00pm ZOOM CONFERENCE AND VIDEO CALL</b>