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EXECUTIVE OPERATIONS COMMITTEE (EOC) MEETING MINUTES

THURSDAY, JANUARY 25, 2024 @ 5:00PM

ZOOM CONFERENCE AND VIDEO CALL

ELECTRONIC – ONLINE MEETING

ATTENDEES/ROLL CALL							
COMMISSIONERS	PRESENT	ABSENT					
Cauthen, Melvin	Х						
Clark, Lamont (Gov. Co-Chair)	Х						
Hutton, Kenya	Х						
Massie, Jenné		Х					
Wallis, Jane	Х						
RYAN WHITE RECIPIENT STAFF	PRESENT	ABSENT					
Smith, Avemaria (Recipient)	Х						
HAHSTA STAFF	PRESENT	ABSENT	COMMISSION SUPPORT STAFF	PRESENT	ABSENT		
			Bailey, Patrice X				
			Johnson, Alan	Х			

HIGHLIGHTS

NOTE: This is a draft version of the January 25, 2024, Executive Operations Committee (EOC) Meeting Minutes which is subject to change. The final version will be approved on March 28, 2024.

AGENDA

ITEM	DISCUSSION	
Call to Order Welcome and Introductions Roll/Call	Lamont C. called the meeting to order at 5:09 pm, followed by a moment of silence and introductions.	
Review and Adoption of the Agenda	Lamont assumed the motion to adopt the January 25, 2024, Meeting Agenda as presented.	
Review and Approval of the Meeting Minutes	Lamont assumed the motion to approve the EOC December 13, 2023, Meeting Minutes as presented.	
Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program (RWHAP) Recipient Updates/Concerns	Avemaria S. reported on the Recipient Report The Recipient is preparing to disseminate the GY 34 continuation award letters before January 31, 2024, and spending down GY 33 funds.	
Commission Administrative Business	Review and adoption of the COHAH Agenda for January 25, 2024. Lamont asked for a motion to adopt the COHAH General Body Meeting Agenda for December 13, 2023. Lamont indicated that an updated agenda was sent to include a presentation from Monique Bruce, Founder and Director of Lavender Lotus whose mission is to make healthcare affordable	



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and accessible, focusing on LGBTQ+ communities via AI. Lamont also allocated time for a Kahoot game asking Ryan White trivia questions to be played at the General Body meeting. Melvin C. made the motion. Kenyon H. seconded. The motion to approve the agenda was passed unanimously.

Research and Evaluation Committee (REC) reported by Lamont C.

Lamont reported that the REC continued their discussion about the development of a needs assessment for the POWAB. He further indicated that on Friday January 12, 2024, the POWAB had a strategic planning meeting and invited Dr. Anthony Fox, Division Chief, to discuss his vision for the POWAB. Lamont also attended in his capacity as COHAH Government Co-Chair and Interim REC Chair and presented on developing a 5-year plan.

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

Lamont reminded the committee that Jenné Massie, CEEC chair is on maternity leave. She delivered a baby girl, and they are both home safely and doing fine.

Jed B. secured the Kaiser Family Foundation as the venue for the Protocol Implementation Summit and scheduled the event for April 18, 2024. Jed is working with Rodney Lewis on the additions to the drafted agenda.

Standing Committee Updates/Concerns

Alan reported that the Youth Summit is scheduled for February 23, 2024, at the Martin Luther King Library. The event will center around whole person health for youth ages 13-19. He is working with Community In-Schools DC, youth coalitions, and others who have youth C.A.B.s to exemplify the voices of young people. Alan indicated that he would use the Ryan White funds for the venue, software systems for data collection and analysis and school buses to transport the teen to and from the library, COHAH is paying for food, and the additional Prevention funds will pay for swag, the Go-Go Band, the Brown Bag and Get Checked DC. Some of the activities proposed are a fitness trainer, mental health organizations, auxiliary services specific to youth, skin care/make-up activities, entrepreneurship, etc. Alan indicated that he cannot speak to specifics until after the meeting with HAHSTA's C.A.B. on tomorrow from 6:00 – 8:00 pm. There will also be incentives provided to the youth for engagement.

Comprehensive Planning Committee (CPC) reported by Mackenzie C.

Lamont announced 2024 as 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 and the way each state has funded programs.

Lamont indicated that Peter reported on two bills going before the general assembly. The Pharmacist provided non-occupational post exposure



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	prophylactics and the regulations around testing and reporting for syphilis and HIV associated pregnancies. Both bills identify the Health Department as providers of additional care engagement services. Therefore, Maryland must rethink how the work will be done, which feeds into a conversation about the HIV Integrated Plan and the EHE. Peter will provide testimony to the Senate Finance Committee next Monday (<i>sic</i>) and to the House Health Committee. If legislation makes it through the process, they will have a new law in place in October.
	Integrated Strategies Committee (ISC) reported by Jane W. Naomi Seiler and Mehki Washington presented on Medicaid Examples of Jurisdictions' Medicaid MCO coverage of services for PLWH. Naomi presented specific examples of Medicaid activities and services in different states. Wisconsin, Maine, and Chicago. Mehki presented on the Medicaid Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) waivers and demonstration projects that are designed for the population age 65+ and proposed some follow-up questions for HAHSTA, COHAH, and Medicaid. Next steps will involve more Medicaid presentations and involve HAHSTA.
	ISC will also request updates on the EHE programs in DC. There was a lengthy discussion about how resources are advertised. In particular LinkU and Get Tested DC. Lamot indicated that the marketing of LinkU is not within COHAH's purview however, Ashley Coleman can be
	asked to attend the March meeting to answer further questions.
Old Business	None noted.
New Business	None noted.
Announcements	There will not be any COHAH meetings in February because the office is moving to 2201 Shannon Pl. SE, Washington, DC (Union Square).

HANDOUTS

- January 25, 2024, Executive Operations Committee Agenda
- December 13, 2023, Executive Operations Committee Meeting Minutes
- January 25, 2024, Planning Commission (COHAH) General Body Meeting Agenda
- November Recipient Report

MEETING ADJOURNED	5:43 PM	NEXT MEETING	THURSDAY, MARCH 28, 2024 5:00pm to 6:00pm ZOOM CONFERENCE AND VIDEO CALL
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