

## **INTEGRATED STRATEGIES COMMITTEE (ISC)**

# **MEETING MINUTES**

**WEDNESDAY – APRIL 22, 2020 – 1:00PM TO 3:00PM**

**DC HEALTH-HAHSTA - 899 N. CAPITOL ST., NE; 4<sup>TH</sup> FLOOR; WASHINGTON, DC 20002**

<b>ATTENDEES/ROLL CALL</b>					
<b>COMMISSIONERS</b>	<b>PRESENT</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>	<b>GUESTS</b>	<b>PRESENT</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
Sarcia Adkins	X		Mackenzie Copley	X	
Farima Camara		X	Phillis Givens	X	
Melvin Cauthen	X		Roshaunda Harvey-Ingram	X	
Jasmine Ford		X	Naomi Seiler	X	
Ana Gomez	X		Dedra Spears-Johnson	X	
Kenya Hutton			Leslie Wooley	X	
Rama Keita		X			
Kaleef Morse	X				
Jane Wallis	X				
Jennifer Zoerkler	X				
<b>HAHSTA/ ADMINISTRATIVE AGENT REPRESENTATIVES</b>	<b>PRESENT</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>	<b>COMMISSION SUPPORT STAFF</b>	<b>PRESENT</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
Khalil Hassam	X		Patrice Bailey	X	
Ashley Coleman	X		Lamont Clark	X	
Leah Varga	X				

## **Highlights**

This is a draft version of the April 22, 2020 Integrated Strategies Committee (ISC) Meeting Minutes which is subject to change. The final version will be approved on May 27, 2020.

## **AGENDA**

<b>Item</b>	<b>Discussion</b>
<b>Call to Order</b>	Meeting called to order at 1:05 pm by Kaleef M. followed by a moment of silence. Attendees introduced themselves.
<b>Review and Approval of the Minutes</b>	Jane W. moved to approve the January 22, 2020 Minutes. Melvin C. seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved without further discussion.
<b>New Federal CARES Act for Ryan White Program</b>	Kaleef began the discussion by making the committee aware that HRSA had a webinar with all of their Ryan White Grant recipients on April 15, 2020 informing them that \$90M was provided to Ryan White Recipients as part of the CARES (Corona Virus Economic Relief) Act supporting the response to COVID-19

	<p>pandemic. In an effort to keep in-line with the Ending the Epidemic (ETE) plan, this money would allow Recipients to address three ‘pillars’ including Prevent (reduce risk of COVID-19 to HIV + persons), Prepare (enhance readiness to respond), and Respond (Assess, test, diagnose, treat, and limit the spread). Kaleef noted that on the webinar they gave examples of how Recipients could spend their money. He stressed that this is not regular Ryan White money and it could be used for COVID related activities dating back to January 20, 2020. The 75/25 provision that is a part of regular Ryan White money will not apply to this new money and the money should be allocated by the COHAH through a pseudo-PSRA process.</p> <p>All activities and services that this money is spent on must be used on services, activities and supplies used to prevent or minimize the spread of COVID-19 to RWAP clients. This initiative will provide the DC EMA with \$869,844 for a one year grant which started on April 1,2020. Those agencies who receive the money will have a series of reports including monthly, quarterly, a six month and a final report. He stated that the money has to be out on the street right away, therefore the COHAH has to allocate the money by May 14,2020 because by May 15, 2020 the Recipient has to provide a narrative and a budget of how the money will allocated. The COHAH will gather feedback about the needs of providers and clients. COHAH will also receive suggestions from the Recipient.</p> <p>At the moment some of the feedback that they are hearing is around three areas: food, tele-health, and housing support. He asked the members to reach out to their colleagues to see what other needs there may be. Sasha noted that finding housing has been difficult because the city government was quick to book up all of the possible hotels. Kaleef noted that HOPWA received \$1.6M to do housing support and they will collaborate with COHAH so services are not duplicated. He also noted that there was a call between the states in the jurisdiction in an effort to be able to maximize the funds. Dedra S. asked if they could ask the Recipient of there was a way to provide a percentage of the money as an advance.</p>
<p><b>Service Delivery During COVID-19</b></p>	<p>Kaleef asked the members to think about what they and their colleagues are doing during the pandemic. Dedra noted that her organization is trying to be more proactive with their clients by reaching out to them. They are also moving meetings and support groups online and utilizing tele-health for appointments. They are using Insta-cart to help deliver food. Kaleef noted some places are giving out gift cards instead of giving out food to limit contact. Roshaunda noted that pharmacies are doing medication deliveries. Melvin asked what platforms are people using in order to protect privacy. Dedra noted that they use Zoom for Healthcare. Ashley noted that the usage of LinkU has increased. She also noted that there are COVID-19 resources on LinkU as well.</p>
<p><b>ANNOUNCEMENTS/OTHER DISCUSSION</b></p>	
<p>Kaleef noted that their would be an All-Provider meeting on May 7,2020 via Zoom.</p>	
<p><b>HANDOUTS</b></p>	
<p>Agenda – April 22, 2020</p>	

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<b>MEETING ADJOURNED</b>	2:04 PM	<b>NEXT MEETING</b>	May 27, 2020 @ 1:00pm Online via Zoom
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