

# PLANNING COMMISSION (COHAH) GENERAL BODY MEETING MINUTES

**THURSDAY, APRIL 27, 2023 - 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		Massie, Jenné	X	
Brown, Charles		X	Mekonnen, Betelhem ( <i>Comm. Co-Chair</i> )	X	
Camara, Farima	X		Murdaugh, Henry		X
Carney, Misty		X	Olinger, Joshua	X	
Cauthen, Melvin	X		Padmore, Gerald	X	
Clark, Lamont (Gov. Co-Chair)	X		Palmer, Kentrell		X
Coker, Sharon		X	Penner, Murray		X
Cooper-Smith, Marjorie		X	Pettigrew, Kenneth	X	
Copley, Mackenzie		X	Rakhmanina, Natella	X	
Corbett, Wallace		X	Ramos, Claudia		X
Cox, Derrick	X		Rhodes, Stefanie		X
Dean, Traci	X		Sain, Philip	X	
DeMartino, Peter	X		Shaw-Richardson, Re'ginald	X	
Fogal, Doug	X		Wallis, Jane ( <i>Comm. Vice-Chair</i> )	X	
Ford, Jasmine	X		Washington, Antonio	X	
Forman, Lynn		X	Yocum, Ashley		X
Gomez, Ana		X			
Gutierrez, Anthony		X			
Hickson, DeMarc		X			
RECIPIENT STAFF	PRESENT	ABSENT	CONSULTANTS	PRESENT	ABSENT
Smith, Avemaria	X		Washington, Mehki	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 April 27, 2023, COHAH General Body Meeting Minutes which is subject to change. The final version will be approved on May 25, 2023.*

## AGENDA

Item	Discussion
Call to Order	The meeting was called to order by Lamont C. at 6:05 pm. Jane W. gave the welcome, followed by a moment of silence. Attendance was taken via Zoom chat. With 21 of 36 voting commissioners present, a quorum was established.
Review and Adoption of the Agenda	Lamont asked for a motion to adopt the agenda for April 27, 2023. Doug F. made the motion. Lakisa B. seconded. The agenda was adopted unanimously via poll vote.
Review and Approval of the Minutes	Lamont asked for a motion to approve the meeting minutes from March 23, 2023. Antonio W. made the motion. Natella R. seconded. The minutes were approved unanimously via poll vote.
Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program (RWHAP) Recipient Report/Updates	<p><b>Avemaria (Ave) S. presented the Recipient Report</b>            Due to mishaps and conversion issues in the new EGMS 2.0 system last month, a fiscal report was not generated. Subsequently, this Part A and Part A MAI report is being presented for the months of January and February.</p> <p><b><u>FISCAL STATUS</u></b>            For Part A and Part A MAI in January and February 2023, twenty (26) of twenty-eight (28) subrecipients submitted payment requests that were processed. Two (2) providers have not submitted their January or February invoices.</p> <p><b><u>PART A FISCAL SUMMARY</u></b>            In January Part A expenditures were at 65% and should have been at 92%.            Service areas affected by unprocessed invoices were Oral Health Care (OH), and Medical Transportation (MT).            Services spending 30% below expected were Outpatient/Ambulatory Health Services (OAHS), Early Intervention Services (EIS), Medical Case Management (MCM), and Food Bank/Home Delivered Meals (FBHDM).            In February, Part A expenditures were at 83% and should have been at 100%.            Service areas affected by unprocessed invoices were Outpatient/Ambulatory Health Services (OAHS), Early Intervention Services (EIS), Oral Health Care (OH), Medical Case Management (MCM), Non-Medical Case Management Services (NMCM), Outreach Services (OS), Medical Transportation (MT) and Psychosocial Support Services (PSS).</p>

	<p>Services spending at 30% below expected were Early Intervention Services (EIS), Medical Case Management (MCM), and Food Bank/Home Delivered Meals (FBHDM). The underspending is the result of \$270,000 of value enhancement money being returned. The subrecipient was aware that the funds would go unexpended. It was received and returned too late in GY 32 to reallocate to another service or provider however, it did not affect or interrupt any service delivery.</p> <p><b><u>PART A MAI FISCAL SUMMARY</u></b></p> <p>In January Part A MAI expenditures were at 65% and should have been at 92%. The unprocessed invoices did not impact MAI for January.</p> <p>Services spending 30% below expected were Outpatient/Ambulatory Health Services (OAHS) and Mental Health Services (MHS).</p> <p>In February, Part A MAI expenditures were at 78% and should have been at 100%.</p> <p>Service areas affected by unprocessed invoices were Outpatient/Ambulatory Health Services (OAHS) and Mental Health Services (MHS). Both of which are performing at 30% below expected.</p> <p><b>RECIPIENT REPORT</b></p> <p>There continues to be widespread challenges with processing invoices in the Electronic Grants Management System 2.0 (EGMS 2.0). As a result, a process was established to review and approve invoices outside of EGMS.</p> <p>Part A expenditures will continue to be paid and reconciled throughout the liquidation period. Expenditures are considered final when HRSA accepts the Recipients Final Expenditure Report.</p> <p>Of the twenty (26) Part A GY33 continuations, eighteen (18) are fully executed. The remaining eight (8) are moving along in the EGMS system. Service delivery is ongoing, despite the delays in fully executing the awards.</p>
<p><b>Health Equity          Paper          Presentation</b></p>	<p>Mehki W. of George Washington University presented “Advancing HIV Health Equity by Addressing Social Determinants of Health in the DC EMA”.</p> <p>Mekhi’s presentation consisted of an overview of the Health Equity Position Paper, and other accompanying documents including an Executive Summary and the COHAH Action Items list that were all developed over the last year. The paper looks at the role of seven key social determinates of health that are driving HIV inequities in the DC EMA and their findings i.e., Employment, Housing, Transportation, Food, Medical Care, Medical Mistrust and HIV Stigma, and Education.</p> <p>Mehki acknowledged and thanked her colleagues Naomi Seiler, Claire Heyison, Greg Dwyer and Taylor Turner for their hard work on the project.</p>



**Standing  
 Committee  
 Updates**

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

Discussions about the Consumer Needs Assessment continue. Three (3) interns have been onboarded to assist with the surveys. Julie gave further mention of the interns and indicated that two of the students have been placed at a subrecipient site in Virginia. Another will be placed at a subrecipient site in Montgomery County. Two more students are onboarding in May.

There has been an uptake of survey responses (358 were submitted, 282 are usable). DC numbers have been met. However, the numbers need to increase Maryland, Virginia and West Virginia. A total of 100 more responses are needed. The Survey is open until June. The IRB approved an extension to April of 2024.

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

Logistics for the PrEP Protocol Summit, previously discussed to take place in May is still being discussed and is likely to be postponed to a later date due to the lack of appropriate venue availability.

The D-Seeing Project is progressing well. The photo voice component of the project is coming to a close. There was not enough participation in the black heterosexual women group, therefore they will not be represented in the project. IRB approval needed to move forward to the institutional ethnography piece is pending.

CEEC continues to partner with HAHSTA on youth activities. HAHSTA staff attended a Youth Service Provider Summit last month led by Philip S. and Anthony Gutierrez. There were about 40 participants. Phil noted that it was a great networking opportunity to showcase the services they provide.

Lamont mentioned the day and time the CEEC meets as being every third Thursday of the month at 5:00 pm. All are welcome to join.

**Comprehensive Planning Committee (CPC) reported by Gerald P.**

The data request will be submitted to inform the PSRA processed. Gerald encouraged anyone with questions or interests that should be included in the request to let him know as soon as possible.

The Recipient provided the financial report.

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

Dr. Christie Olejemeh had reported on a survey that was released to gauge interest and client need for Child Care Services and that the Ryan White Program has a virtual Child Care Services community engagement event with Ryan White Providers scheduled for May 10, 2023.

Jane mentioned the ISC meets every fourth Wednesday at 1:00 pm. Melvin gave Jane kudos for spearheading the project.

	<p>Lamont announced the day and times of each committee meeting as follows:          REC every 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday at 3:00 pm          CEEC every 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday at 5:00 pm          CPC every 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday at 11:00 am          ISC every 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday at 1:00 pm</p>
<p><b>Other Business</b></p>	<p>Dashiell Sears, North American Regional Director for Fast-Track Cities, discussed the national workshop. The goal is to address and achieve the 95/95/95 goals under the fast-track cities global banner. In the US, they partner with EHE to help with tech assistance to consider and achieve their local goals. They are conducting a series of workshops in 19 cities across the U.S. entitled The Intra-jurisdictional EHE FTC Alignment Workshop that is dedicated to identifying gaps and barriers at the hyper local levels of what it takes to attain the EHE goals under the National EHE Strategy. Currently, four (4) workshops have been completed which were arranged in the following manner:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Welcome from IAPAC and Fast-Track Cities Institute</li> <li>• Session1-An Overview of the EHE Plan Status</li> <li>• Session 2-Identifying Cross-Cutting Challenges to Achieving EHE and FTC Objectives</li> <li>• Lunch break and discussion</li> <li>• Session 3-Moderated discussions on Implementation Opportunities for EHE and FTC</li> <li>• Rapporteur session and Wrap up</li> <li>• Closing remarks and call for solidarity</li> </ul> <p>Lamont will forward information Dash previously sent to him for more context. Dash is interested in conducting a workshop in DC at the end of July. Anyone interested in assisting with coordination is asked to meet with Dash separately. He would also like to meet with DCHealth staff that are involved with the EHE grants.</p> <p><b><u>Virginia Department of Health (VDH)</u></b>          Haley Gipson VDH HIV Services Coordinator reported the following on behalf of Ashely Yocum.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• VDH has appointed Dr. Karen Shelton as the new Health Commissioner effective May 1, 2023.</li> <li>• VDH is hosting its next Quality Management Advisory Committee Meeting on Wednesday, May 24, 2023.</li> <li>• VDH is working on Grant Yr. 22 close out and end of the year deliverables.</li> <li>• The Virginia ADAP Advisory Committee met last month and approved three new drugs, Januvia, Jardiance and Victoza to the Virginia MAP Formulary to treat Type 2 Diabetes.</li> <li>• VDH is proposing a model to change how uninsured clients access medications. VDH essential pharmacy clients will be able to also go</li> </ul>

	<p>to designated retail chain pharmacies and/or mail order pharmacies. Questions can be directed to Ms. Jones, Virginia Medicaid Assistant Specialist. Contact information will be entered in the chat.</p> <p><b><u>Maryland Department of Health (MDH)</u></b>          Peter D. reported that the Community Operational Response Engagement meetings continue every other Tuesday from 10 -11:30. On May 2, 2023, MDH will meet with a group of providers who wanted to have a conversation with the state about an increase in Latino MSM presenting for HIV care. On Thursday will be joined by the Maryland AIDS Drug Assistance Program and Medicaid to discuss unwinding meaning everyone needs to make sure they “re-up” their Medicaid eligibility.</p> <p>July 1<sup>st</sup> begins the state fiscal year and the budget period of allocation. Equity of impact and equity of reach adjustments will be implemented.</p> <p>MDH is preparing to launch the “Get Your Pride On” Campaign. The first event will begin on May 20<sup>th</sup> in preparation for PRIDE events. The state will launch an all-out campaign from May to October. It will include MPox and HIV prevention activities.</p>		
<p><b>New Business</b></p>	<p>None noted.</p>		
<p><b>Old Business</b></p>	<p>None noted.</p>		
<p><b>ANNOUNCEMENTS/OTHER DISCUSSION</b></p>			
<p>Clower announced that DC Health will participate in DC Black Pride and Capital Pride with a health hub at both events starting May 25, 2023. There is also a ball that night that DCHealth is actively involved and participating in. MPX injections, HIV testing, COVID testing and vaccines if available, and STI testing, PrEP START, Doxy-PrEP and PEP, education and fun give aways etc. will be provided.</p> <p>Clower also announced that anyone interested in working with the host committee for USCHA to send her an email or Anthony Fox. The theme for this year’s conference is Honoring Black Women. Lamont indicated that the abstracts for the conference are due tomorrow at 11:59 and that there are scholarships available through NMAC for those interested in attending.</p> <p>Lamont further announced that an email was sent out to certain commissioners from Patrice B. asking if they wanted to renew or resign from the COHAH at the end of their term in June. Please make sure you respond. He reiterated the importance of attending the committee meetings and encouraged everyone to attend at least one.</p>			
<p><b>HANDOUTS</b></p>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Planning Commission (COHAH) Meeting Agenda April 27, 2023</li> <li>• Meeting Minutes March 24, 2023</li> <li>• Recipient Reports for January and February 2023</li> </ul>			
<p><b>MEETING          ADJOURNED</b></p>	<p><b>7:20 pm</b></p>	<p><b>NEXT          MEETING</b></p>	<p><b>THURSDAY, MAY 25, 2023          6:00pm to 8:00pm          ZOOM CONFERENCE AND VIDEO CALL</b></p>

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