

PLANNING COMMISSION (COHAH) GENERAL BODY MEETING MINUTES

THURSDAY, MARCH 23, 2023 - 6:00PM

ZOOM CONFERENCE AND VIDEO CALL

ELECTRONIC – ONLINE MEETING

ATTENDEES/ROLL CALL					
COMMISSIONERS	PRESENT	ABSENT	COMMISSIONERS	PRESENT	ABSENT
Barnes, Clover (Ex-Officio)		Х	Hutton, Kenya	Х	
Barton, Jedidiah		Х	Keita, Ramatoulaye	Х	
Blocker, Lakisa		Х	Massie, Jenné	Х	
Brown, Charles		Х	Mekonnen, Betelhem (Comm. Co-Chair)	Х	
Camara, Farima		Х	Murdaugh, Henry	Х	
Carney, Misty		Х	Olinger, Joshua	Х	
Cauthen, Melvin		Х	Padmore, Gerald	Х	
Clark, Lamont (Gov. Co-Chair)	Х		Palmer, Kentrell		Х
Coker, Sharon		Х	Penner, Murray	Х	
Cooper-Smith, Marjorie	Х		Pettigrew, Kenneth		Х
Copley, Mackenzie		Х	Rakhmanina, Natella	Х	
Corbett, Wallace	Х		Ramos, Claudia		Х
Cox, Derrick		Х	Rhodes, Stefanie	Х	
Dean, Traci	Х		Sain, Philip	Х	
DeMartino, Peter	Х		Shaw-Richardson, Re'ginald	Х	
Fogal, Doug	Х		Wallis, Jane (Comm. Vice-Chair)	Х	
Ford, Jasmine	Х		Washington, Antonio	Х	
Forman, Lynn		Х	Yocum, Ashley	Х	
Gomez, Ana		Х			
Gutierrez. Anthony	Х				
Hickson, DeMarc	Х				
RECIPIENT STAFF	PRESENT	ABSENT		PRESENT	ABSENT
Smith, Avemaria	Х				
HAHSTA STAFF	PRESENT	ABSENT	COMMISSION STAFF	PRESENT	ABSENT
Cooper, Stacey	Х		Bailey, Patrice	Х	
·			Johnson, Alan	Х	



HIGHLIGHTS

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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 22 of 36 voting commissioners present, a quorum was established.			
Review and Adoption of the Agenda	Betelhem M. introduced the General Body Meeting Agenda for March 23, 2023. Lamont asked for a motion to adopt. Re'ginald S. made the motion. Kenya H. seconded. The agenda was adopted unanimously via poll vote.			
Review and Approval of the Minutes	Betelhem introduced the February 23, 2023, Meeting Minutes for the COHAH General Body Meeting. Lamont asked for a motion to approve. Murray P. made the motion. Antonio W. seconded. The minutes were approved unanimously via poll vote.			
Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program (RWHAP) Recipient Report/Updates	Avemaria (Ave) S. presented the Recipient Report The Enterprise Government Management System (EGMS) was taken offline temporarily, as reported at the last meeting, in preparation to launch EGMS 2.0. The launch took place as scheduled, however, there were conversion issues with the data and significant glitches in the system that resulted in an inability to provide a financial report this month. However, invoices continue to be paid and there has been no interruption in services. Grant Year 32 has been closed out. March began Grant Year 33. The January and February Financial Reports will be presented in April. At the last meeting Wallace C. expressed concerns about under-spending in correlation to service delivery. Ave provided a basic data slide that broke out GY 28, 29, and 30, 31, both pandemic years, and 32, the year of the new normal. Service delivery was lower during the pandemic but more than the GY 29 period probably due to the conversion to the fee for service model. In GY 32 to now, 12, 667 unique individuals have been served to date.			
Maryland Department of Health Updates	Peter DeMartino, PhD, Director of Infectious Disease Prevention and Health Services at the Maryland Department of Health and Amanda Reich, Deputy for the Maryland Center for STI Prevention, gave an update on activities in Maryland as a state. The presentation addressed the integrated planning process, the increase in perinatal HIV transmission in the last half of 2022, the rise of congenital syphilis, STI's in and STI data and the impact of the MDH network outage in December 2021, the launch of a new STI data system, gave resources for partner services for HIV/STI investigations across the state and a reminder about MPOX, MPOX funding, and how Maryland will use the funding as a catalyst for program changes. Peter noted that			



Maryland still has 800 vials of MPOX vaccines available. Contact the following link to request. mpox.response@maryland.gov. Anyone interested in MPOX prevention or being a site for the Direct Action Response Unit when it's up and running, contact mpx.response@maryland.gov.

In closing, Peter noted that the EHE Part C funded STI clinics for HIV integration will receive additional funding through the EHE initiatives for MPOX integration.

Research and Evaluation Committee (REC) reported by Lamont

The committee discussed the needs assessment. Lamont indicated that two students will join the DOH/HAHSTA to assist with the survey. Julie Orban submitted a personnel modification to include graduate student interns that will be working on the project. Of the five applicants, two students will be onboarding next Monday.

The extension request was recently submitted to the IRB as the current project was set to expire on April 22, 2023. Approval is pending.

There are currently 290 total submissions of the needs assessment, 235 are considered usable surveys. The goal is to obtain 411 survey responses. Lamont will provide a jurisdictional breakdown of the responses.

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

Standing Committee Updates

The PrEP Protocol Summit previously discussed to take place in May at the Human Rights Campaign (HRC) must be reconsidered. Anthony G. suggested Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday dates in June that do not conflict with PRIDE activities. Lamont suggested staying connected with HRC while exploring other venues that can accommodate 50-60 people.

There were discussions around other youth events. Anthony, and Philip Sain are part of a team, and Alan J. is part of a HAHSTA team who are engaged in the coordination and preparation of such events.

Comprehensive Planning Committee (CPC) reported by Gerald P.

The Recipient noted that a report was not available due to conversion issues with launching EGMS 2.0. Reports for January and February will be provided at the next meeting.

The data request will be submitted to the Recipient office before the next CPC meeting. Gerald asked to forward any suggestions or additional questions to himself, Lamont, Patrice, or Mackenzie Copley to add to the request.

Integrated Strategies Committee (ISC) reported by Jane W.

There was a quarterly EHE update presented by Ashley Coleman and Ashlee Wimberly that detailed the EHE initiatives, specifically the Intervention Services Program (ISP). Some highlights in the overall 2022 data were Get



Checked DC and the at home testing, PrEP numbers, and the Podcast. Emily Brown from Montgomery County also gave an update and their continued effort as it relates to the four pillars.

There was a brief discussion about the Health Equity Position Paper final draft. The full report is over thirty pages. The Executive Summary, which is easier to digest, will be sent out and presented in April. Jane plans to walk everyone through it in April and discuss how the COHAH can continue to advance in those positions.

HAHSTA is issuing a survey around the Child Care Standard and planning for a May 10th event to determine who would want to use the service standard and how.

Ashley Y. reported that there will be a Case Management Training on Unified Eligibility hosted by VCU AIDS Research Center /AIDS Educational Training Center (ARC/AETC) on April 25th.

The Virginia Department of Health (VDH) is currently wrapping up the Part B grant year which ends on March 31, 2023 and begin the Annual Progress Report. Grant managers will reach out to the Part A's for the expenditure data that is required for the Part B Women, Infants, Children and Youth (WICY) report.

VDH Part B programs received the Notice of Award for FY23 in the amount of \$26,181,764 which is an increase of \$337,000 to be distributed across the grant that includes MAI, ADAP, and Emerging Communities.

There are two new providers offering MAI services that focus on enrolling minority clients into VA MAP Services.

Other Business

A Virginia Consumer Advisory Committee (VACAC) Summit was held in Richmond, Virginia. Over 100 consumers attended. VDH gathered Needs Assessment data and held a Town Hall that provided feedback. The data is being synthesized.

VDH is working to revise the Virginia RW Part B HIV Case Management Standards based on Human Resources and Services Administration's (HRSA) Policy Clarification Notes. Updated standards can be viewed at https://www.vdh.virginia.gov/disease-prevention/disease-prevention/hiv-care-services/ryan-white-part-b-standards.

The 2023 VDH Part B Needs Assessment has been drafted and release to consumers is anticipated soon. The survey will be conducted via REDCap and PDF versions. It has been translated into Spanish and focuses on Transportation and Internet Access. Once the survey is completed and results are compiled, data specific to the EMA will be separated out and sent to Lamont.



Lamont reported on the HAHSTA Corrective Action Plan (CAP) that
responded to the HRSA Site Visit report in November 2022. The CAP
pointed out the error in one of the findings and the second finding is being
addressed via interviews for COHAH membership. Several applications have
been received. Patrice is coordinating Zoom interviews for each applicant
and may reach out for your participation on the interview panel.
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Lamont also reported on the OWL technology purchased to facilitate hybrid meetings and asked how to proceed. He further indicated that food may or may not be provided at the meetings due to several factors during COVID. Venues for the meetings are also being explored. The consensus via Zoom poll was to have hybrid meetings.

New Business Old Business None noted.

None noted.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/OTHER DISCUSSION

Lamont wished the Muslim community Ramadan Kareem and Ramadan Mubarak.

Jenne reported on the Strengths and Stressors study.

HANDOUTS

- Planning Commission (COHAH) Meeting Agenda March 23, 2023
- Meeting Minutes February 23, 2022

MEETING ADJOURNED	7:18 pm	NEXT MEETING	THURSDAY, APRIL 27, 2023 6:00pm to 8:00pm ZOOM CONFERENCE AND VIDEO CALL