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PLANNING COMMISSION (COHAH) GENERAL BODY MEETING MINUTES

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2021 - 6:00PM

ZOOM CONFERENCE AND VIDEO CALL

ELECTRONIC – ONLINE MEETING

ATTENDEES/ROLL CALL

COMMISSIONERS	PRESENT	ABSENT	COMMISSIONERS	PRESENT	ABSENT
Adkins, Sarcia		X	Keita, Ramatoulaye	X	
Blocker, Lakisa		X	Kharfen, Michael (DOH)	X	
Brown, Charles		X	Massie, Jenné		X
Camara, Farima		X	McBride, Dennis		ML
Carney, Misty	X		McClain, Lenora	X	
Cauthen, Melvin	X		Mekonnen, Betelhem	X	
Coker, Sharon	X		Murdaugh, Henry	X	
Cooper-Smith, Marjorie (DBH)		X	Padmore, Gerald	X	
Copley, Mackenzie	X		Rakhmanina, Natella	X	
Corbett, Wallace	X		Rhodes, Stefanie	X	
Cox, Derrick	X		Sain, Philip	X	
Dean, Traci	X		Shaw-Richardson, Re'ginald		X
DeMartino, Peter	X		Shazor, Charles		X
Fogal, Doug	X		Torre, Andrew	X	
Ford, Jasmine	X		Uyouko, Haris		X
Forman, Lynn	X		Wallis, Jane	X	
Gomez, Ana		X	Washington, Antonio	X	
Hickson, DeMarc	X		Yocum, Ashley	X	
Hutton, Kenya		X	Zoerkler, Jennifer	X	
RECIPIENT STAFF	PRESENT	ABSENT		PRESENT	ABSENT
Barnes, Clover	X		Visconti, Adam	X	
Beverly, Jason	X		Varga, Leah	X	
HAHSTA STAFF	PRESENT	ABSENT	COMMISSION STAFF	PRESENT	ABSENT
Pettigrew, Kenneth	X		Bailey, Patrice	x	
Fox, Anthony	X		Clark, Lamont	X	



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HIGHLIGHTS

This is a draft version of the February 25, 2021 COHAH General Body Meeting Minutes which is subject to change. The final version will be approved on March 25, 2020.

AGENDA

Item	Discussion
Call to Order	The meeting was called to order by Jennifer Z. at 6:11 pm, followed by a moment of silence.
Welcome and Introductions/Roll Call	Attendance of Commissioners was taken by Roll Call. With 23 commissioners present for roll call, quorum was established.
Review and Adoption of the Agenda	Doug F. motioned to adopt the February 25, 2021 COHAH Agenda. Antonio W. seconded. The voting was conducted via zoom polling. The agenda was adopted unanimously.
Review and Approval of the Minutes	Derrick C. motioned to approve the January 28, 2021 Meeting Minutes. Melvin C. seconded. The voting was conducted via zoom polling. The minutes were approved unanimously.
Ryan white HIV/AIDS Program (RWHAP) Recipient Report/Updates	<p>Clover Barnes reported for the Recipient</p> <p>Fiscal Status For Part A and Part A MAI in December 2020, (33) of (41) invoices have been received.</p> <p>Service Delivery Challenges None</p> <p>Part A Fiscal Summary Part A expenditures are 57% and should be 83%.</p> <p>Part A MAI Fiscal Summary Part A MAI expenditures are 63% and should be 83%.</p> <p>UBC Fiscal Summary UBC expenditures are 67% and should be 83%. Clover noted that they added the reprogramming funds to service categories that were previously overspent, so now they may seem to be underspent, however the numbers will all even out.</p> <p>RECIPIENT REPORT GY 30 Closeout. The Recipient and her team are working diligently to ensure funds are spent down as much as possible. HRSA anticipates significant underspending from Ryan White grants due to the COVID-19 pandemic. They do not anticipate having an unobligated balance large enough to cause the EMA to receive a penalty.</p>
Rapid ART Presentation	Adam Visconti MD, MPH, Chief Medical Officer and Jason Beverly, Supervisory Nurse Practitioner from DC Health presented on the Rapid ART Demonstration project that is underway at the DC Health and Wellness

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	<p>Center. The COHAH had previously provided start-up funds for this project. (Presentation available upon request).</p> <p>Of note:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - When COVID hit the first 760 cases in DC were referred to the Clinic - The Rapid ART program started in January 2019. - Anyone with a new HIV diagnosis is eligible. No limits on income or residency. - In 2019 they had 26 patients start on Rapid ART, in 2020 they had 77 patients start. - Of the newly diagnosed patients, 65% were started on their first visit and 89% were started within the first 14 days of diagnosis. - On average patients were achieving Viral Suppression within 60 days. - Next Steps for the program: They were able to hire a new ID Physician to expand HIV Care; They will add a new PrEP/ART Case Manager, and they will expand their outreach by working with CBOs on a referral program and create a PEP Hotline. <p>Kimberly S. noted that the Virginia Department of Health borrowed the DC protocols and they are now opening six (6) pilot sites. They are trying to make a collaborative comprehensive model. They are in Phase One of their pilot.</p>
<p>Standing Committee Updates</p>	<p><u>Community Education and Engagement Committee (CEEC) reported by Derrick C.</u> CEEC did not meet in February. They are putting together a "commercial" to advertise the CLS. They plan to have their session in April.</p> <p><u>Research and Evaluation Committee (REC) reported by Demarc H.</u> The REC met in February and discussed obtaining information for the Needs Assessment from the DC Cohort. They finalized their concept sheet which will be submitted to the Cohort. They will also look at other Needs Assessments across the country.</p> <p><u>Comprehensive Planning Committee (CPC) reported by Gerald P.</u> The CPC report mirrored the Recipient's report. They are planning to work on the Data Request and hope to submit it in April (to the Recipient).</p> <p><u>Integrated Strategies Committee (ISC) reported by Jane W.</u> They are finalizing the Immigration Paper. They reviewed the Health and Wellness standard as well as the Linguistics standard. They will review three other standards in March. They also had discussion around Child Care standard. Rama K. discussed what the COVID-19 Vaccination process looks like within her organization. The ISC hopes to have continued conversations around COVID vaccinations in an effort to lessen the medical mistrust that is prevalent amongst many communities in the EMA. Kimberly S. noted that a</p>



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	new portal just opened in Virginia (vaccinate.virginia.gov). Michael K. noted that DC is rotating zip codes. He also noted that there are also opportunities to get vaccinated through their provider.
Commission Administrative Business – Things to Do	<p>COHAH Vice-Chair Voting Jennifer noted that as of February 28, 2021 she will be leaving COHAH and stepping down as Community Co-Chair. Sarcia A., current Community Vice-Chair will then become the Community Co-Chair. Therefore, a new Community Vice Chair needs to be elected. Betelhem M. was the only nominee. Betelhem provided an overview of her personal and professional skills, experiences and interests.</p> <p>The COHAH voted unanimously for Betelhem M. to become the new Vice-Chair.</p> <p>At-Large Executive Operations Committee Member Nomination Melvin C. was nominated to fill the At-Large member seat on the Executive Operations Committee. Melvin provided an overview of his personal and professional skills, experiences and interests.</p> <p>The COHAH voted unanimously for Melvin to become the new At-Large EOC member.</p>
Old Business	N/A
New Business	
ANNOUNCEMENTS/OTHER DISCUSSION	
<p>Lamont C. announced that Ken Pettigrew has been chosen as the next Government Co-Chair. He will become officially Government Co-Chair when he gets sworn in by MOTA.</p> <p>Ken noted that there will be a live stream event with the Center for Black equity on Friday February 26, 2021.</p> <p>Regina J. noted that POWAB is seeking to collaborate with service providers to help communities in need during this pandemic.</p> <p>Jennifer announced she recently got married. She also said her farewell to the COHAH.</p>	
HANDOUTS	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Planning Commission (COHAH) Meeting Agenda, February 25, 2021 Planning Commission (COHAH) Meeting Minutes, January 28, 2021 Monthly Fiscal and Recipient Report (Part A and Part A MAI Funding) Year 29 – Reporting Period: December 2020 GY30 Spending Presentation 	

MEETING ADJOURNED	8:02 PM	NEXT MEETING	THURSDAY, MARCH 25, 2021 6:00pm to 8:00pm ZOOM CONFERENCE AND VIDEO CALL
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