

# PLANNING COMMISSION (COHAH) GENERAL BODY MEETING MINUTES

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2022 - 6:00PM

# **ZOOM CONFERENCE AND VIDEO CALL**

**ELECTRONIC – ONLINE MEETING** 

ATTENDEES/ROLL CALL							
COMMISSIONERS	PRESENT	ABSENT	COMMISSIONERS	PRESENT	ABSENT		
Adkins, Sarcia (Comm. Co-Chair)	Х		Gomez, Ana		Х		
Barnes, Clover (Ex-Officio)	Х		Guitierrez, Anthony		Х		
Blocker, Lakisa		Х	Hickson, DeMarc	Х			
Brown, Charles	Х		Hutton, Kenya	Х			
Bryant, Larry		Х	Keita, Ramatoulaye	Х			
Camara, Farima	Х		Massie, Jenné	Х			
Carney, Misty	Х		McClain, Lenora	Х			
Cauthen, Melvin	Х		Mekonnen, Betelhem (Comm. Vice-Chair)	Х			
Clark, Lamont (Gov. Co-Chair)	Х		Murdaugh, Henry	Х			
Coker, Sharon	Х		Palmer, Kentrell		Х		
Cooper-Smith, Marjorie	Х		Padmore, Gerald	Х			
Copley, Mackenzie	Х		Pettigrew, Kenneth	Х			
Corbett, Wallace	Х		Rakhmanina, Natella	Х			
Cox, Derrick	Х		Rhodes, Stefanie		Х		
Dean, Traci	Х		Sain, Philip	Х			
DeMartino, Peter	Х		Shaw-Richardson, Re'ginald	Х			
Fogal, Doug	Х		Torre, Andrew		Х		
Ford, Jasmine	Х		Wallis, Jane	Х			
Forman, Lynn	Х		Washington, Antonio	Х			
			Yocum, Ashley	Х			
RECIPIENT STAFF	PRESENT	ABSENT		PRESENT	ABSENT		
Lago, Lena	Х		Ally, Shabeen	Х			
Edwards, Jason	Х						
Fortune, Ebony	Х						
HAHSTA STAFF	PRESENT	ABSENT	COMMISSION STAFF	PRESENT	ABSENT		
Fox, Anthony	Х		Bailey, Patrice	Х			
Jefferson, Regina	X		Johnson, Alan	Х			
Varga, Leah	Х						



# **HIGHLIGHTS**

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AGENDA					
Item	Discussion				
Call to Order	The meeting was called to order by Lamont C. at 6:10 pm, followed by a moment of silence.				
Welcome and Introductions/Roll Call	Attendance of Commissioners was taken via submission in the chat box. With 32 commissioners present for roll call, quorum was established.				
Review and Adoption of the Agenda	Betelhem M. assumed the motion to adopt the agenda for February 24, 2022. There were no changes to the agenda. The agenda was adopted unanimously by poll vote.				
Review and Approval of the Minutes	Betelhem assumed the motioned to approve the January 27, 2021, meeting minutes. There were no changes to the minutes. The minutes were approved unanimously by poll vote.				
Ryan white HIV/AIDS Program (RWHAP) Recipient Report/Updates	Lena Lago presented the Recipient Report The GY 32 partial award has been received in the amount \$10,168,601 and starts March 1, 2022.  FISCAL STATUS For Part A and Part A MAI, in December 2021, 29 of 39 invoices have been received.  There are no service delivery challenges for DC, Maryland, or Virginia.  PART A FISCAL SUMMARY Part A expenditures are at 53% and should be at 83%.  Service areas affected by unprocessed invoices are Early Intervention Services (EIS), Regional Early Intervention Services (REIS), Health Insurance Premium and Cost Sharing Assistance (HIPCSA), Home and Community-Based Health Services (HCBS), Medical Nutrition Therapy (MNT), Outreach Services (OS), and Psychosocial Support Services (PSS).  The services spending 30% below expected are Early Intervention Services (EIS), Regional Early Intervention Services (EIS), Health Insurance Premium and Cost Sharing Assistance (HIPCSA), Home and Community-Based Health Services (HCBS), Medical Nutrition Therapy (MNT), and Psychosocial Support Services (PSS).  There are no services spending 30% above expected.  PART A MAI FISCAL SUMMARY Part A MAI expenditures are at 57% and should be at 83%.				



The service areas affected by unprocessed invoices are Outpatient/Ambulatory Health Services (OAHS), and Substance Abuse Services –Outpatient (SASO).

Services spending 30% below expected are Early Intervention Services (EIS), and Substance Abuse Services – Outpatient (SASO).

There are no services spending 30% above expected.

# **UBC FISCAL SUMMARY**

UBC expenditures are at 75% and should be at 83%.

There are no service areas affected by unprocessed invoices.

The services spending 30% below expected are Oral Health Care (OH), and Substance Abuse Services –Outpatient (SASO).

There are no services spending 30% above expected.

### RECIPIENT REPORT

The GY 32 RFA Part A awards were released on February 4, 2022. There are 28 sub-recipients that will be awarded funds. The subrecipient meeting was held on February 16, 2022.

GY 31 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. HRSA has waived the underspending penalties for Parts A and B for FY 20 and FY 21. Carryover will be requested for the underspending that will take us into the first part of the grant year.

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

The committee continued to work on the Needs Assessment tool. The GW team, led by Greg D. put the survey tool into RedCap. The committee is testing the tool for inconsistencies and glitches, and how long it will take to complete under different circumstances and on different devices. Leah V. and the HAHSTA team will submit the tool to the DC Health Internal Review Board (IRB) for approval and move forward with a logistical implementation plan to get it out on the street. Additionally, Leah added that the survey will be translated into the various mandated languages.

# Standing Committee Updates

Alan J. and Patrice B. of the COHAH staff have been reaching out to other EMA's to find out how they conduct their needs assessments. The information they obtain will be discussed and taken into account for conducting our needs assessment in future years.

Community Education and Engagement Committee (CEEC) reported by Jenné M.



Jenné indicated that the committee launched the website and social media pages with the form to start collecting names and places for the on-going DMV History project. Submissions can be done via online form or by reaching out to Ken P., Emily B., or Jenné. The next step is to have a one or two hour training in April for anyone who is interested in learning how to collect the stories. More information is forthcoming.

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

The committee reviewed the Recipient report and discussed the best way to reallocate funding if necessary.

There was discussion about how Ryan White dollars are used in support of housing and how other service categories can or cannot be added to line items or receive funding.

Housing services and other funded and unfunded service categories are something the committee should be thinking about as they formulate what they want PSRA to look like. Gerald encouraged anyone who knows of any service needs that are not currently funded to bring their ideas to the next CPC meeting scheduled for March 23, 2022 at 11:00am.

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

Jane expressed her excitement about having Naomi S.'s students from GW attending the ISC meeting.

The committee continued working on the Health Equity position paper. This month they focused on HIV stigma and medical mistrust. The conversations are making an impact on the work the committee is doing. The committee will continue to work through the different pieces of equity and how to best disseminate to all. There are three more sections of the paper to go through before having it ready for distribution.

Ken P. presented a tool called ESTCLAE, Ending Stigma Through Collaboration Lifting All Empowerment, that NMAC uses to help organizations and providers understand and evaluate HIV stigma. Next month a DC provider that's utilizing the tool will come to present on how it is working for them.

The committee had an update on the childcare standard and the potential pilot program. HRSA gave the okay to proceed with local guidance meaning if OSSE gave instructions on how it is permitted, we can proceed with next steps.

Finally, the committee had the first Ending the Epidemic (EHE) update given by HAHSTA. The next one is in April. Jane encouraged everyone to come to the meetings. Melvin C. added that the committee wants to make the paper as diverse as possible and have the voices of the entire EMA. Lamont added the he is going to open the Basecamp up for the General Body so



that those interested can add to the conversation. He also encouraged everyone to join other committee meetings when they can.  Lamont indicated that because COHAH has not had a retreat in a few years, mini sessions will be conducted throughout the year. Tonight, Lamont will present on the Roles and Responsibilities of COHAH commissioners.
Lamont encouraged everyone to Invite people to our meetings.
N/A
Commissioner terms – Some commission terms are expiring and many have expressed a desire to renew their term. However, some, like Sarcia A. cannot. Sarcia's employers want to cycle people in and out and asked Sarcia not to renew her term. Therefore, so she'll be stepping down from her position as Community Chair and Betelhem M.will step into that role leaving the Vice Chair position available. Next month in March we will take nomination for the Vice Chair. If you have any questions about the Vice Chair position contact Lamont.

# **ANNOUNCEMENTS/OTHER DISCUSSION**

Melvin announced that they are interviewing for a Program Manager next week for the STI program. He will send Lamont the details. Anyone who has questions, please reach out to Melvin directly.

Doug F. announced that FAHASS is looking for a bi, gay man of color to run a program called Empowerment and also be on their Service Navigation Team. He will give the information to Lamont for distribution.

Zorayda announced the grand opening for AIDS Healthcare Foundation in Falls Church on March 10, 2022. She asked Lamont to share the invitation.

Jenné is putting together a community advisory board called Prism to develop an intersectional stigma measure for young black bi and gay and other msm, ages 15-34. Jenné will send information to Lamont for anyone interested. The commitment to participate is for one meeting. Jenné will also share a flyer for a project Irene Coe is doing.

Peter D. announced that the Maryland Department of Health is experiencing a network outage. They do not have access to their client data system which means the normal engagement process is interrupted. Please check their website which has all the FAQs anyone needs to know relating to MADAP. Client applications and questions can also be submitted to a general email at, client.services@maryland.gov or call 410-676-6535.

Happy Birthday to Mackenzie C. and Happy Birthday to Jane W.



Lamont sent the AHF information via email. He will also send out the calendar for the 2022 committee meetings. Anyone interested in a particular committee should send him an email with the committee name and he will include you in the listserv for that committee. Also, at the beginning of every month he sends out a "News You Can Use" email that gives the schedule of meetings for the month.

# **HANDOUTS**

- Planning Commission (COHAH) Meeting Agenda, February 24, 2022
- Planning Commission (COHAH) Meeting Minutes, January 24, 2022
- Monthly Fiscal and Recipient Report (Part A and Part A MAI Funding) Year 30 Reporting Period: December 2021

MEETING ADJOURNED 7:1	4PM NEXT MEETING	THURSDAY, MARCH 24, 2022 6:00pm to 8:00pm ZOOM CONFERENCE AND VIDEO CALL
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