

INTEGRATED STRATEGIES COMMITTEE (ISC) MEETING AGENDA

WEDNESDAY AUGUST 28, 2024 – 1:00PM TO 3:00PM

ONLINE MEETING VIA ZOOM

Note: all times are approximate

1:05 pm	1. Call To Order and Moment of Silence 2. Welcome and Introductions
1:10 pm	3. Review and Approve the Agenda for August 28, 2024 4. Review and Approve the Minutes from July 24, 2024
1:15 pm	5. Check-In – How are YOU!?
1:30 pm	6. EFA Rate Follow-up Discussion
2:15 pm	7. Other Business
2:30 pm	8. Future Agenda Items
2:45 pm	9. Announcements & Adjournment
<u>NEXT INTEGRATED STRATEGIES COMMITTEE (ISC) MEETING:</u>	SEPTEMBER 26, 2024 3PM ELECTRONIC MEETING VIA ZOOM

INTEGRATED STRATEGIES COMMITTEE (ISC) MEETING MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, JULY 24, 2024 - 1:00PM

ZOOM CONFERENCE AND VIDEO CALL

ELECTRONIC – ONLINE MEETING

ATTENDEES/ROLL CALL					
COMMISSIONERS	PRESENT	ABSENT	COMMITTEE MEMBERS	PRESENT	ABSENT
Camara, Farima		X			
Cameron-Sichone, Martha	X				
Cauthen, Melvin	X				
Clark, Lamont (Govt. Co-chair)	X		CONSULTANTS		
Copley, Mackenzie		X	Seiler, Naomi	X	
Gomez, Ana		X	Washington, Mehki	X	
Hutton, Kenya		X	COMMUNITY PARTNERS/GUESTS	PRESENT	ABSENT
Keita, Ramatoulaye	X				
Lewis, Jason	X				
Pettigrew, Kenneth	X		PRESENTERS	PRESENT	ABSENT
Shaw-Richardson, Re'ginald	X				
Wallis, Jane	X				
Yocum, Ashley	X				
			COMMISSION SUPPORT STAFF	PRESENT	ABSENT
RYAN WHITE RECIPIENT STAFF	PRESENT	ABSENT	Bailey, Patrice	X	
			Johnson, Alan	X	
HAHSTA STAFF	PRESENT	ABSENT			
Cooper, Stacey	X				
Orban, Julie	X				
Middlebrook, Courtney	X				

NOTE: This is a draft version of the July 24, 2024, Integrated Strategies Committee (ISC) Meeting Minutes which is subject to change. The final version will be approved on August 28, 2024.

AGENDA	
ITEM	DISCUSSION
Call to Order	Jane W. called the meeting to order at 1:05 pm followed by a moment of silence and introductions.
Review and Approval of the Agenda	With no corrections noted or additions to the July 24, 2024, Meeting Agenda, Jane assumed the motion to approve the agenda as presented.
Review and Approval of the Minutes	With no corrections noted on the June 26, 2024, Meeting Minutes, Jane assumed the motion to approve the minutes as presented.
Check-In	<p>Melvin C. reported that the Pride on the Plaza event was a great success. Full panel testing for HIV and STI's were offered for the first time. Twenty people were expected but they had 44. There were about 60 HIV test and 15 at home test given. The plan next year is to expand on the full panel and offer onsite PrEP and Same Day PrEP. Although Pride was a success, Maryland is going through a big funding issue and Montgomery and Prince Georges Counties are feeling the effects.</p> <p>Ken P. reported that Heart to Hand has lost some funding as well. Ken further reported his delight in having the opportunity to sit in the cockpit of a plane on his 60th birthday.</p> <p>Jane announced that she is hiring for a few roles at Grass Roots Health. She encouraged everyone who may have to layoff staff to send them her way to potentially fill some of her positions.</p>
EFA Rate Update Discussion	<p>Lamont noted that a request from service providers have prompted discussions in the past few months around increasing the budget amount of Emergency Financial Assistance (EFA) to accommodate the reported increased need. The pandemic and the discontinuance of the moratoriums, and inflation have caused an increase in rents, utilities and food. The EFA rate has not been raised since 2018. The Recipient presented a report last month that addressed the many variables and challenges in deciding to reallocate funds to the EFA service standard.</p> <p>Martha noted that HRSA had approved the use of funds for rental deposits and noted that other jurisdictions have implemented it and may be used as a template for DC to help raise the efficiency of the emergency financial assistance service. Lamont responded that the Recipient would look at all service areas and reallocate on as needed basis. There has also been discussion about the sustainability of such reallocations considering the budget cuts. Lamont noted that he questioned DC's jurisdictional counterparts about their best practices around EFA. Maryland does not fund EFA. Alternatively, they allocate</p>



	<p>sufficient funds to rents, food and utilities to avoid having an emergency need. Virginia does something similar. Further, Lamont researched jurisdictions in other major cities like New York, Philadelphia and Houston and discovered that they allocate less than DC. DC provides the highest percentage of the overall budget and the highest number of monies towards EFA than any other jurisdiction in the nation. There needs to be some long-term planning to help DC residents avoid emergency situations but it's not an immediate fix. The Recipient will inform the COHAH from where and how much money can be moved to accommodate the need. It may not be a solution that will please everyone.</p>
Other Business	<p>The Integrated Plan and the Status Neutral Needs Assessment flyers are still being translated into Spanish and Amharic, and the infographics are being updated.</p>
Future Agenda Items	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EFA Discussion • Medicaid tabled until after PSRA.
ANNOUNCEMENTS/ OTHER DISCUSSION	<p>Lamont announced that the PSRA jurisdictional meetings will take place this August because it is a full application year. Julie O. is responsible for putting the application together. COHAH's responsibility is the Priority Setting and Resource Allocation (PSRA) process. The Virginia jurisdictional meeting is scheduled for August 6th, DC is on August 7th and Maryland is on August 8th. All meetings will be virtual from 10:00am – 12:00pm. COHAH members are required to attend the meeting in their jurisdiction. Non-COHAH members who are interested in attending a jurisdictional meeting should contact Lamont or Patrice B. to receive the meeting notifications for the desired jurisdiction/s.</p> <p>Jason L. asked if there is a central electronic location for all documents relating to the COHAH. Lamont indicated that Basecamp was previously used for that purpose, however, no one was using it consequently, the government ceased payment for it. He will consider using another platform (ex. Google drive, the suggested BOX, SharePoint or some other platform) to begin housing documents again.</p>
HANDOUTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • July 24, 2024, Integrated Strategies Committee Meeting Agenda • June 26, 2024, Integrated Strategies Committee Meeting Minutes

MEETING ADJOURNED	2:02 PM	NEXT MEETING	WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 28, 2024 1:00pm to 3:00pm ZOOM CONFERENCE AND VIDEO CALL
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