

## **INTEGRATED STRATEGIES COMMITTEE (ISC) MEETING MINUTES**

**WEDNESDAY – JUNE 19, 2019 – 1:00PM TO 3:00PM**

**DC HEALTH-HAHSTA - 899 N. CAPITOL ST., NE; 4<sup>TH</sup> FLOOR; WASHINGTON, DC 20002**

<b>ATTENDEES/ROLL CALL</b>					
<b>COMMISSIONERS</b>	<b>PRESENT</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>	<b>GUESTS</b>	<b>PRESENT</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
Sarcia Adkins	X		Greg Dwyer	CC	
Farima Camara		X	Claire Heyison	CC	
Melvin Cauthen	X		Dedra Spears-Johnson	X	
Ana Gomez		X	Anne Wiseman	X	
Kenya Hutton		X			
Rama Keita	X				
Dennis McBride		X			
Kaleef Morse	X				
Jane Wallis		X			
Jennifer Zoerkler	CC				
<b>HAHSTA/ ADMINISTRATIVE            AGENT REPRESENTATIVES</b>	<b>PRESENT</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>	<b>COMMISSION SUPPORT STAFF</b>	<b>PRESENT</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
Leah Varga	X		Patrice Bailey	X	
Baron Bell	X		Lamont Clark	X	

<b>AGENDA</b>	
<b>Item</b>	<b>Discussion</b>
<b>Call to Order</b>	Meeting called to order at 1:12pm by Kaleef M. followed by a moment of silence. Attendees introduced themselves.
<b>Review and Approval of the Minutes</b>	Jennifer Z. moved to approve the May 15, 2019 minutes. The motion was seconded and approved.



**DC EMA Housing  
 Affordability Gap  
 Study**

Baron Bell, Administrative Specialist in the HOPWA program of HAHSTA provided a presentation on the DC EMA Housing Affordability Gap Study. Key points included:

- HOPWA receives approximately \$11M for the DC EMSA
- The HOPWA formula changed in 2016 from cumulative cases to Persons Living with HIV which didn't impact DC as much as it did other areas
- The cost of living in DC is much higher than in many other areas
- DC was ranked #6 out of 30 high cost areas in a HUD study
- Between 2005 and 2016 rents increased over 46% but income had only increased over 25%
- In the American Housing Survey by the Census Bureau DC ranked #2 in highest housing cost of largest metro areas
- DC ranked #5 in highest Median Utility Costs
- The definition of Temporary/Transitional Housing has changed from '24 months' to "within a time period that is set by the participating jurisdiction or project owner before occupancy." Which means clients know that clients who enter the program know that they will not be in it for a long time.
- The waitlist for HOPWA is currently shut down because they cannot meet the demand, particularly with the rising costs of rental units.
- The Fair Market Rate (FMR) from HUD isn't meeting the actual rent rates in the area
- ACS data estimates for DC were that 22,340 renter households had incomes below between 31% and 50% of the Area Median Income. (\$35,151-\$58,600 based upon a household size of 4 in 2018). These households are considered Very Low Income. Of total Very Low Income households 14,860 or 66% were cost burdened. Of these households, 5,555 or 25% were severely cost burdened.

Kaleef noted that a barrier to services exists because the EMSA for HOPWA is different from the EMA for Ryan White here in DC. He noted that the COHAH has looked at how Ryan White Services can help cover the gap in services, which resulted in the updated Housing Services standard and adding money in the Housing category. Sarcia noted that people are so rent burdened that even with help her organization can't get them below 40% under the rent burden. Baron noted that it is important people be very aware that these are not long term housing programs. Instead they should be viewed as programs that help as a stop gap measure to prevent homelessness and to help people get their health situation stable. Kaleef noted that the intent of creating the Housing standard and putting Ryan White money in the program was not to kick a person out of the program if they were in it for over 24 months. That was a mis-interpretation of what the standard was created for. Baron noted that he believes the miscommunication exists where the standard does not define 'temporary housing' and suggests using HUDs definition. HUD previously used '24 months' to define temporary housing and as explained in the presentation, that definition has now changed. Sarcia noted 24 months is not realistic, but there are a lot of things that happen during the two year process to help get the person to a more stable living situation. The committee discussed creating a housing coalition that looks to address these problems. The coalition should

	<p>include the different areas, especially since there isn't an alignment between the EMA and EMSA. Kaleef will bring it up in a meeting he is having in Richmond.</p>		
<p><b>Draft Early Intervention Services (EIS) Service Standards</b></p>	<p>Kaleef noted that the RFA for EIS was released on June 7, 2019 and there were about 28 applicants. They are now in the review process.</p> <p>The committee reviewed a third draft copy of Early Intervention Services standard (<i>all changes can be found in the actual document</i>).</p> <p>Kaleef noted he made changes on page one (Purpose) based on the conversations with the committee. Those changes included language around customer choice, quality consistency, and Trauma Informed Care. He noted that the changes in the Purpose will be similar across all service standards. He also noted changes made in the 'Goal' section. The group discussed the difference between using the terms 'quality' and 'effective'. They also discussed using the term culturally 'inclusive' in place of culturally 'appropriate'.</p> <p>Kaleef noted that at the conference there was a conversation about what is truly "undetectable". He suggested adding language around 'durable viral load suppression'.</p> <p>Kaleef noted that he is seeking presentations on prevention strategies that he would like to bring to the COHAH General Body meetings.</p> <p>Kaleef noted that he made edits to the "Rights and Responsibilities" section and added a new 'Personnel Qualifications' section.</p>		
<p><b>ANNOUNCEMENTS/OTHER DISCUSSION</b></p>			
<p><b>HANDOUTS</b></p>			
<p>Agenda – June 19, 2019          Minutes – May 15, 2019          Draft 2019 EIS Service Standards          DC Affordable Housing Gap Study          Affordable Housing Presentation</p>			
<p><b>MEETING          ADJOURNED</b></p>	<p>3:01 PM</p>	<p><b>NEXT MEETING</b></p>	<p>July 17, 2019 @ 1:00pm          DC Health-HAHSTA          899 N. Capitol St. NE; 4<sup>th</sup> Floor          Washington, DC 20002</p>