

ALEXANDRIA COMMISSION ON HIV/AIDS

MINUTES FROM MEETING OF NOVEMBER 20, 2017

MEMBERS PRESENT: Michelle Carroll Foster, Travis Foster, Jennifer Gillyard, Bruce Hightower, Tameka Macon, Manya Magnum, Gerald Padmore, Eugene Stammeyer, Charles Sumpter, Andrew Torre, Shelbert Williams

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Wendy Harper, Gayle Terry, Eaton Tyson, Jr.

MEMBERS UNEXCUSED: Dana Hines, Alison Lesht, Christopher O'Connell, Cedric Pulliam

STAFF: Debby Dimon, Nechelle Terrell

GUEST: Muluemebet Woldegropis, Andrea Grant, Maestela Mendoza

I. Call to Order & Introductions

The meeting was called to order at 6:41 p.m. by Commissioner Chair Charles Sumpter. Graduate students from Howard University were in attendance and given the opportunity for formal introductions.

II. Agency/Liaison Updates

Commissioner Gerald Padmore announced that Inova Juniper will provide Thanksgiving baskets and gift cards for 82 families. Donations are also being accepted for the Adopt a Family program that provides gifts to families for Christmas.

Commissioner Eugene Stammeyer shared a concern about a new program with the Office of Sheriff that diverts first time offenders to CSB instead of jail.

Commissioner Shelbert Williams informed the commission that he is currently working on a new medical contract for inmates at the Alexandria Detention Center. They are looking to add more HIV training requirements for contractors.

III. Consideration of September Meeting Minutes

The minutes from the September 18, 2017 meeting were distributed and reviewed. Commissioner Gerald Padmore moved to accept the minutes as written, Commissioner Bruce Hightower 2nd the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

IV. Commission Elections

The Commission accepted the slate of nominees as presented at the October meeting. Andrew Torre volunteered to serve as Chair and Jennifer Gillyard volunteer for Vice Chair. With no other nominees for either position, the commission agreed to accept the slate as presented. Commissioner Travis Foster agreed to remain as Financial Committee Chair and Gerald agreed to remain Community Partnership Chair. Bruce made a motion to approve the elected commissioners as stated and Manya Magnus seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

V. FY 2019 City Budget Priorities Request

Alexandria City Manager Mark Jinks, sent a letter to all Board and Commission Chairs soliciting feedback for the FY 2019 budget process. Input is due by December 15. Debby Dimon asked Dr. Haering about the status of the budget as it pertains to HIV funding and he is not anticipating any budget reductions.

Commissioner Bruce Hightower suggested the commission request \$50,000 to fund community outreach, education and awareness events and activities.

VI. ACOHA Event Updates

RHAPPS Summit

The RHAPPS Summit will be held on Wednesday, November 29th from 9am to 5 pm at the Hilton Mark Center Hotel. Danielle Houston from Gilead Pharmaceuticals will present on PrEP. Other topics include HIV and criminal laws. Charles will send out the proposed agenda. A Red Ribbon Awards Ceremony will be held during lunch. Funding for food was provided by AIDS Healthcare Foundation.

World AIDS Day Awards Reception

ACOHA will join AHD and Unique Definition in sponsoring the World AIDS Day reception to be held on Friday, December 1 at Church of St. Clement from 7 to 9. Honorees include Khadijah for her outstanding work on HIV prevention in the Muslim community, in particular her leadership and coordination of the first National HIV & Faith Awareness Day held in August. Charles Sumpter will be recognized for his contributions and outstanding leadership to the commission while serving as Chair and the Northern Virginia Prevention and Education Committee will recognize long time member Suzanne Dorick who will retire from Fairfax County Health Department on December 31, 2017.

Hoops in Virginia 2017 Review

Nechelle reported that the NVCCPHA's Annual Hoops in Virginia HIV Summit and Basketball tournament was held on Saturday, November 18 at James Lee Recreation Center. There were 10 teams of 4 participating and approximately 100 persons in attendance. Danielle Houston presented on "HIV 101: The Basics" and a personal testimony was given by 28 year old "Jay", a young man from Richmond, VA, who chose to remain anonymous for the event.

VII. Agency/Liaison Updates (continued)

Neighborhood Health Services

Andrew announced that Neighborhood Health Services has been busy since the change to "fee for service." This can be attributed to increase in documentation and open enrollment. A total of 20 new clients, not all new diagnosis were reenrolled in September (5), October (8) and November (7).

Alexandria Health Department

Debby Dimon reported that following updates on AHD vacant positions: 1) applications for the DIS position are being reviewed; 2) the Public Health Nurse position is being re-advertised; 3) the Health Educator position at Teen Wellness Center has been filled and; 4) the Nurse at TWC has resigned.

VIII. Other Business/Announcements

In recognition of World AIDS Day, The Women's Collective Prevention Team will host a "Shades of Blue" fashion show on Thursday, November 30, 6:30 to 8 p.m. at Bus Boy & Poets in DC.

On behalf of the commission, Gerlad thanked Charles for his dedication and outstanding leadership to the commission over the last few years. Mr. Sumpter in turn, thanked the commission for the opportunity to lead and for their trust in his leadership.

The meeting adjourned at 7:54 p.m.