

**ALEXANDRIA COMMISSION ON HIV/AIDS
MINUTES
January 22, 2024
6:30 – 8:00 p.m.
Del Pepper Community Center – Room 1301**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mohammad Naqshbandi, Rachael Jacobson, Margaret Nabors, Sam Schwartz, Shelbert Williams, Carl Welliver (Chair)

MEMBERS ABSENT: Nicole Hutchinson, Mitchell Kent, Christian Rodriguez

AHD STAFF: Debby Dimon, Nechelle Terrell

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by at 6:35 p.m. by Commissioner Shelbert Williams.

II. INTRODUCTIONS

Commissioner Williams introduced Cpt. Quentin Wade as the new Office of Sherrif representative once his application is approved.

III. REVIEW AND CONSIDERATION OF OCTOBER MINUTES

The minutes of the October meeting were deferred until further discussion with the chair. Corrections to the minutes for the November meeting were noted. Commissioner Sam Schwartz moved to accept the minutes with the corrections. Shebert seconded and the motion was approved.

IV. COMMISSION UPDATES

World AIDS Day 2023

The Worlds AIDS Day event was held on Friday, December 1 at Del Pepper Community and Resource Center. Mayor Justin Wilson read a proclamation with remarks by Commissioner Carl Welliver, Commission Chair. Neighborhood Health conducted HIV testing and artwork was provided by Impacto LGBT.

National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day (NBHAAD)

Nechelle announced that there will not be a symposium this year for NBHAAD. AHD was to do a Black Men's Health event in February; however, the event was changed to June. Nechelle stated that she could have Anthony Gutierrez from Gilead Pharmaceuticals, do a presentation on HIV in the Black Community at the retreat or at a future meeting or event.

V. OPEN FORUM

Carl opened the floor for discussion about the upcoming ACOHA retreat on Saturday, February 3. Topics for discussion included the status of the commission. Commissioner Schwartz noted that HIV is a manageable health condition, and the commission should reconsider the mission to devote the commission to one health issue. Sam recommended expanding the commission to focus on additional health issues of the LGBTQ+ community. Possibly partnering with the Public Health Advisory Committee.

The Annual Boards and Commission Chairs and Staff meeting is scheduled for February 21 at 7:00 p.m. Nechelle will attend as Staff Liaison. Sam volunteered to attend for Carl who will be out of town that day.

Other topics included current Alexandria HIV/AIDS data and stats. Nechelle will check with AHD epidemiologist, Lena Zimmerman, for availability to present on February 3.

As requested, Nechelle will send the following documents to commissioners this week: Bylaws, Annual Report, Goals and Objectives and Los Angeles Strategic Plan.

VI. COMMISSION UPDATES

Nechelle announced she will be attending the Family Life Education Curriculum Advisory Committee on January 24 at 3:30. She will provide an update at the next meeting.

Announcements: Retirement Farewell for Chief Deputy Shelbert Williams on January 31, 9:00 a.m. at Alexandria Sherri's Office Rollcall Room. All are invited to attend.

The date for Alexandria Pride will be Saturday, June 8. More details will be provided.

VII. CLOSING REMARKS

Carl apologized for being late to the meeting due to car trouble. Commissioners were reminded about the Retreat on February 3. The next regular commission meeting is scheduled for March 18.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m.