

**ALEXANDRIA COMMISSION ON HIV/AIDS**  
**MINUTES**  
**July 15, 2024**  
**6:30 – 8:00 p.m.**  
**Del Pepper Community Center – Room 1305**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Rachael Jacobson, Seazante Oliver, Sam Schwartz, Carl Welliver

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Margaret Nabors, Christian Rodriguez,

**AHD STAFF:** Debby Dimon, Nechelle Terrell

**GUEST:** Quentin Wade (Alexandria Sherrif's Office)

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting began without a quorum until a was officially called to order when a quorum was present by at 7:30 p.m. by Commissioner Chair, Carl Welliver.

**II. INTRODUCTIONS**

**III. MAY MINUTES**

The minutes of the May 2024 meeting were reviewed and considered. The following changes to be made:

Item I. CALL TO ORDER: by "Commissioner *Vice Chair*,"

Item VI. COMMISSIONER/AGENCY UPDATES: Alexandria Health Department, 6<sup>th</sup> line change 1/6<sup>th</sup> to 1/4<sup>th</sup>,

Item VI. COMMISSIONER/AGENCY UPDATES: Alexandria Office of Sheriff (correct spelling of Sheriff)

VII. CLOSING REMARKS: 3<sup>RD</sup> LINE STRIKE "at George Mason Elementary School" and replace with "of NVJDC Academic Program"

Commissioner Chair Carl Welliver moved to accept the minutes with the noted changes and Commissioner Rachael Jacobson seconded the motion. The motion passed 3:4 and one abstained due to absence from the May meeting.

**IV. ACOHA Updates**

Commissioner Chair, Carl Welliver requested clarification on the option to have more virtual meetings to increase attendance.

Membership was discussed. Need for health-related participant and a new student representative was emphasized. Nechelle or Debby will contact the TWC Educator to see is she might assist with the recruitment of a student.

Commissioner Chari, Carl Welliver and Commissioner Sam Schwartz will meet with the Chair of the Public Health Advisory Committee to talk about collaboration on common issues and, in particular, to work together to address issues of stigma by

medical professionals and staff on treating LGBTQ+ health issues including STI's and discussion of sexual practices.

Commissioners had put together a list of questions to ask City Council and the Mayoral Candidate to gauge their commitment to HIV/AIDS and STI health issues and it was agreed they will move forward with this.

Commissioner Sam Schwartz and Commissioner Chair, Carl Welliver planned to have a follow-up meeting regarding a legislative proposal to support continued levels of funding for STI and HIV prevention that Commissioner Schwartz was going to take the next night to Human Rights Commission to include in that commission's proposals. ACOHA members were unsure when the proposals are due and could put a legislative proposal as a separate commission from Human Rights Commission.

## **V. COMMISSIONER/AGENCY UPDATES**

### *Alexandria Health Department*

NOVA National Testing Day took place June 27<sup>th</sup>, A toddle contract period. The contract period is August through December. NOVASalud will experience a one-month funding gap. This is 1/6<sup>th</sup> of their previous VDH budget with VDH and they have had to restrict testing with fewer resources for open and available testing. Hugo Delgado is reaching out to the Health directors seeking local support for funding.

### *Alexandria Office of Sherrif*

## **VII. CLOSING REMARKS**

The next meeting is Aust 19, 2024 at 6:30 PM

## **VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 8:04 p.m.