

Minnesota Council for HIV/AIDS Care and Prevention (MCHACP) Meeting

April 9, 2024

9 – 11:30 a.m.

Hybrid Meeting: MS Teams and HSB Room 110

Committee Members Present:	
Jay Orne (DEC co-chair)	Nikki LeClaire
Terri Wilder	Megan Higdon
Ellen Ryan	Carol Labine
Kevin Sitter (council co-chair, PAC co-chair)	Moua Xiong
Joe Amrhein (council co-chair, NA&E co-chair)	Jennifer Schoenberg
Tyrie Stanley (PAC co-chair)	Quay Catalpa
Alejandro Aguilera (NA&E co-chair)	John Vener, MD
Dongwook Kim	Deon Kirby
Stephen Jensen (M&T co-chair)	Annalise Jackson
Patrick Ingram	Cynthia Denise Elmore
Sarah Schiele (DEC co-chair)	JT Stewart
Mark Jenkins	
Committee Members Absent:	
Lesla Nelson	Derek Martin
Teresa Jones	Shea Grutemaro (M&T co-chair)
James Velek	
Guests:	
Carissa Weisdorf, Hennepin County	Tim Presley, DHS
Cody Raasch, Hennepin County	Jo Ann Vertetis, CVC
Pat Reymann, Parliamentarian	Connie Jorstad
Darin Rowles, DHS	Angela McGregor, Hennepin County (minutes)
Hennepin County (Part A) Representative:	
Jonathan Hanft, Hennepin County	DHS (Part B) Representative: Thomas Blissett
MDH (Prevention) Representative:	
Peggy Darrett-Brewer	MDH (Surveillance) Representative: Cheryl Barber
MCHACP Staff:	
Jeremy Stadelman, Admin Specialist	

Quorum Present? **Yes**

I. Call to order, Welcome & Introductions

- Kevin Sitter called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.
- The guiding principles were read.
- The agenda was reviewed and approved as written.
- The minutes from the March 12 meeting were reviewed and approved as written.

II. Recipient report

- Part A: *Eriika Etshokin, Hennepin County Ryan White Program* (see written report)
 - See written report.
- Part B: *Thomas Blissett, Minnesota Department of Human Services (DHS) HIV Supports*
 - Thomas presented a PowerPoint presentation titled, **Budget Update – DHS HIV Supports Section SFY 2024** (Jeremy emailed the presentation to the council on April 9).
 - DHS report reflects cuts made to services due to unknown status of rider funds. Once rider funds were received, DHS amended contracts to restore funding levels.
 - Working to streamline invoicing/receipts.
 - Questions:
 - Joe asked about caps on services. Thomas replied that caps are still in place but would need to look at the dollar amount and report back next month.

- Patrick asked about funding increases for FY 25 given the rising cost of living/food. Thomas replied that DHS gave everyone an awards letter to restore funding to FY23 levels. Not all providers stated they could spend all of their funding this year. That's why there are fluctuating numbers. There were some program costs, but some agencies wanted internal systems that were a one-time cost.
 - Joe asked about insurance premium assistance – who can people contact to get help with that? Rachel will contact Joe after the meeting.
- Prevention – no update
 - No update.

III. Committee reports (see written reports)

- Executive and Co-Chair Update
 - Based on the results of the council operations evaluation, Kevin acknowledged member concerns regarding Roberts Rules and packed agendas.
- Community Voices Committee
 - **ACTION ITEM: Committee co-chair election**
 - Tyrie read the background, rationale, and recommendation of the action item.
 - **MOTION:** The Community Voices Committee forwards the recommendation that Alejandro Aguilera and Christopher Brown are elected to serve as co-chairs of the Community Voices Committee.
 - **VOTE:** Members voted virtually and in person. Results will be provided in unfinished business.
- Disparities Elimination Committee
 - **ACTION ITEM: Committee co-chair election**
 - **MOTION:** The Disparities Eliminations Committee forwards the recommendation that Patrick Ingram is elected to serve as co-chair of the Disparities Eliminations Committee.
 - **VOTE:** Members voted virtually and in person. Results will be provided in unfinished business.
- Membership and Training Committee
 - **ACTION ITEM: Committee co-chair election**
 - **MOTION:** The Membership and Training Committee forwards the recommendation that Deon Kirby is elected to serve as co-chair of the Membership and Training Committee.
 - **VOTE:** Members voted virtually and in person. Results will be provided in unfinished business.
- Needs Assessment and Evaluation Committee
 - **ACTION ITEM: Committee chair election**
 - **MOTION:** The Needs Assessment and Evaluation Committee forwards the recommendation that Alejandro Aguilera is elected to serve as chair of the Needs Assessment and Evaluation Committee.
 - **VOTE:** Members voted virtually and in person. Results will be provided in unfinished business.
- Planning and Allocations Committee
 - **ACTION ITEM: Committee co-chair election**
 - **MOTION:** The Planning and Allocations Committee forwards the recommendation that Kevin Sitter and Tyrie Stanley are elected to serve as co-chairs of the Planning and Allocations Committee.
 - **VOTE:** Members voted virtually and in person. Results will be provided in unfinished business.
 - **ACTION ITEM: Resource allocations process**
 - Jeremy presented the **Resource Allocation Process document**.
 - **MOTION:** Patrick Ingram moved that second bullet point under "Principles" be amended to read "Reducing HIV related disparities and promoting **racial and** health equity." Tyrie Stanley seconded.
 - **DEBATE:**

- Patrick noted that this would help the council to center racial disparities in making decisions and it may inform the work differently or provide a different lens.
- **VOTE:** With 18 ayes and 0 noes, the motion passes.
- **MOTION:** The Planning and Allocations Committee forwards the recommendation that the Resource Allocation Process be adopted as amended.
- **DEBATE:** None.
- **VOTE:**

Name	COI?	Vote	Name	COI?	Vote
Alejandro Aguilera		Aye	Nikki LeClaire		Aye
Joe Amrhein		Aye	Derek Martin		
Quay Catalpa		Aye	Lesa Nelson		
Cynthia Denise Elmore			Jay Orne		
Shea Grutemaro			Ellen Ryan		Aye
Megan Higdon			Sarah Schiele		Aye
Patrick Ingram		Aye	Jennifer Schoenberg		Aye
Annalise Jackson			Kevin Sitter		
Mark Jenkins		Aye	Tyrie Stanley		Aye
Stephen Jensen		Aye	JT Stewart		Aye
Teresa Jones			James Velek		
Dongwook Kim		Aye	John Vener, M.D.		Aye
Deon Kirby		Aye	Terri Wilder		Aye
Carol LaBine		Aye	Moua Xiong		Aye

- With 18 ayes and 0 noes, the motion carries.
- **ACTION ITEM: Psychosocial Support Services Directive**
 - **MOTION:** The Planning and Allocations Committee (PAC) directs the Part A Recipient and recommends to the Part B Recipient to facilitate revisions to Section 8.3 of the Psychosocial Support Services to outline an enhanced peer support model that includes client referral, group facilitation, behavioral health navigation services, and accompaniment to behavioral health services including Psychosocial Support, Mental Health, and Substance Use (Outpatient) Services. PAC also recommends directing the Part A recipient and recommend to the Part B Recipient to collaborate and better define peers within the service standard.
PAC also recommends directing the Part A Recipient and recommending to the Part B Recipient to include a prompt in the Fiscal Year 2024 Multi-Service Request for Proposals for any proposals requesting Psychosocial Support Services funding to outline how the proposer will involve peer support staff in the delivery of their Psychosocial Support Services.
 - **DEBATE:**
 - Joe wondered what the council is hoping to accomplish with this directive. Jay clarified that this motion does not change how psychosocial support services are delivered. It doesn't remove anything currently covered. This will give providers the option of adding peer support models, which are not currently part of the service standard for psychosocial support services. Many clients have not able to access those services because of confusion around how to access them due to Ryan White being the payer of last resort. We are hoping to prevent people from falling through the cracks and give them access to behavioral health navigation services. Also, people were missing medical appointments and not taking medication as prescribed because of mental health issues.
 - John questioned where funding was coming from. Tyrie reminded group if anything is less than 5% can be moved as needed by the Part A recipient. The council can also consider an increase to the service area during the August allocations retreat.

- After debate, anyone with a conflict of interest temporarily left the meeting (Moua, Ellen, Nikki, Patrick, JT)
- **VOTE:** With 14 ayes and 0 noes, the motion carries.
- Those with a conflict of interest returned to the meeting.
- Criminal Justice Involved Ad Hoc Committee
 - Determining which agencies to survey
 - Finalizing questions for the service impact evaluation
 - Questions or suggestions? Email Joe Amrhein at joseph.amrhein@alumni.augsburg.edu

IV. Council staff report

- Two short surveys will be sent out via email to members after the meeting.
 - Meeting Format Survey
 - Do members want to meet in person or virtually for the next year?
 - August Allocations Retreat
 - Would members prefer a one or two-day allocations retreat (August 13 9a-4p or August 6 9a-12p & August 13 9a-12p)?
 - Jeremy asked members to complete the survey by April 23.

V. Service utilization data: Home & Community Based Health Services & Housing

Carol Labine, NAE Committee Member

- Due to time limitations, this item was tabled.

VI. Conflict of interest training

Jeremy Stadelman, Council administrative specialist

- Jeremy presented a PowerPoint presentation titled, **Conflict of Interest Policy and Management** (Jeremy emailed the presentation to the council on April 9).
- Jeremy will send out the conflict of interest form after the meeting.

VII. Code of conduct training

Jeremy Stadelman, Council administrative specialist

- Due to time limitations, this item was tabled.

VIII. Data training: epi terms

Hannah Giles, Minnesota Department of Health

- Hannah presented a recorded presentation titled, **Epidemiology Terms and Concept** (Jeremy emailed the presentation to the council on April 9).

IX. Unfinished business / new business

- Reading of the Teller's Report
- VOTING RESULTS:
 - Community Voices Committee co-chair election
 - Numbers of ballots cast: 18
 - Number needed for election (a majority): 10
 - Number of illegal ballots (if any): 0
 - Number of affirmative votes:
 - Alejandro: 17 votes
 - Christopher: 16 votes
 - Disparities Elimination Committee co-chair election
 - Numbers of ballots cast: 19
 - Number needed for election (a majority): 10
 - Number of illegal ballots (if any): 0
 - Number of affirmative votes:
 - Partick Ingram: 19
 - Membership and Training Committee co-chair election
 - Numbers of ballots cast: 19

- Number needed for election (a majority): 10
- Number of illegal ballots (if any): 0
- Number of affirmative votes:
 - Deon Kirby: 19
- Needs Assessment and Evaluation Committee chair election
 - Numbers of ballots cast: 18
 - Number needed for election (a majority): 10
 - Number of illegal ballots (if any): 0
 - Number of affirmative votes:
 - Alejandro Aguilera: 18
- Planning and Allocations Committee co-chair election
 - Numbers of ballots cast: 18
 - Number needed for election (a majority): 10
 - Number of illegal ballots (if any): 0
 - Number of affirmative votes:
 - Kevin: 16 votes
 - Tyrie: 16 votes

X. Open Forum/Announcements

- Jonathan noted that there is a bill in committee in the Minnesota House (1115 Reentry Waiver) (HF 3642 – Noor/SF 3509 – Morrison) This bill would direct the state to apply for a Medicaid Reentry Section 1115 Demonstration Opportunity Waiver to provide short-term medical assistance coverage for prerelease care transition services to incarcerated individuals. This expansion is an opportunity to develop consistent standards of healthcare quality in correctional health services, pre-release services, post-release services, and community reentry. It would require coverage for at least 30 days prior to an eligible incarcerated person’s expected release date. Hennepin Healthcare has been working closely with the state to support and provide feedback and insight on this proposal. It is widely supported by the health system, the county, the sheriff, and the county attorney’s office (along with other government and health partners across the state). HF 3642 was heard in the House Human Services Finance Committee and laid over for possible inclusion in the committee’s omnibus bill. SF 3509 awaits a hearing in the Senate.
- Patrick announced that Red Door is doing outreach at Jordan Area Community Center. They will be offering safer sex supplies, testing, and Narcan. Hosting in partnership with Hennepin County and Youth and AIDS Projects (YAP).
- Alejandro announced that on April 10, the Minneapolis Central Library and Zamyia Theater is presenting latest work regarding public housing. Attendees with lived experience will receive \$10 gift card. Please send clients – anyone can attend.
- Tyrie announced that it is his last week of being 43! Happy Birthday, Tyrie!
- Jonathan announced that on April 30, there will be an event presenting LGBTQ+ data from HC’s SHAPE survey and Minnesota’s Student Survey at the HC 625 Building auditorium.
- JT announced Rainbow Health is shifting from an AIDS walk to a [celebratory event at Como Park on Sunday, May 19th](#)

XI. Adjourn

- Kevin Sitter adjourned the meeting at 11:32 a.m.

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