

**MN Council for HIV/AIDS Care and Prevention Meeting**  
**November 8, 2016**  
**9 am-12 pm**  
**Health Services Building, Room L15**  
**525 Portland Ave. S., Minneapolis**  
**Minutes**

<b>Council Members Present:</b>	
Robert Andrews	Florence Nabeta
Tom Bichanga	David Neller
Roger Ernst (Council Co-Chair)	Lesa Nelson
Terral Ewing	Gelli Overton
Al Fredrickson (phone)	Val Rubin-Rashaad
Robert Gillum, Jr.	Karin Sabey
Lenny Hayes	John Vener, MD
Rachel Heule	Gwen Velez
Valentine Momo	Monica Yugu
<b>Council Members Absent:</b>	
Alejandro Aguilera	Rick Laska
Mike Behl	Tyrie Stanley
Loyal Brooks	Matt Toburen (Parliamentarian)
Bielca Guevara	Thuan Tran
Marvin Innes	
<b>Community Members/Guests/Consultants:</b>	
Sean Buehlmann, Indigenous Peoples Task Force	Mary McCarthy, RAAN
Jillian Chmiel, MN AIDS Project	Nigel Perrote, City of Minneapolis
Keith Henry, MD, Positive Care Center	Jared Shenk, MN Dept. of Health
Anika Kaleewoun, Hennepin County	Josh Wiechmann, Hennepin County
Thomas Ley, MN AIDS Project	Daniel Hanson, MN Dept. of Health
Stephen Jensen, Community Member	DeAndre Morris, African American AIDS Task Force
<b>Hennepin County (Part A) Representative:</b>	
Jonathan Hanft	<b>DHS (Part B) Representative:</b> Rachel Heule
<b>MDH (Prevention) Representative:</b>	
Krissie Guerard	
<b>MCHACP Staff:</b>	
Carissa Weisdorf, Coordinator	Jeremy Gharineh (minutes)

Quorum Present? **Yes**

- I. **Call to Order, Welcome and Introductions**  
 Roger called the meeting to order at 9:06 am. Introductions were made.
- II. **Consideration and Approval of Proposed Agenda**  
 The agenda was approved by unanimous consent.
- III. **Consideration and Approval of October 11 Meeting Minutes**  
 The minutes were approved by unanimous consent.
- IV. **Co-Chairs Update**
  - Roger said Jonathan and Carissa had spoken with Larry recently. His father is quite ill so he is resigning from the council. Roger sent a card around for everyone to send a message to Larry.
  - The executive committee has decided to have the election for co-chairs in January, rather than February, given that we are down to 1 chair at the moment. Everyone should consider if they would be interested in running.

- The council has been invited to attend the all provider meeting at Concordia University. We will attend, and that will take the place of our December meeting.
  - Parking can be difficult so be sure to look at the campus map and make proper arrangements.
- At the executive committee partners brought back the collaborative partner understanding. All 3 of our funded groups have their own agreements with their funding agencies. It will be sent out to everyone by email. We will look at the edited version in our January meeting and approve it. Get any changes to the document to Carissa by the end of November.

## V. Part A Update

*Jonathan Hanft, Hennepin County*

- The 2017 Part A Grant Application was successfully submitted.
  - We expect that we will once again receive a partial grant award.
  - It usually takes about six months from when they get the final numbers before they announce those who will receive the funds and the final amounts.
  - If there are significant changes in the amount awarded we may have to make changes in allocations.
- Carissa Weisdorf is the new council coordinator, and we will be posting her old administrative position first internal and then open competitive. It usually takes about 2 months to fill these positions.
- Jonathan presented part A and B combined quarterly report for review.
  - Highlights:
    - There has been quite a bit of delay in billing regarding medical care but we expect those funds to be spent.
    - There has been some underspending in Medical care management. We are redistributing those funds to some of the ADAP funds.
    - Mental health services is underspent. We are going to reallocate those funds.
    - Oral health care seems to be overspent. There is some service expansion, but rebate funds can be accounted for to balance that out.
    - Linguistics services has had lower utilization and billing delays which might account for underspending.
    - We are seeing more underspending in core medical services and overspending in support services. We are very close to meeting 75% threshold for core medical spending. We are considering applying for a waiver for this. This will be brought to the committee for further discussion in the future.
    - Income Eligibility cap was raised in 2015 for some services. All of the A and B will be raising to 400% of poverty level. Part A effective in March, and part B effective in April. State funded services will be effective in July. We will be sending out a communication to providers regarding this.
    - Overall we are doing pretty well. We are overall at 49%, and services are at 50%. We are meeting grant requirements for Part A.
- We will have a couple of guest speakers at the all provider meeting. Our speakers will be talking about innovative care and prevention approaches in NYC and Colorado.
- Jonathan reminded everyone to vote.
- Roger asked everyone to pre-register for all provider meeting to ensure there are enough seats and food.

## VI. Part B Update

*Rachel Heule, DHS*

- Colleen Bjerke has been hired as our HIV/AIDS unit supervisor position. We will be looking to fill her grant management position in the near future.

- Open enrollment update for 2017. Open enrollment will be very challenging this year. This year we have to offer 12 plans when we only offered 3 last year. This is because the plans are so narrow. Many people will not be able to roll over into their previous plans.
  - All HIV providers are covered except for HCMC. We are working on HCMC to get them to come to table so that our clients that currently use them will be able to continue to do so.
- We are close to expanding dental benefit by January 2017, if not sooner. We will be sending out communications to client's case managers, etc. we are close to paying Medicare premiums by January as well.

## VII. MDH Update

*Krissie Guerard, MDH*

- We have not heard about funding for 2017. I will update in January what awards for funding will be. We are likely looking at a partial award as well.
- We are working on population prioritization, and presenting to disparities elimination committee next week. We are looking at viral suppression with cascade. We will report back on this at January meeting.
- We are in the process of hiring 2 health educators and will look to introduce them to you at the January meeting.

## VIII. Council Staff Update

*Carissa Weisdorf, Hennepin County*

- The last few months the membership and training committee has been doing recruitment. We are recruiting heavily right now in hopes to interview people before January.
- We will hold election for consumer participant co-chair in January. Every candidate will get about a minute to give a pitch for co-chair.
- We have been updating council on e-learning for orientation. This is getting close to being done. We will be asking council members to test it out soon.

## IX. Committee Reports (provided in written form, no discussion)

### A. Executive

- Everyone should have an updated sheet with a summary of each committee's activities.

### B. Community Voices

- Nothing to Update

### C. Membership & Training

- Working on training modules and we want your opinion on what kind of training you would like to see done.
  - Handed out a survey for people to indicate their top 5 areas they would like to see further training opportunities.
- Recruiting for new members. We are doing interviews currently. Had 2 last month and 2 more this month.

### D. Needs Assessment & Evaluation

- Nothing to update.

### E. Planning & Allocations

- **Action Item:** Emergency Financial Assistance Standards of Care
  - **MOTION:** Tom motioned to approve the Emergency Financial Assistance Standards of Care.
  - Roger called for a vote:
    - 13 in favor
    - No opposed
    - No abstained
  - **Motion Carries**

- **Action Item:** Health Insurance Premium Standards of Care
  - **MOTION:** Tom motioned to approve the Health Insurance Premium Standards of Care.
  - Roger called for a vote:
    - 17 in favor
    - No opposed
    - No abstained
  - **Motion Carries**
- **Action Item:** Reallocation of Part A Funds
  - Tom, we have action items. We voted to bring to council the moving of funds from substance abuse to mental health.
  - Carissa, we will have a motion for action. Those who have been emailed about a conflict of interest please step out.
  - Roger ceded chair facilitation to Lesa
  - **Motion:** Tom motioned to approve the Reallocation of Part A Funds.
  - Lesa called for a vote:
  - Members in attendance voted:

Name		COI?	Vote	Name		COI?	Vote
Tom	Bichanga		Yes	Valentine	Momo		Yes
Lenny	Hayes		Yes	Florence	Nabeta		Yes
Terral	Ewing		Yes	David	Neller		Abstain
Al	Fredrickson		Yes	Gelli	Overton		Yes
Robert	Gillum Jr.		Yes	Karin	Sabey	Yes	Abstain
Rachel	Heule		Yes	Gwen	Velez		Yes
Monica	Yugu		Yes	Robert	Andrews		Yes
Val	Rubin-Rashaad		Yes				

- 13 in favor
- No opposed
- 2 abstained
- **Motion carries.**

F. Disparities Elimination Committee

- Nothing to update
- Carissa will be sending meeting announcement for next disparities elimination meeting. Please RSVP if you want to attend.

**BREAK**

- Reintroductions

**X. HIV Treatment Update Presentation**

*Keith Henry, MD, Positive Care Center*

- Dr. Henry presented a PowerPoint on HIV/AIDS treatment. The PowerPoint will be sent out to council.
  - Rachel asked what solutions there for the problems presented in the presentation
  - Dr. Henry said that we really need to focus on those out of care numbers. The remaining out of care population is very difficult because they distrust the system so much. We need to iron out the issues with insurance and co-pays if we want to be able to bridge the trust gap. It is all getting lost at the care level. We need to identify several sites of excellence and then we need to increase their resources and

beef up the assessment and insurance/ billing procedures and access (more health plans will cover care at these locations). Rapid access programs like the one in San Francisco seem to work well.

- Rachel said that clinics and service providers in the community need to work better with the large providers like HCMC to make sure that the care is provided consistently.
- Dr. Henry agreed and suggested that there needs to be better communication between all the parties involved with this work.

#### **XI. Open Forum**

- Roger asked if there are any items for open forum.
- Gwen introduced new intervention program and the new program coordinator DeAndre Morris. This program will be conducting a series of informational interviews with the community and the service providers in the near future.
- Tom applauded the expansion to oral health and would like to see a vision benefit expansion in the future.
- Roger pointed out that this state has had a consistent concern for HIV issues. Voting is crucial for keeping that the case and continuing making the change.

#### **XII. Announcements**

- Robert announced a Nov. 26 dance party to engage the African American LGBT community.
- Jonathan announced the new HIV strategy rollout on December 1 which is world's aids day.
- Roger noted that there will be no council meeting next month, but he encouraged everyone to attend the all provider meeting.
  - Gwen asked if the all provider meeting is going to count for the meeting attendance requirements.
  - Carissa confirmed that this meeting will count toward attendance requirements.

#### **XIII. Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at 11:58 pm.

#### **Meeting Summary:**

- The council approved the Emergency Financial Assistance Standards of Care.
- The council approved the Health Insurance Premium Standards of Care.
- The council approved the Reallocation of Part A Funds.

#### **Documents Distributed Before the Meeting:**

- Proposed Agenda
- October 11 Meeting Minutes
- **Action Item:** Reallocation of Part A Funds proposal
- Committee Report Summaries

#### **Documents Distributed At the Meeting:**

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