

MN Council for HIV/AIDS Care and Prevention

Meeting Minutes for April 09, 2019

9:00am to 12:00pm

Health Services Building, Room L15

Minutes

Council Members Present:	
Alejandro Aguilera	James McMurray (phone)
Dennis Anderson	Fred Ndip
Robert Andrews	Larry McPherson
Lisa Behr	Lesa Nelson
Tom Bichanga	Florence Nabeta
Loyal Brooks	Nafula Namuninia (phone)
Thu Danh	Alex Palacios
Raymel Givens	Tyrie Stanley (Council Co-Chair)
Cree Gordon	John Vener, MD
Stephen Jensen	Johnnie Williams
Council Members Absent:	
Roger Ernst	Raquelle Paulsen
Terral Ewing (Council Co-Chair)	Chuck Peterson
Ryann Freeman	Gwen Velez
Destiny Holiday	McKinzie Woelfel (Council Co-Chair)
Community Members/Guests/Consultants:	
Aaron Peterson, Hennepin County	Sarah Schiele, City of Minneapolis
Thuan Tran, Hennepin County	Linda Hoskins, Community Consulting Group
Jake Melson, DHS	Emil Angelica, Community Consulting Group
Hennepin County (Part A) Representative:	
Jonathan Hanft	Colleen Bjerke
MDH (Prevention) Representative:	
Jared Shenk	Jeremy Stadelman, Admin Specialist (minutes)
	Carissa Weisdorf, Council Coordinator
DHS (Part B) Representative:	

Quorum Present? Yes

I. Call to Order, Reading of Guiding Principles, Introductions

- Tyrie Stanley called the meeting to order at 9:12 a.m. Tyrie lit a candle in memory of those lost and to remember the fight to end the epidemic. The guiding principles were read and introductions were made.

Consideration and Approval of Proposed Agenda

- The agenda was approved by unanimous consent.

Consideration and Approval of March Meeting Minutes

- The minutes were approved by unanimous consent.

II. Co-Chair Update

- Terral Ewing was not in attendance, so Dennis Anderson was asked to fill in for him as council co-chair.

III. Council Staff Update

- There is a standards development consumer input meeting on May 14, 12:00pm to 2:00pm, for Medical Case Management and Outreach services.
- The Community Voices Committee will meet again on May 13, 4:00pm to 7:00pm, at Marshall Flats.
- Mileage reimbursements for Part A are due by April 15 and Part B reimbursements are due by May 15.
- Webinar on Understanding Data scheduled for 3:00pm today.
 - Anika Kaleewoun (anika.kaleewoun@hennepin.us) can help members sign up for Quality Learning Committee emails, if interested.

- The Community HIV/AIDS Technical Assistance and Training (CHATT) [webinar](#) about integrative planning activities for prevention and care: best practices and lessons learned will be held on April 25.
- [Communities Advocating Emergency AIDS Relief \(CAEAR\) Coalition](#) and HRSA update call is scheduled for April 30.
- Jeremy Stadelman handed out updated contact sheets to council members:
 - Cree Gordon provided an updated email address.

IV. Committee Reports

- Executive
 - See **Committee Report Summaries** handout
- Community Voices
 - See **Committee Report Summaries** handout
- Disparities Elimination
 - **Action Item:** Disparities Elimination Committee Co-Chair Election
 - **MOTION:** Dennis Anderson moved that Dennis Anderson and Raquelle Paulsen be approved by the council to serve one-year terms (April 1, 2019 – March 31, 2020) as co-chairs of the Disparities Elimination Committee.
 - **Tally report:**
 - Number of ballots: 15
 - Number needed for election: 9
 - Number of illegal ballots: 0
 - Number of votes for each candidate:
 - Dennis Anderson: 15
 - Raquelle Paulsen: 16
 - **Raqueelle and Dennis were approved to serve as co-chairs of the Disparities Elimination Committee for a one-year term (April 1, 2019-March 31, 2020).**
 - See **Committee Report Summaries** handout
 - Membership & Training
 - See **Committee Report Summaries** handout
 - Needs Assessment & Training
 - See **Committee Report Summaries** handout
 - Alejandro Aguilera noted that there may be another committee member interested in becoming a co-chair.
 - Planning & Allocations
 - See **Committee Report Summaries** handout

V. Annual Conflict of Interest Training

Emil Angelica, Community Consulting Group

- Emil presented the **Conflict of Interest PowerPoint** (Jeremy Stadelman emailed the presentation to the council on April 10) to the council.
- Carissa Weisdorf passed out conflict of interest forms to members and asked members to fill out and sign the form.

VI. Measuring Client's Movement along the HIV Care Continuum

- This item was tabled because additional analysis needs to be done; it will be presented at a future meeting.

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VII. Early Intervention Services (EIS) and Outreach Services Presentation

- Alejandro Aguilera presented on EIS and outreach services.
 - EIS questions:
 - Tyrie asked why EIS is not funded by prevention.

- Jonathan Hanft responded that the CDC (Centers for Disease Control) does fund testing, but there needs to be a linkage component if it is to be used by Ryan White providers.
 - Ryan White funds for testing can only be used when they not supplanting other areas providing testing services, like the CDC.
 - Colleen Bjerke added that EIS organizations can use CDC funds for their testing while also using Ryan White funding for the other components of EIS.
 - For clients who test negative, they can be referred to PrEP providers and other prevention services.
- Outreach questions:
 - Dennis noted that it seems like outreach and EIS are being used interchangeably and asked for clarification.
 - Jonathan explained that each service area finds clients for the other (i.e. those out of care and those newly diagnosed). Part A would like to the council to consider combining these service areas.
 - Jonathan plans to talk more about this, but the council will want to consider this before the next allocations process in August.
 - Jonathan noted that all allocations currently going towards outreach are from Part A, so these funds could be moved by the council to EIS.
 - Outreach services do not require testing, so funds can go to the community without needing to provide testing, which is not always possible at all locations.
 - Lisa Behr noted that as a provider she is concerned about privacy and HIPAA issues; how can providers access this information without violating medical privacy laws?
 - Jonathan explained that data is commonly used to reengage people in care through outreach services; providers just have to follow medical privacy standards.
 - Alex Palacios noted that front line staff are often doing both outreach and EIS when providing risk assessments to clients.

VIII. Recipient Reports

- **Part A**

Jonathan Hanft, Hennepin County Ryan White Program

- Part A submitted a core medical services waiver for FY2019; they are still waiting to hear about this. Jonathan noted that HRSA may allow Part As to do multi-year requests in the future.
- CAEAR Coalition planning council call is on Tuesday, April 30, 2019, 1pm to 2pm.
- FY2020 appropriations table for Federal HIV/AIDS Programs has been updated.
 - Includes \$291 million in additional funding proposed by the president.
 - Jonathan noted that the president's budget cuts other programs and he wondered how this aligns with the request for additional funding to fight the epidemic.
- Early Identification of Individuals with HIV/AIDS (EIIHA) Annual Meeting is on Monday, April 29, 9:30-11:30am at North Regional Library.
 - This is a requirement for all Part A jurisdictions and the focus is on getting those who are recently diagnosed into care.
- Increasing enrollment in Ryan White Program Services:
 - The goal to increase Ryan White enrollment from about 50% to 60%.
 - Small groups have formed to brainstorm ways to increase enrollment.
 - Linda Hoskins and Emil Angelica from the Community Consulting Group are available to provide facilitation or other support for these groups; contact council staff if interested in joining one of the workgroups.

- **Part B and Rebate Update**

Colleen Bjerke, Minnesota Department of Human Services HIV/AIDS Unit

- Part B received their award notice for FY2019:

Part B FFY2019 Award and Comparison to FFY2018

Federal Grant Year	Part B Federal Grant	MAI	ADAP	Total
2018	\$2,043,212	\$64,031	\$6,444,676	\$8,551,919
2019	\$2,068,277	\$70,374	\$6,371,693	\$8,510,344
Increase/(Decrease)	\$25,065	\$6,343	\$ (72,983)	\$ (41,575)
% Increase/(Decrease)	1.2%	9.9%	-1.1%	-0.5%

- There was a slight increase in the Federal Part B grant.

- Part B plans to use this increase for ADAP to offset its cut in funding.

- Kathleen Davies is Part B's new project officer.

- Rebate update:

- Colleen presented **Rebate PowerPoint** (Jeremy Stadelman emailed the presentation to the council on April 10).
- Part B expects to have \$6 million per year in rebate available to spend.

- Tyrie wondered how rebate could be utilized to better serve consumers who need food assistance.

- Colleen noted that rebate funding for food bank/home delivered was increased for this year. Colleen added that JustUs Health has new guidance around food assistance and noted that there are other organizations funded, like Mom's Meals.

- \$250,000 was added to a food bank/home delivered meals contract this year in rebate funds.
- Tyrie noted that some people do not go to the places where food bank/home delivered meals are available due to lack of cultural competence and stigma. Many would like to cook their own food. Tyrie wondered how to get rid of the lottery system.

- Members asked that the recommendations from the EFA subcommittee be provided to the council.

- **Prevention**

- There were no updates.

IX. Unfinished Business / New Business

- None.

X. Open Forum

- Tyrie reminded members that open forum is a good time to express any concerns about service areas.

XI. Announcements

- Rob Andrews announced that he is in process of taking applications for Camp Benedict. Rob noted that there would be many extras this year because it is the 25th year the camp has existed.

- Alex announced that Dining Out for Life will be on April 25.
- Thu Danh announced that the University of Minnesota is recruiting for a research study on PrEP; information was previously sent out to the council about how to participate.
- Tyrie reminded members that scholarships are available for the National AIDS Conference.

XII. Adjourn

- **MOTION:** The meeting adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

Documents Distributed Before the Meeting:

- Proposed Agenda
- March 12 Meeting Minutes
- April 9 Committee Report Summaries
- Bylaws Amendments
- **Action item:** DEC Co-Chair Election

Documents Distributed at the Meeting:

- Rebate Allocations Table
- FY2020 Appropriations for Federal HIV/AIDS Programs Table
- Highlighted Service Areas Document for Outreach and EIS
- Conflict of Interest PowerPoint
- Part A Update
- Part B FY2019 Award Comparison to FY2018
- EIIHA flier
- Standards Consumer Input meeting flier
- Conflict of interest forms

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