

MN Council for HIV/AIDS Care and Prevention
Meeting Minutes for November 12, 2019
9:00am to 12:00pm
Health Services Building, Room L15
Minutes

Council Members Present:	
Dennis Anderson	Larry McPherson
Alejandro Aguilera	James McMurray (phone)
Andrew Bauman	Robert Andrews-Mendoza
Lisa Behr	Florence Nabeta
Tom Bichanga	Fred Ndip
Loyal Brooks	Lesa Nelson
Thu Danh	Alex Palacios
Charlotte Detournay	Chuck Peterson
Terral Ewing (Council Co-Chair)	Tyrie Stanley (Council Co-Chair)
Raymel Givens	Gwen Velez (phone)
Cree Gordon	John Vener, MD
Destiny Holiday	Johnnie Williams
Stephen Jensen	McKinzie Woelfel (Council Co-Chair)
Council Members Absent:	
Nafula Namuninia	Sarah Schiele
Raquelle Paulsen	
Community Members/Guests/Consultants:	
	Mariah Wilberg, DHS
Walter Urey, Hennepin County	Jake Melson, DHS
James Flowers, Red Door Clinic	Jared Shenk, MDH
Mary McCarthy, PAC community member	Anika Kalewoun, Hennepin County (phone)
Darren Rowles, DHS	Jim Mara, Hennepin County
Heather Eagleton, VIIV Healthcare	Tara Carmean, MDH
Hennepin County (Part A) Representative:	
Jonathan Hanft	DHS (Part B) Representative:
	Colleen Bjerke
MDH (Prevention) Representative:	
Peggy Darrett-Brewer	MCHACP Parliamentarian:
	Pat Reymann, PRP
MCHACP Staff:	
Carissa Weisdorf, Coordinator	Jeremy Stadelman, Hennepin County (minutes)

Quorum Present? **Yes**

I. Call to Order, Introductions, Lighting of the Candle, Reading of Guiding Principles,

- Tyrie Stanley called the meeting to order at 9:07 a.m. Introductions were made. The guiding principles were read.

Consideration and Approval of Proposed Agenda

- The agenda was approved by unanimous consent.
 - Tyrie noted that there would not be a service area presentation today because the data was not ready to present.

Consideration and Approval of September 10 Meeting Minutes

- The minutes were approved by unanimous consent.

II. Co-Chair Update

- McKinzie Woelfel announced that she and Tyrie would be tabling at The Aliveness Project on Friday, November 15, to recruit for new members.

III. Recipient Reports

Part A

Jonathan Hanft, Hennepin County Ryan White Program

- Appropriations update (FY 2020)
 - Jonathan referenced the **Federal AIDS Policy Partnership (FAPP) Appropriations**.
 - The appropriations shown include what has been passed in the House of Representatives and what the Senate and White House are currently proposing.
 - The House and Senate propose increased funding for Ryan White, but none of the additional funds will benefit Minnesota because those funds are going to 48 targeted jurisdictions identified in the Ending HIV in America initiative.
 - The House bill increases funding by about \$70 million, but the Senate does not propose this increase.
 - It is likely that Congress will pass a continuing resolution, but it could be later than usual. The Part A award may arrive late next year.
 - Part A will probably receive flat funding for FY 2020.
 - The White House and Senate budgets propose cuts to Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA).
 - Chuck Peterson noted that, historically, the Senate has adopted the House budget, so hopefully there will not be a cut this year.
 - There was a suggestion to write a letter to senators to advocate against budget cuts to HOPWA.
 - Carissa Weisdorf noted that political advocacy within the council is not allowable by HRSA, but individuals can take this up on their own.
- There is an upcoming conference call with CAEAR, HRSA/HAB, and planning councils on November 19, 1:00pm to 2:00pm CT.
 - Information about the call has been sent to council members.
- QMAC (Quality Management Advisory Committee) is seeking members.
 - There is a need for two consumers and one provider.
- Mid-year FY 2019 expenditure report:
 - Jonathan referenced the **mid-year expenditure report**.
 - Colleen Bjerke noted that ADAP (AIDS drugs assistance program) has just started spending grant funds, but rebate funding has already been expended for the year.
 - Sub-recipients are mostly spending at appropriate levels so far this year.
 - Questions:
 - Terral Ewing wondered why greater Minnesota medical case management (MCM) is at lower levels of expenditures for the year.
 - Colleen noted that the data just includes Part B expenditures; rebate is being spent first. MCM in greater MN is expected to be fully spent for the year.

Part B

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

- Colleen reference the **Part B Report**.
 - Part B posted a request for proposals (RFP) on October 8.
 - Colleen asked members to help recruit people with HIV (PWH) for the RFP review. Colleen noted that current council members cannot be on the review panel.
 - Colleen added that they would like to have Greater MN participants in the RFP review.
 - Colleen noted that they have had 800 responses so far to the dental survey that was recently distributed to the community.
- Mariah Wilberg provided an update on END HIV MN, the statewide strategy to end HIV.

- Summary brochures were provided to council members.
- Mariah is currently working on stakeholder engagement events.
 - There are two focus groups left:
 - In Minneapolis on November 21.
 - In St. Paul on December 10.
 - Other current activities include:
 - Development of a statewide inventory of efforts to close service gaps.
 - Development of a data dashboard to report on the strategy's goals and tactics.
- What can the council do to help with the reaching the strategy's goals?
 - Attend the focus group meetings.
 - Mariah will contact the council to gather input as needed.
 - Have a space for community announcements.
- Members asked for an update on financial data for greater MN.
 - Colleen noted that DHS will present that data in January.
- **Prevention**

Peggy Darrett-Brewer, Minnesota Department of Health (MDH)

 - Will have a full report in December.
 - Contact McKinzie with any questions or information about condom distribution.
 - MDH is hiring for two positions soon, one for syringe services.

IV. Council Staff Update

- Carissa Weisdorf provided an update:
 - Need to fill 13 membership spots and she encouraged members to help with recruitment efforts. Projected council vacancies are listed on the committee summary reports.
 - There are recruitment postcards available today that can be handed out to people who may be interested in applying for the council.
- Dr. Keith Henry will present to the Planning and Allocations Committee (PAC) on rapid-treatment programs (test and treat).
 - All are welcome to attend the meeting.

V. Service Area presentation and discussion

- Data is not ready to be presented so this item was moved to a future meeting.

VI. Committee Reports (also refer to *Committee Report Summaries*)

- Executive
- Community Voices (CVC)
 - **Action Item: Co-Chair Election**
 - **MOTION:** Destiny Holiday moved that the council approve the recommendation that Destiny Holiday and Earlean Granville be elected as co-chairs of the Community Voices Committee.
 - Number of ballots cast: 23
 - Number needed for election: 12
 - Number of votes for each candidate:
 - Destiny Holiday: 21
 - Earlean Granville: 18
 - **Destiny and Earlean were elected co-chairs of CVC.**
- Disparities Elimination
- Membership & Training
 - The committee is working on recruitment efforts to get more applicants.

- Needs Assessment & Training
- Planning & Allocations (PAC)
 - **Action Item: FY 2019 Part A Reallocations Proposal**
 - Discussion:
 - Alex Palacios asked for clarity on the process for determining reallocations.
 - Tyrie provided more clarity on the committee’s process.
 - **MOTION:** Larry McPherson moved that the council approve the FY 2019 Part A Reallocations Proposal as presented by PAC.
 - There was no debate.
 - **Vote:**

Name		COI?	Vote	Name		COI?	Vote
Alejandro	Aguilera		AYE	Stephen	Jensen		AYE
Dennis	Anderson		AYE	Florence	Kulubya-Nabeta		AYE
Robert	Andrews		AYE	James	McMurray		
Andrew	Bauman		AYE	Larry	McPherson		AYE
Lisa	Behr		AYE	Lesa	Nelson		AYE
Tom	Bichanga		AYE	Fred	Ndip		AYE
Loyal	Brooks		AYE	Alex	Palacios		AYE
Thu	Danh		AYE	Chuck	Peterson		AYE
Charlotte	Detournay		AYE	Tyrie	Stanley		Abstain (due to facilitation)
Terral	Ewing		AYE	John	Vener, MD		AYE
Raymel	Givens		AYE	Johnnie	Williams		AYE
Cree	Gordon		AYE	McKinzie	Woelfel		AYE
Destiny	Holiday		AYE				

The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

VII. HIV Molecular Data Cluster Detection and Response

Jared Shenk, MPH, Epidemiologist Intermediate, Minnesota Department of Health

- Jared presented a PowerPoint (the presentation was sent to the council by Carissa Weisdorf on November 15, 2019).

VIII. Questions about presentation

- Jonathan wondered what potential there is to move resources in order to increase prevention and PrEP funding; can we get some commitments to use local resources to address outbreaks?
 - Peggy noted that there could be more planning around coordinating resources and the state has identified partners to work with in case of a cluster outbreak.
 - Cheryl Barber does outbreak responses, so this is a part of what MDH already does.
 - Any HIV outbreak would be responded to in similar way to the recent syphilis outbreak.
 - Is there anything the CDC could do to improve the rollout of this new reporting requirement?
 - The CDC could have communicated from the beginning that this was the direction they were going.
 - The CDC could have gathered more information from state health departments and MDH grantees.
 - Does MDH collect data to determine the longevity of those who are not virally detectable?
 - Jared responded that MDH does not collect that level of data from medical records; there are issues with consent in doing this deep-dive.
 - Jared noted MDH cannot do genotyping if an individual is virally suppressed. There are ways to gather this information, but it is cost prohibitive.
 - How do government agencies respond to clusters and not violate client privacy?

- Jared explained that in the case of a cluster only basic information would be submitted to MDH. Resources are targeted to the community and there would be no way of knowing who is HIV positive.

BREAK

IX. Consensus workshop to determine mechanisms and priorities for hard topic discussions

Jim Mara, Facilitator

- Jim facilitated an exercise to determine mechanisms and priorities for hard topic discussions.
 - Members referenced the **Consensus Workshop Notes** from the previous meeting.
 - Jim asked members to summarize the theme of each cluster
 - Cluster 1:
 - Establish a focused topic with clear goal(s)
 - Cluster 2:
 - Build an atmosphere of respect and trust
 - Cluster 3:
 - Protocol/process
 - Facilitator techniques that provide flexibility but are productive
 - Listening/talking-stick
 - Cluster 4:
 - A multicultural trained/experienced facilitator who can manage agreement of order and ground rules
 - Piece of accountability: what happens when people fail to follow ground rules?
 - Cluster 5:
 - Open-communication
 - Empathy
 - We will be empathic in our conversations
 - Respect
 - Foster an atmosphere of open-mindedness, respect, and empathy
 - Open-mindedness
 - Respectful conversations
 - Honor respectful and appropriate boundaries
 - Be supportive and work together for common good
 - Respectful and thoughtful communication
 - Cluster 6:
 - Honor that people learn and communicate differently
 - Cluster 7:
 - Atmosphere of open-mindedness, respect, and empathy
 - Cluster 8:
 - Shared responsibility of cultural humility

X. Unfinished Business / New Business

- None.

XI. Open Forum

- None.

XII. Announcements

- None.

XIII. Adjourn

- The meeting adjourned at 12:02 p.m.

Documents Distributed Before the Meeting:

- Proposed Agenda
- September 10 Meeting Minutes
- November 12 Committee Report Summaries
- **Action Item:** CVC co-chair election
- **Action Item:** Part A reallocations proposal
- Part A reallocations proposal
- Hard topics discussion notes

Documents Distributed at the Meeting:

- Part A Update
- Part B Update
- Federal AIDS Policy Partnership Appropriations
- Mid-year expenditure report

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