

MN Council for HIV/AIDS Care and Prevention
Meeting Minutes for March 10, 2020
9:00am to 12:00pm
Health Services Building, Room L15
Minutes

Council Members Present:	Destiny Holiday
Dennis Anderson	Stephen Jensen
Javier Mendoza-Andrews	Teresa Jones
Lisa Behr	James McMurray (phone)
Andrew Bauman	Larry McPherson (Council Co-Chair)
Michael Brooks	Nafula Namuninia (phone)
Thu Danh	Fred Ndip
Charlotte Detournay	Asneth Omare
Alissa Fountain	Austin Phillips
Raymel Givens	Sarah Schiele
Alfredo Rincon-Gonzalez	Johnnie Williams
Cree Gordon (Council Co-Chair)	Jo Ann Vertetis
Council Members Absent:	
Tom Kelly	McKinzie Woelfel (Council Co-Chair)
Tom Kennedy	Greg Fox
Community Members/Guests/Consultants:	Kaylea Bickell, Community Voices Member
James Flowers, Red Door	Jake Melson, DHS
Darin Rowles, DHS	Aaron Peterson, Hennepin County
Loyal Brooks, Community Member	Lucy Slater, Indigenous People's Task Force
Zelda Tobias-Kotytk, MATEC	Jared Shenk, MDH
Alisa Johnson, Hennepin County	Bob Wickoren, Merck
John Vener, Community Member (phone)	Chryssie Jones, MDH
Katie Dinndorf, MATEC	Tyrie Stanley, Community Member
Hennepin County (Part A) Representative:	DHS (Part B) Representative:
Jonathan Hanft	Colleen Bjerke
MDH (Prevention) Representative:	MCHACP Parliamentarian:
Peggy Darrett-Brewer	Pat Reymann, PRP
Staff:	
Jeremy Stadelman, Hennepin County (minutes)	

Quorum Present? **Yes**

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

- Cree Gordon called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m. Introductions were made. The guiding principles were read.

Consideration and Approval of Proposed Agenda

- The agenda was approved by unanimous consent.
- Loyal Brooks asked that the conflict of interest table be updated on the agenda.

Consideration and Approval of February 11 Meeting Minutes

- The minutes were approved by unanimous consent.

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

- Executive
 - **Action Item:** Grievance Committee Election

- Cree called for nominations.
 - Stephen Jensen, Destiny Holiday, and Andy Bauman were nominated.
 - Larry and Cree, as council co-chairs, will also serve on the grievance committee.
 - **MOTION:** Cree Gordon moved that Stephen Jensen, Destiny Holiday, and Andy Bauman be elected as grievance committee members to serve a one-year term, April 1, 2020 – March 31, 2021.
 - **With a unanimous vote, the motion carries.**
- Community Voices (CVC)
 - Destiny Holiday and James McMurray were elected as co-chairs.
 - The committee discussed how to be involved in the biannual prioritization process.
 - The committee would like all consumers to be a part of the conversation.
 - June 8 will be the next date of the CVC and prioritization will occur.
- Disparities Elimination
- Membership & Training
 - **Action Item:** New membership election
 - Stephen Jensen announced that the nominated applicant is no longer interested in joining the council, so the election has been cancelled.
 - Committee assignments for new members were determined.
- Needs Assessment & Evaluation
- Planning & Allocations (PAC)
 - **Action Item:** Resource allocation process
 - **MOTION:** Larry McPherson moved to adopt the *resource allocation process* document as presented by the Planning and Allocations Committee.
 - Discussion:
 - Destiny recommended using fewer acronyms and to explain what the 13-county TGA is.
 - Thu Danh asked for clarification about the roles of Parts A and B. Thu wondered how the council knows when Part B will seek recommendations.
 - It was noted that Part B has another role defined by the legislation.
 - **With a unanimous vote, the motion carries.**
 - The committee reviewed the *Report on goals 1 –3 of the integrated plan monitoring table*.

III. 2020 HIV/AIDS Needs Assessment

- Aaron Peterson and Jake Melson provided an update on the 2020 HIV/AIDS Needs Assessment survey.
 - The survey has been launched.
 - The survey was developed collaboratively with the Department of Human Services, Hennepin County, Minnesota Department of Health, and the council.
 - The survey was piloted by the council in December and suggested updates were incorporated.
 - The survey is a legislative requirement for Parts A and B.
 - Aaron distributed out promotional materials to members.
 - Participants can only take survey once and are eligible for a \$25 gift care.
 - The goal is to close the survey by the end of June 2020, after Pride.
 - Aaron and Jake will reach out to council to target hard to reach communities.
 - The county has hired several interns to help collect data.
 - The survey will be available in Spanish.
 - Other languages can be accessed via translation services.
 - Jo Ann Vertetis noted that it may be difficult to take the survey over the phone.
 - Peggy Darrett-Brewer noted that many African-born individuals prefer to receive translation services on the phone for anonymity.
 - Aaron noted that he will speak with survey administrators in Hennepin County about what might be possible.
 - Interns will be reaching out to subrecipients to reach consumers.

- Members would like to identify champions from hard to reach populations who can find people with HIV to take the survey.

IV. Council staff update

- Jeremy Stadelman reminded members that committees will elect two co-chairs at their March meeting. The criteria to serve as a committee co-chair include:
 - According to the council bylaws, each standing and/or ad hoc committee shall nominate up to two co-chairs, one of whom must be a member of the council. Committee co-chairs should reflect the diversity of the council membership. One co-chair shall reside in the Minneapolis-St. Paul Part A TGA. Committee co-chairs may serve two consecutive one-year terms, or until a successor is elected. They are also elected to serve on the Executive Committee, as defined in the bylaws.
- Reimbursements should be submitted no later than April 15 for any expenses before the end of March.
- Jeremy distributed an updated contact list for members.
- Carissa Weisdorf had her baby on February 29! Little Briar and mom are doing well.

V. Service area presentation

- Tabled due to time.

VI. Service area discussion

- Tabled due to time.

VII. Training on Robert's Rules of Order (making a motion)

- Pat Reymann referenced the ***Making a Motion document*** and provided a training on the steps in processing a motion.
 - Members request that the making a motion document be available at future meetings.

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VIII. Recipient Reports

Part A

Jonathan Hanft, Hennepin County Ryan White Program

- Jonathan welcomed new members and noted that it is the 25th year of the Ryan White program.
- Jonathan asked members to promote the needs assessment survey among their networks.
- The Ryan White Program is now in the public health protection unit at Hennepin County.
- FY 2020 Core medical services expenditure waiver under review by HAB, the federal funder.
- Council Administrative Specialist update: an individual has been identified and will hopefully start in April.
- FY 2021 federal appropriations update:
 - Jonathan referenced the ***Federal Appropriations for HIV/AIDS Programs*** document.
- The Quality Management Advisory Committee (QMAC) is seeking two metro area consumer members.
 - If anyone would like to apply, contact Anika Kaleewoun (anika.kaleewoun@hennepin.us)

Part B

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

- Contracting process for new programs is starting in April.
- ADAP update from Rachel Heule will occur in April.
- DHS will provide an update on rebate at the April meeting.
- Part B QMAC met recently.
 - 96-98% of clients enrolled in Ryan White Part B services are retained in care.

- 89% viral suppression for Ryan White Part B clients.
- DHS will conduct further analysis to determine disparities within Part B services.

Prevention

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

- The Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) is dealing with Hep C, HIV, and Covid-19 (no cases have been identified in Minnesota as of today) outbreaks.
- 2019 financial update:
 - Early Identification Services:
 - 8 funded agencies that spent 75% in 2018
 - \$800,000 total spent
 - HIV testing program:
 - 16 funded agencies that spent 86%
 - \$1.8 million total spent
 - Partner services
 - Spent 99% of \$212,000
 - Peggy noted that 5-year contracts are more successful than 1-year contracts.
- Program highlights:
 - HIV testing:
 - 2,462 were tested with CDC funding
 - 3 positives were identified
 - A total of 6,878 HIV tests were administered statewide
 - Syringe services:
 - 97% of clean syringes came back
 - Naloxone update:
 - 3,754 individuals received Naloxone
 - 44.8% women
 - 53% men
 - 4% transgender
 - 317 overdoses were successfully reversed
 - Update on the HIV outbreak currently occurring in the Twin Cities:
 - MDH has provided support to non-syringe programs.
 - MDH has encouraged providers to increase testing.
 - PrEP:
 - In Quarter 4 of 2019, 109 individuals were screened and 47 were prescribed PrEP.
 - 52% from communities of color
 - 16% decrease in PrEP users
- Covid-19 update:
 - Incident command has been deployed at MDH to help coordinate the state's response.
 - A health advisory has been issued.
 - Visit the [MDH website](#) for more information.
- Open positions at MDH:
 - Harm reduction program manager for syringe action programs
 - CARELink Disease Intervention (DI) specialist
- A new Disease Intervention specialist has been hired.
- A new TB nurse has been hired.
- 470,000 condoms have been distributed to 131 agencies.
- Questions:
 - Lisa Behr wondered if extra funding can go towards increasing the state's Narcan supply.
 - Peggy noted that MDH is working on solutions to increase the Narcan supply.

- Tyrie Stanley wondered why CDC (Centers for Disease Control) funded programs are identifying more positives than state funded programs.
 - Peggy noted that it takes time for grantees get going, but CDC programs have been up and running for 3 years so they have more capacity to find positives.

IX. Effective HIV Prevention

- Chrissy Jones presented a PowerPoint (Jeremy Stadelman emailed it to the council on March 11, 2020).
- Questions:
 - Do all syringe services programs provide testing?
 - Yes, and Hep C testing is provided as well.
 - Members would like an overview of different funding sources in the Ryan White/prevention world.
 - Members noted concern about oversaturation of testing; 2 million tests have been provided.
- To address this, Part A is funding fewer organizations who do testing.

X. Council Member Knowledge Assessment Tool

- Jake distributed the *data knowledge assessment tool* and members filled it out during the meeting.

XI. Unfinished Business / New Business

- Lisa recommended that Dr. Keith Henry’s presentation on rapid access to care from February be sent to members again so that new members can review it.
 - Jeremy agreed to send the presentation to the council again.
- Jo Ann wondered if the council can invest in a microphone to use during council meetings.
 - Jeremy indicated that he will look into this.

XII. Open Forum

- None.

XIII. Announcements

- None.

XIV. Adjourn

- The meeting adjourned at 11:56 a.m.

Documents Distributed Before the Meeting:

- Proposed Agenda
- February meeting minutes
- March 10 Committee Reports
- **Action Item:** Grievance Committee
- **Action Item:** New Member Election
- **Action Item:** Resource Allocation Process
- Report on Goals 1-3 of the Integrated Monitoring Plan

Documents Distributed at the Meeting:

- Part A Update
- Federal Appropriation for HIV/AIDS Programs update
- Promotional materials for the 2020 Comprehensive Needs Assessment survey
- Data Knowledge Assessment Tool
- Steps in Processing a Motion
- Council member contact list

