

# Disparities Elimination Committee

May 21, 2020

9:30 am – 11:30 am

Remote meeting

## Meeting Summary/Minutes

<b>Disparities Elimination Committee Members Present:</b>	
Dennis Anderson (Co-chair)	Gelli Overton
Charlotte Detournay	Tom Kennedy
Cree Gordon	DJ Rotz
Alfredo Rincon-Gonzales	Tyrie Stanley
Raymel Givens	Fred Ndip
Megan Mueller	
<b>Hennepin County (Part A) Representative:</b>	<b>DHS (Part B) Representative:</b>
Thuan Tran	Fred Ndip
<b>MDH (Prevention) Representatives:</b>	<b>MCHACP Staff:</b>
McKinzie Woelfel	Richard Puella (minutes)
	Meagan Schrafft
<b>Guests and Community Members:</b>	
Aaron Peterson, Hennepin County Data Coordinator	Larry McPherson

Quorum Present? Yes

**I. Welcome and introductions** Cree Gordon called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Introductions were made.

**II. Review, approval of minutes from February meeting and proposed agenda:** By unanimous consent the agenda and minutes were approved.

### **III. Part A Minority AIDS Initiative Presentation**

*Thuan Tran, Hennepin County Ryan White Program*

- Thuan Tran gave a presentation on the history of the Minority AIDS Initiative (MAI) Program, so the committee can best decide how to allocate additional funds from the Part A FY 2020 grant award. The performance of this program over the past two years has yielded an increase of \$10,093 dollars in funding.
- Thuan Tran pointed out that despite the Outpatient/Ambulatory Health Services reflection of being under spent, he explained that there is often a lag in billing, and it is predicted that this service will have overspent the allocated funding amount.

- Tyrie Stanley asked Thuan if it would be possible to change the word “black” in his presentation since “black” is a color not a race and suggested using “Black American born.” Thuan explained that he understands that different communities self-identify in different areas based on context, and was referring to CDC and black caucus language, but if DEC had a preference to let staff know and Hennepin County will happily abide. Cree Gordon also reiterated that MAI doesn’t differentiate between African American and African born folks which is why the language used is “Black.” Thuan explained that since the issue of identity is complicated and multilayered, he doesn’t think the issue could be resolved within the context of this presentation and suggested DEC allocate more time to discuss at future meetings.
- Thuan Tran reminded the committee that since the previous allocation decision was to prioritize Medical Case Management and Outpatient/Ambulatory Health Services, the additional \$10,093 dollars is restricted to one or both of those services. Megan Mueller felt that since Medical Case Management receives funding through Part A, that it would make more sense to put the entire \$10,093 into Outpatient/Ambulatory Health Services.
- Tyrie Stanley suggested that since most of the Outpatient/Ambulatory Health Services is paid by insurance, it would be better to fund Food Services programs, so that individuals in group residential housing have better access to food. Thuan mentioned that there will be extra option for food services through the COVID Cares Act funding.
- Megan Mueller felt that since Medical Case Management receives funding through Part A, she moved to put the entire additional \$10,093 funding into Outpatient/Ambulatory Health Services. The motion was seconded by DJ Rotz. Cree Gordon asked for those with a conflict of interest to declare themselves. Charlotte Detournay was the only person with a conflict of interest and stepped out of the meeting. The motion passes and will be forwarded to the Executive Committee.

Roll Call	Aye/No
Dennis Anderson	Yes
DJ Rotz	Yes
Gelli Overton	Not present at time of voting
Megan Mueller	Yes
Fred Ndip	Yes
Raymel Givens	Yes
Tom Kennedy	Yes
Tyrie Stanley	No
Alfredo Rincon-Gonzales	Yes

**IV. MAI prioritization**

- Cree Gordon led discussions on what services to prioritize for fiscal year 2021/2022. They suggested the committee adopt the categories DEC prioritized in 2018 and adding food services as an additional option. Megan Mueller recommended to consider looking at this

through the lens of the recent HIV outbreak and substance abuse outpatient care, since the outbreak was primarily among those who inject drugs.

- Tyrie moved that DEC use the prioritization list from 2018 (below) to consider for fiscal year 2021/2022 funding. The motion was seconded by Megan Mueller, and by consensus the motion passes.

**Core Medical Services**

- Early Intervention Services (EIS)
- Medical Case Management, including Treatment Adherence Services
- Mental Health Services
- Outpatient/Ambulatory Health Services

**Support Services**

- Emergency Financial Assistance
- Housing
- Non-medical Case Management Services
- Outreach Services

**V. Elect Co-Chairs:** Cree led a discussion on how the committee would like to elect their co-chairs. Tyrie moved that DEC adopt Survey Monkey as the tool for co-chair elections until the committee can meet in-person again for the next co-chair election. DJ Rotz seconded the motion. The motion passes.

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DJ Rotz	Yes
Gelli Overton	Yes
Megan Mueller	Not present at time of voting
Fred Ndip	Yes
Raymel Givens	Yes
Tom Kennedy	Yes
Tyrie Stanley	Yes
Alfredo Rincon-Gonzales	Yes

- Nominations for co-chairs are Tyrie Stanley, Megan Mueller, Dennis Anderson and DJ Rotz. Meagan Schrafft created and distributed an electronic ballot via Survey Monkey to all the voting members. After review of the survey results, it was announced there were 8 ballots cast and Dennis Anderson received 5 votes, Megan Mueller received 5 votes, DJ Rotz received 3 votes and Tyrie Stanley received 2 votes. Dennis Anderson and Megan Mueller were elected as the new DEC co-chairs.

**VI. Review FY 2020 work plan:** Tyrie Stanley moved to table the review of the FY 2020 work plan until next month. The motion was seconded by DJ Rotz.

**VII. New business/unfinished business/goal setting:** No new business was discussed.

**VIII. Set agenda for next meeting:**

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- Item to be discussed at next month's meeting: Recommend starting point for MAI allocations.

**IX. Announcements:** No announcements were made.

**X. Adjourn:** Meeting was adjourned at 11:30am

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