

**MN Council for HIV/AIDS Care and Prevention
Community Voices Committee Meeting (CVC)
(Remote Mtg.)
June 08, 2020
4:00 pm – 6:00 pm**

Meeting Summary/Minutes

Committee Members Present:	
Alejandro Aguilera	Kim Lieberman
Steve Forseth	Larry McPherson (Council Co-Chair)
Belinda Charleston - Green	James McMurray
Destiny Holiday	Lesa Nelson
Hennepin County (Part A) Representative:	DHS (Part B) Representative:
Thuan Tran	Colleen Bjerke
MDH (Prevention) Representative:	Guests:
None	Jacob Melson, DHS
	Aaron Peterson, Hennepin County Data Coordinator
MCHACP Staff:	
Richard Puella, Hennepin County (minutes)	Meagan Schrafft

I. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS: Destiny Holiday asked that everyone take a moment to acknowledge and reflect on George Floyd. Introductions were made, and Destiny asked everyone to review the minutes and agenda. James McMurray noticed an error on the minutes and pointed out that on item number seven the last names of James and Andrew got mixed up. Richard Puella noted the typo and will make corrections. With that, the agenda and minutes were approved.

II. Review of Roles and Responsibilities of CVC: Destiny read the roles of responsibilities of the committee.

III. 2020 HIV/AIDS Comprehensive Needs Assessment:

- Aaron Peterson provided a presentation and an update on the 2020 HIV/AIDS Comprehensive Needs Assessment (NA2020). The needs assessment continues to be a collaborative effort between the Department of Human Services, Hennepin County, and the MN Council for HIV/AIDS Care and Prevention. He mentioned that data are still being collected and asked that anyone who has not taken the survey to please do so at www.hennepin.us/NA2020. He reminded that gift cards are being mailed for those who complete the survey.
- Staff working on the survey presented some options to the Needs Assessment and Evaluation Committee for alternative ways to continue with data collection based on the current circumstances (COVID-19). Options included postponing the survey until COVID-19 clears up, or postponing until 2021. The Needs Assessment and Evaluation Committee agreed that new data is important since the last needs assessment data was collected in 2015.
- New data collection methods amidst the new environment will include, online promotion and some paper surveys will be distributed at agencies such as Red Door and Open Arms. Lastly, interns (Ann Bensen, Audra Gaikowski, and Miranda Kunz) will be conducting phone interviews. Belinda Green asked Aaron how randomly contacting clients can accurately represent Ryan White clients, since most individuals like herself will not answer unfamiliar phone numbers. Aaron explained that Hennepin County will not be the initial point of contact. Clients will be reached out to by one of the

Ryan White providers that they receive services from and ask if clients would like to participate. Providers will help connect clients with the interns for the survey.

- Destiny Holiday asked who the ones are putting together these surveys and what is being done so that they include the black communities. She feels like the same people are the only ones involved and wants to know how to include a broader range of clients. Aaron said the survey was developed in partnership with the Needs Assessment and Evaluation Committee, and anyone on that committee would have been able to provide input. With regards to reaching out to communities, feedback from the last CVC meeting is being used to figure out how to leverage that information into our new environment (virtual).
- Larry McPherson asked Aaron what individuals should do if they have not received their gift card like himself. Aaron announced that anyone who has not received their gift card to reach out to the Hennepin County staff.

IV. Priority Setting:

- Meagan Schrafft provided a link to Survey Monkey so that everyone can vote on their top three priorities for core medical and support services.
- Meagan sent the results of the survey to James McMurray and Destiny Holiday. James displayed the results on screen so everyone can see it. The top three for core medical services were ADAP, AIDS Pharmaceutical and medical case management. Belinda Charleston - Green questioned what the difference was between ADAP and AIDS Pharmaceutical, since to her they are the same thing. James McMurray agreed with Belinda and noted that AIDS Pharmaceutical was basically a supplement for ADAP. Belinda pointed out that if clients are qualified for ADAP, clients will receive their medication, so she felt by selecting AIDS Pharmaceutical was like chose ADAP twice. Colleen Bjerke agreed with Belinda. Therefore, Belinda suggested doing away with either ADAP or AIDS Pharmaceutical.
- Meagan then displayed the results for support services, the top two were housing services, psychosocial support, and medical transportation and outreach services tied for third place. Destiny Holiday felt the childcare was important and Larry McPherson agreed, but reminded Destiny that everyone else must agree with choosing childcare since it was not among the top three. Destiny felt that the voting system was not fair, and the results would have been different had it be done another way.
- Meagan suggested that if people felt strongly about certain services that there can be more than three services listed. Therefore, James with the approval of everyone, added childcare to the list of prioritized services.

Core Medical Services	Support Services
1. AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP)	1. Housing services
2. Medical Case Management	2. Psychosocial Support
3. Early Intervention	3. Outreach
	3. Medical Transportation (tied)
	4. Childcare

- V. Proposal for Caucuses:** Meagan Schrafft defined what a caucus was for everyone. She informed the committee that caucus is another word to describe a small subgroup of people that can form their own groups and don't require the approval of the council. Destiny questioned if a caucus would have the support of staff or would it be better to form a sub-committee under the CVC. Meagan explained a

caucus would be like a sub-committee under the CVC, but it wouldn't need the approval of the council. She did mention that a caucus would have staff support with sending out materials and scheduling meetings. Destiny felt that outreach is important because the committee has not been able to reach the community with the most disparities, and she felt that much work is needed in order to bring that inclusion.

VI. Set Agenda for Next Meeting:

- James McMurray suggested adding a discussion on how to help reach communities be able to connect and participate in CVC meetings remotely. Belinda Charleston-Green feels that the CVC always seems to be behind the council and asked why the CVC couldn't increase their meeting frequencies. This way the CVC can be ahead and have the council follow in the CVC's direction. Meagan noted that one way to increase the CVC meeting would be through the caucus. Destiny insisted that the CVC, not a subcommittee or caucus, meet more frequently.
- Belinda questioned if a caucus would have the same Hennepin County and DHS staff support at those meetings because she wanted to be sure there would be a record of the discussions that took place, so that it could be brought back to the council. Destiny wants the recognition under the CVC and not a subcommittee to talk about the needs of the community.
- Destiny mentioned the need for a discussion about the role of the CVC and its place within the council. She felt that many decisions have been made without consumer input, and she feels as if the consumers have been left out. She felt that the CVC should be the ones leading the council because they are the consumers and have the need. The community members are the key but are not given key roles. Destiny wants the CVC to meet once a month like the other committees.
- Destiny and James decided on July 13, 2020 and August 10, 2020 as tentative dates for additional CVC meetings.

VII. Open Forum: No other discussion followed.

VIII. Announcements and Adjourn: No announcements were made, and the meeting was adjourned at 6pm.

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