

**Mn Council for HIV/AIDS Care and Prevention  
Health Services Building, Room L15 (Remote Mtg.)**

**June 09, 2020  
9:00 am – 11:00 am**

**Meeting Summary/Minutes**

<b>Council Members Present:</b>	
Dennis Anderson	James McMurray
Andrew Bauman	Larry McPherson (Council Co-Chair)
Lisa Behr	Javier Andrews-Mendoza
Michael Brooks	Nafula Namuninia
Thu Danh	Fred Ndip
Charlotte Detournay	Asneth Omare
Alissa Fountain	Alex Palacios
Raymel Givens	Sarah Schiele
Alfredo Rincon-Gonzales	McKinzie Woelfel
Cree Gordon (Council Co-Chair)	
Stephen Jensen	
Tom Kennedy	
Tom Kelly	
<b>Council Members Absent:</b>	
Greg Fox	Teresa Jones
Destiny Holiday	Jo Ann Vertetis
<b>Community Members/Guests/Consultants:</b>	
Johan Baumeister	Jacob Melson
Loyal Brooks	Jessie Saavedra
Ann Bensen	Tyrie Stanley
Mona Deoferio	Walter Urey
Miranda Kunz	Gwen Velez
Jeremey Stadelman	Thuan Tran
<b>Hennepin County (Part A) Representative:</b>	
Jonathan Hanft	<b>DHS (Part B) Representative:</b> Colleen Bjerke
<b>MDH (Prevention) Representative:</b>	
Peggy Darrett-Brewer	<b>MCHACP Parliamentarian:</b> Pat Reymann, PRP
<b>MCHACP Staff:</b>	
Richard Puella (minutes)	
Meagan Schrafft	Carissa Weisdorf

**I. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS:** Larry McPherson called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Introductions were made, and Larry lit a candle in memory of George Floyd and opened the floor for remarks. Nafula Namuninia expressed the pain she felt not only as a black woman but also as a mother. Her heart goes out to all the black women. Larry McPherson spoke on behalf of George Floyd, and noted that he will not be forgotten, and his death will not have been in vain. Larry will continue to spread this message until change happens and everyone is treated equally. The guiding principals were read, and the agenda and May minutes were approved.

## II. Committee Reports (also provided in written format)

### A. Executive and Co-Chair Updates: McKinzie Woelfel presented several action items from the Executive Committee for review.

- **Action item: Code of Conduct Violation:** At the June 2, 2020 Executive Committee meeting, Hennepin County staff and a council co-chair presented the results of an investigation into alleged misconduct. A member moved that the Executive Committee find Terral Ewing in violation of the Code of Conduct, based on by-law 5.5 sections A-L, specifically L which states, "Acts which may reflect negatively upon the council that create the appearance of impropriety." It was seconded. No debate. It was adopted by a vote of 6-1.
- The Executive Committee recommends that the Council recommend to the appointing authorities at MDH, Part A (Hennepin County), and Part B (DHS) to suspend Terral Ewing from all council and committee activities for the foreseeable future. The recommendation was adopted by a vote of 13-2.

### B. Community Voices: James McMurray reported on the Community Voice Committee (CVC) meeting that occurred on June 8, 2020. He stated that the CVC completed their prioritization process. For core medical services the CVC's top priorities are ADAP, medical case management, and early intervention services. For support services the CVC chose, housing, psychosocial support, childcare services, and outreach.

- James mentioned the CVC is looking for additional ways to get more members to join the CVC since the turn out for the meeting only yielded 8 people.

### C. Disparities Elimination: Cree Gordon, presented two action items to the committee.

- **Action item: Co-chair election:** Dennis Anderson and Megan Mueller meet the eligibility requirements as defined in the bylaws and have been nominated to serve as co-chairs by the Disparities Elimination Committee, forwarded to the council by the Executive Committee, and have agreed to serve in that capacity and as a member of the Executive Committee
  - Therefore, The Disparities Elimination Committee recommends that Dennis Anderson and Megan Mueller be elected to serve as co-chairs of the Disparities Elimination Committee. No debate followed, and Meagan Schrafft distributed the electronic ballots via Survey Monkey. Results were sent to Stephen Jensen and Cree Gordon.
  - Results: Megan Mueller received 19 votes, and Dennis Anderson received 17. They are approved and are the new co-chairs of DEC.
- **Action item: MAI allocations:** At the May 21, 2020 Disparities Elimination Committee meeting, Megan Mueller moved to put the \$10,093 in additional MAI funds into outpatient ambulatory health services. It was seconded. No debate. Charlotte Detournay abstained due to conflict of interest. **AYE:** Dennis Anderson, DJ Rotz, Fred Ndip, Raymel Givens, Tom Kennedy, and Alfredo Rincon-Gonzalez. **NO:** Tyrie Stanley. Motion passes
  - Therefore, The Disparities Elimination Committee recommends the council allocate \$10,093 in additional MAI funds for Fiscal Year 2020 to outpatient ambulatory health services. No debate, and the motion is adopted unanimously.

Roll Call	Aye/No
Andrew Bauman	Aye
Michael Brooks	Aye
Thu Danh	Aye
Charlotte Detournay	Abstained
Alissa Fountain	Aye
Raymel Givens	Aye
Cree Gordon	Aye
Alfredo Rincon-Gonzales	Aye
Stephen Jensen	Aye
Tom Kennedy	Aye
Lisa Behr	Aye
James McMurry	Aye
Javier Mendoza-Andrews	Aye
Nafula Namuninia	Aye
Alex Palacios	Aye
McKinzie Woelfel	Aye
Fred Ndip	Aye
Asneth Omare	Aye
Sarah Schiele	Aye
Denis Anderson	Aye

- D. **Membership & Training:** No updates
- E. **Needs Assessment & Evaluation:** No updates.
- F. **Planning & Allocations:** No updates.

**III. Presentation of Priority Settings and Allocations process:**

*Jeremy Stadelman, Planning Analyst, Hennepin County*

- Jeremy presented [Biennial Priority Setting and Resource Allocation Process](#).

**IV. Training on Paired Comparison Tool:**

*Jacob Melson, Ryan White Part B Data Policy Analyst*

- Jacob Melson presented on the Paired Comparison tool and provided instructions on how to use the tool.

**V. Data Training: SARS Dashboard:**

*Aaron Peterson, Data and Outcomes Coordinator, Hennepin County.*

- Aaron Peterson provided a brief overview of the new [SARS Dashboard](#) and how to navigate the new program.
- Jonathan Hanft pointed out that Richard Puella will be scheduling weekly sessions with Aaron and Jacob, for anyone who may have question about the Dashboard or how to use the paired comparison tool.

**VI. Data Training Q&A:** There were no questions or further discussion.

**VII. Council Staff Update:** Meagan Schrafft took a moment to thank everyone for letting her be the interim council coordinator. She informed the council that Carissa Weisdorf will be resuming her role as council coordinator and, along with Richard Puella, will be the points of contact for any questions relating to the council.

**VIII. Recipient Updates:**

- **Part A: Jonathan Hanft, Hennepin County Ryan White Program:** Jonathan Hanft extended his gratitude and thanked Meagan for serving as the interim council coordinator. The plan for the COVID Cares act has been submitted to HRSA on May 15, 2020. A total of \$379,323 was received to prepare, prevent and respond to COVID-19. Roughly \$219,000 of Part A COVID funding will go to food bank and home delivered meal programs. Funding will be provided for clients to purchase cleaning supplies such as disinfectants. In addition, funding to purchase personal protective equipment (PPE) will also be made available to clients and provider staff. Funding will also go to technology so providers can continue to serve clients remotely. Lastly, 7-8% will go to administrative fees.
- **Part B: Colleen Bjerke, Minnesota Department of Human Services HIV/AIDS Unit:** In the interest of time Colleen Bjerke passed on providing updates, since there are no time sensitive updates that need to be discussed today.
- **Prevention (Quarterly Updates: Update in June) Peggy Darrett, Minnesota Department of Health HIV/STD/TB:** McKinzie Woelfel gave the update on behalf of Peggy Darrett-Brewer since she has been doing a lot of work around COVID-19. She reported on the COVID-19 grantee program changes, and all MDH grantees have deemed essential services during the governor's emergency executive order. Testing numbers are low as grantees modify their programs to follow guidance for social distancing and are working on drive-up protocols and home self-testing. Syringe service programs (SSP) have been given guidance to provide two to four weeks of supplies to clients. SSPs have been given the option to mail syringes and locks. The volume at most SSPs remains the same. Despite COVID-19 changes, PrEP remained steady during the first quarter. MDH is currently experience a hiring freeze due to the redirecting of staff and resource to COVID-19 response efforts. The prevention unit has hired Tim Pilcher as the new Harm Reduction program director. He will be relocating to the Twin Cities from Wisconsin where he worked for the Wisconsin Department of Health. An update was provided on the HIV outbreak. Case numbers are still at 22 and has remained so for the past few months. 17 cases in Hennepin County, and 5 in Ramsey County. Efforts are still ongoing to conduct testing among the homeless population.

**IX. Unfinished Business/New Business:** No new business was discussed.

**X. Open Forum:** There was no discussion in open forum.

**XI. Announcements:** CVC announced that they would like to meet more frequently rather than quarterly and meet monthly like the other committees.

**XII. Adjourn:** Meeting adjourned at 11:00am

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