

Disparities Elimination Committee

August 20, 2020

9:30 am – 11:30 am

Remote meeting

Meeting Summary/Minutes

Disparities Elimination Committee Members Present	
Dennis Anderson (Co-chair)	Teresa Jones
Raymel Givens	Tom Kennedy
Cree Gordon	Megan Mueller (Co-chair)
Alfredo Rincon-Gonzalez	Nafula Namuninia
Committee Members Absent:	
Charlotte Detournay	Tyrie Stanley
Guests and Community Members:	
Sarah Krier, JustUs Health	
Hennepin County (Part A) Representative:	DHS (Part B) Representative:
Jeremy Stadelman	Fred Ndip
MDH (Prevention) Representatives:	MCHACP Staff:
McKinzie Woelfel	Richard Puella (Minutes)
	Carissa Weisdorf, Council Coordinator

Quorum Present? Yes

- I. **Welcome and introductions** Megan Mueller called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and introductions were made.
- II. **Review, approval of minutes from July 16 meeting and proposed agenda:** The proposed agenda was approved with the addition of a presentation on the MAI carryover proposal. Along with the agenda the minutes were also unanimously approved.
- III. **AIDSLine presentation and discussion:**

Sarah Krier from JustUs Health spoke and provided information on the AIDSLine. The AIDSLine is the state's information and referral center for resources. The AIDSLine is open Monday-Friday from 9am-5pm. She mentioned that there is a chat feature that people can utilize from justushealth.org.

- A question was asked about how busy the AIDSLine has been since COVID-19. Sarah noted that the volume of calls is down, but the amount of time spent on each call has increased.

The AIDSLine is designed to be a one-time meeting generally about 90 minutes and is done face to face. These meetings were with people who were newly diagnosed with HIV, new to Minnesota who are looking to get into care, or folks who have been out of care and are looking to get back into care.

- A member asked beyond those who are newly diagnosed or new to Minnesota, who else can call the AIDSLine? Sarah noted that the AIDSLine was originally designed for folks living with HIV or those who are at a higher risk for exposure to HIV/AIDS. However, calls can range from those who may be looking for support around their medical care (finding or switching doctors).

- It was asked if team members of the AIDSLine know how clients find out about the AIDSLine, and what kind of promoting is done for the AIDSLine. Sarah noted that finding out how people hear about the line previously wasn't formally asked, but generally comes up in conversation. Starting on July 1st, at the end of every call, a question has been added asking callers how they heard about the AIDSLine. Sarah noted that in the past printed materials have been distributed but hasn't been done for a while.

IV. Part A MAI carryover proposal: Jeremy Stadelman presented, "FY2020 Part A Minority AIDS Initiative (MAI) Carryover." Current MAI funds are being used for Medical Case Management and Outpatient/Ambulatory Health Services (OAHS). Carryover in the amount of \$4,746 is suggested to go into Outpatient/Ambulatory Health Services (OAHS).

- It was asked if the additional \$4,746 would go immediately to OAHS for this current fiscal year? Jeremy confirmed that the additional funds would be distributed as soon as it is passed by the Council.
- **MOTION:** Cree Gordon moved to accept the carryover proposal as presented by Part A and put the carryover funds of \$4,746 in Outpatient/Ambulatory Health Services (OAHS). The motion was seconded by Tom Kennedy.
- **VOTE:** By unanimous decision the motion carries.

Dennis Anderson	Aye
Raymel Givens	Aye
Cree Gordon	Aye
Alfredo Rincon-Gonzalez	Aye
Teresa Jones	Aye
Tom Kennedy	Aye
Nafula Namuninia	Aye
Fred Ndip	Aye

V. Continue discussion of Clinical Quality Management Plan and how it overlaps with Disparities

Elimination Committee's work: Carissa Weisdorf shared the 2020 Clinical Quality Management (CQM) with the committee.

- Increase the viral suppression rate from 80% to 92% by December 31st, 2023 for Ryan White consumers in the TGA who are Black (not born in Africa) men who have sex with men (MSM).
- Increase the viral suppression rate from 72% to 92% by December 31st, 2023 for Ryan White consumers in the TGA who are black (not born in Africa) women.
- Increase out-of-care linkage to care from 81% rates to 90% by December 31st, 2023.

Megan Mueller questioned the role of DEC in the CQM goals. She was unsure of DEC's capacity of what its role could be. Tom Kennedy also agreed that he is also unsure of what DEC's role would be other than to allocate funds. Carissa Weisdorf said this aligns with the goals the council has in the integrated plan, and displayed [Goals, Objectives and Activities \(Section II\)](#).

- This topic was postponed for a future month so that tangible and intentional discussions can be had on how DEC can have impact on these viral suppression rates.

VII. New Business/Unfinished Business/Goal Setting: No new business was discussed.

VIII. Set agenda for next meeting:

- No September meeting; will resume in October.
- Review data on Goal 3 of integrated plan.

IX. Announcements: Carissa Weisdorf asked those who are eligible but haven't taken the Needs Assessment to please do so and encourage others in your network to take it as well. A \$25.00 gift card will be provided for those who complete the survey.

X. Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 10:30am

Meeting Summary:

- Cree Gordon moved to accept the carry over proposal as presented by Part A and put the carryover funds of \$4,746 in Outpatient/Ambulatory Health Services (OAHS).
- Continued discussion on Clinical Quality Management Plan and how it overlaps with Disparities Elimination Committee's work was postponed for a future meeting.
- No meeting in September, DEC will resume in October.

Documents Distributed for meeting

- 2020.07.16 DEC Agenda
- 2020.07.16 DEC Minutes
- FY2020 Part A Minority AIDS Initiative (MAI) Carry Over
- DEC workplan

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