

**Disparities Elimination Committee**  
**Thursday, April 15, 2021**  
**9:30 – 11:30 a.m.**  
**Microsoft Teams Meeting**  
**Meeting Minutes**

<b>Disparities Elimination Committee Members Present</b>	
Charlotte Detournay	Nafula Namuninia
Cree Gordon	Tyrie Stanley
Teresa Jones	
<b>Committee Members Absent:</b>	<b>Guests:</b>
Raymel Givens	Rob Andrews
Tom Kennedy	Sarah Krier
Megan Mueller (Co-chair)	Brenda Senyana
Sarah Schiele	Sharai Sims
<b>Hennepin County (Part A) Representative:</b>	<b>DHS (Part B) Representative:</b>
Thuan Tran	Dennis London
<b>MDH (Prevention) Representatives:</b>	<b>MCHACP Staff:</b>
None	Richard Puella (minutes)
	Carissa Weisdorf, Council Coordinator

Quorum Present? Yes

**I. Welcome and introductions**

- Teresa Jones called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. and introductions were made.

**II. Review, approval of minutes from March 18 meeting and proposed agenda**

- The proposed agenda was approved by unanimous consent.
- The March 18<sup>th</sup> minutes were approved by unanimous consent.

**III. Red Door focus group summary results:**

- Sharai Sims provided an update on the Red Door focus summary results and presented, *“Black MSM Focus Group Ryan White Funded Presentation.”*
  - Cree Gordon took a moment to thank Sharai for all the work that is being done at Red Door, and thought it was nice to see other agencies perform this type of work to be more inclusive and meet the needs of the community.

**IV. FY 2021 post-award grant award adjustments for MAI:**

- Thuan Tran presented the FY21 post grant award to the committee (below) and compared it to the FY 2020 award.

Year	Formula	Supplemental	Total Part A (Not including MAI)	MAI	Total Part A (including MAI)
2020	\$3,671,511	\$1,810,358	\$5,481,869	\$384,317	\$5,866,186
2021	\$3,683,282	\$1,785,678	\$5,468,960	\$375,820	\$5,844,780
Increase/(Decrease)	<b>\$11,771</b>	<b>(\$24,680)</b>	<b>(\$12,909)</b>	<b>(\$8,497)</b>	<b>(\$21,406)</b>
% Increase/(Decrease)	<b>0.3%</b>	<b>-1.4%</b>	<b>-0.2%</b>	<b>-2.3%</b>	<b>-0.4%</b>

- He noted that for the first time, a reduction to MAI funding has been given despite receiving a score of 96 with no weaknesses identified on the grant application.

- Thuan noted that a reduction in Minority AIDS Initiative (MAI) funding is likely due to higher incidences in other jurisdictions.
- Part A recommends that DEC not make any decisions around reallocations at this time. Carryover is anticipated from the previous year and will offset the reductions.
- A combined proposal with consideration of the grant award and the final carryover amount will be brought to DEC at a future meeting.

**V. New Business / Unfinished Business / Goal Setting:**

- Robert Andrews provided an update on his master's project and presented, "*Underutilized Funding in Ryan White for co-occurring services.*"
  - Robert asked the committee to provide any thoughts and feedback to [robertdandrews@gmail.com](mailto:robertdandrews@gmail.com).
  - Carissa Weisdorf asked Robert what his thoughts were on the results of the survey.
    - Robert felt that a lack of awareness has always seemed to be the problem but was surprised at how large the gap was from those who were aware of the services that Ryan White could provide.
    - Rob mentioned that his survey included a question asking if the provider would like Ryan White to follow up to be a part of their network.
    - Many providers indicated they expressed interest and provided their contact information. This information will be shared with the council so someone can follow up with those providers.
      - Carissa asked if that information will also be shared with Program HH and Part B as well.
      - Robert mentioned that he is not sure how to channel that request.
      - He noted that the survey required participation agreements and did not have one from Part B.
      - Carissa noted that the council could possibly help with but felt it is important to mention the possible limitations the council would have. For example, the council would not have information on billing, getting enrolled, and the RFP process.
      - Dennis London felt that this is a great study and is looking forward to seeing the results and feels they will be useful.

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

- Carissa Weisdorf presented the workplan and pointed out that there was nothing scheduled for May and June.
- The committee agreed to cancel the May and June meetings.

**VII. Announcements:**

- No announcements.

**VIII. Adjourn:**

- The meeting was adjourned at 11:05am

**Meeting Summary:**

- Sharai Sims provided an update on the Red Door focus summary results.

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- Part A presented the FY21 post grant award and the committee agreed not to take any action at this time.
- Robert Andrews presented the, "*Underutilized Funding in Ryan White for co-occurring services.*"

**Documents distributed before the meeting:**

- 2021.04.15 DEC agenda
- 2021.03.18 DEC minutes
- FY 2021 DEC workplan

**Additional documents displayed during the meeting:**

- Black MSM Focus Group Ryan White Funded Presentation.
- Underutilized Funding in Ryan White for co-occurring services.

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