

**MN Council for HIV/AIDS Care and Prevention**  
**July 13, 2021 9am – 11am**  
**Virtual Meeting**

**Meeting Summary/Minutes**

<b>Council Members Present:</b>	
Nyonbeor Boley	Jessie Saavedra
Charlotte Detournay	Sarah Schiele
Alissa Fountain	Paul Skrbec
Cree Gordon (Council Co-Chair)	Jeremy Stadelman
Calvin H. Hylton	Tyrie Stanley
Larry McPherson (Council Co-Chair)	Antony Stately
Nafula Namuninia	JoAnn Vertetis
Lesla Nelson	McKinzie Woelfel (Council Co-Chair)
<b>Council Members Absent:</b>	
Johan Baumeister	Javier Andrews-Mendoza
Raymel Givens	Amy Miller
Teresa Jones	Sue Purchase
<b>Community Members/Guests/Consultants:</b>	
Alejandro Aguilera	Anika Kaleewoun
Nurselin Akbulut	Mary McCarthy
Olivia Elick	Phoebe Trepp
Sara Horton	Amy Yang
Stephen Jensen	
<b>Hennepin County (Part A) Representative:</b>	
Jonathan Hanft	<b>DHS (Part B) Representative:</b>
	Darin Rowles
<b>MDH (Prevention) Representative:</b>	
Peggy Darrett-Brewer	<b>MCHACP Parliamentarian:</b>
	Pat Reymann, PRP
<b>MCHACP Staff:</b>	
Carissa Weisdorf, Council Coordinator	Richard Puella (minutes)

- I. Call to order and Introductions, Read Guiding Principles and Agenda and June minutes approval:**  
 Cree Gordon called the meeting to order at 9am and the guiding principals were read, and introductions were made.
- The proposed agenda was approved.
  - The past meeting minutes were unanimously approved.
- II. Getting to know each other: breakout rooms**
- Cree mentioned that everyone will be participating in an activity to get to know one another, since the council hasn't had a chance to meet each other in person.
  - Richard Puella placed everyone in breakout rooms for the getting to know each other activity.
  - After the activity Cree asked how everyone liked the getting to know each other session.
    - Participants agreed that the experience was good and enjoyable and felt that more activities like this should be planned.

- Cree mentioned the Executive Committee discussed spotlighting members by asking one person to share about themselves at each meeting. This was a recommendation in the HealthHIV assessment report.

### III. Committee reports (also provided in written format)

- **Executive Committee:**
  - Anyone interested in participating in the training on engaging in dialogues on race and racism on Friday, July 23, 9 a.m. – noon should RSVP with Carissa.
  - Council and community members who volunteered to facilitate our upcoming hard topic conversations participated in a training on designing a focused conversation.
- **Community Voices:**
  - JoAnn Vertetis mentioned that the CVC had a productive meeting on Monday and the committee provided valuable feedback on Brenda Senyana's presentation for Positively Hennepin's updated strategy and tactics plan.
- **Disparities Elimination:**
  - No meeting
- **Membership & Training:**
  - No meeting due to the Juneteenth holiday.
  - The council has 11 vacancies. Current vacancies include:
    - Unaligned consumers who are Black or African American, White, trans or non-binary
    - People in Greater Minnesota
    - Person who is Hispanic
    - Person who is Asian or Pacific Islander
    - Represented of or formerly incarceration person with HIV
    - State Medicaid representative
- **Needs Assessment & Evaluation:**
  - No meeting
  - The deadline to complete the council and committee operations evaluation has been extended.
- **Planning & Allocations:**
  - No meeting

### IV. Recipient updates:

- Part A:
  - Jonathan Hanft took a moment to thank the members of CVC for working with Brenda Senyana and providing input on the update for Positively Hennepin.
  - Submitted FY 2021 Part A Programs Submissions and Program Terms Report which include the following:
    - Council roster and reflectiveness table

- Council co-chair signed endorsement of allocations
  - FY 2021 allocations table
- FY2020 Part A Final Federal Financial Report (FFR) is due on July 30 and the carryover request is due within 30 days of the FFR submission.
- A carryover proposal will be presented to PAC later this week.
- Metro area HIV outbreak among people who inject drugs.
  - As of July 9, there are 75 cases associated with the outbreak
  - 61 cases in Hennepin County
  - 14 in Ramsey County
- Positively Hennepin 2021-2023
  - Actions, tactics and milestones updated for the next 3 years
  - Board highlight will be on July 20
- Part B:
  - Darin Rowles announced that Thomas Blissett will be assuming the roles and responsibilities that Colleen Bjerke held and will be starting on July 21.
    - Thomas is relocating from Nevada where he worked with the State Department of Health for the past 10 years.
    - Darin will send out an email with a full bio and contact information for Thomas.
    - Darin mentioned that efforts are ongoing to fill Jacob Melson's position who left earlier this summer.
    - Part B has also completed their Programs Terms and Report.
    - Annual progress report is due later this month and scheduled to be submitted on time.
    - Darin mentioned that the governor's peace time emergency has ended and explained what this means for the waivers that were put in place for the recertification process since the start of the peace time emergency.
      - There was a subrecipient call in June and feedback was received on the general plan and communications outline.
      - Currently in the process of implementation.
      - Starting in September those with birthdays or half birthdays, the recertification is due in September and must be completed to remain open on the program.
      - All procedural changes that were made during COVID-19 such as allowing electronic signatures and verbal attestation will remain in place.
  - Darin confirmed that Part B has moved forward with increasing the investment of rebate resources with emergency financial assistance and food vouchers.
  - July 1<sup>st</sup> the increased assistance level has gone into place. This will allow for additional support for rent, utilities, medical expenses and food vouchers.
  - Darin thanked the work of the council because the Part B decision process about investing rebate resources in these areas were informed by how the council has prioritized services, preliminary analysis from the needs assessment and feedback gathered at council and committee meetings made it clear that this is an important use of rebate revenue.
- Prevention:
  - Next update will be in September.

**V. Data dashboard training:**

- Aaron Peterson provided a training on the data dashboard to the council. The data dashboard is available on the council website and has updated data for 2020.
  - Paul Skrbec felt that using the term “long terms survivor” is inaccurate.
  - Cree felt that the term long term survivor can still be used, but it’s important to note that it has an expanded definition to include, everyone over the age of 55 or if anyone has survived with HIV for 18 plus years.
  - Aaron mentioned the Needs Assessment and Evaluation Committee determined the definition for “long term survivor” and if this is an issue the council wants to revisit, the request can go to the Needs Assessment & Evaluation Committee.

**VI. Part A Assessment of the Administrative Mechanism:**

- Carissa Weisdorf provided a training and presented, *“Assessment of the Efficiency of the Administrative Mechanism.”*
- The assessment only needs to be completed by council members.
- Any questions or concerns people may contact Carissa Weisdorf at [carrisa.weisdorf@hennepin.us](mailto:carrisa.weisdorf@hennepin.us) or (612) 348-6837

**VII. HIV/AIDS Epidemiological Update:**

- Jared Shenk presented the, *“HIV Epidemiology Update 2021.”*
- Jared mentioned that this morning’s presentation has been sent to Carissa to be shared with everyone.
- Jonathan noticed that the proportion of people with HIV (prevalence) 50 or older is 2020 is 50.6% and asked if this is was the first year it exceeded 50%.
  - Jared confirmed that this was the case and it has been steadily going up over time.
- Jared Shenk can be reached at [jared.shenk@state.mn.us](mailto:jared.shenk@state.mn.us) for any questions or concerns.

**VIII. Unfinished Business/New Business/Open Forum**

- Nothing was discussed.

**IX. Announcements and Adjourn**

- Cree announced that they will be facilitating a dialogue in partnership with MDH, DHS, Positively Hennepin and MATEC to address the current HIV outbreak in Hennepin and Ramsey counties and the Duluth area.
- Carissa Weisdorf invited everyone to attend the Needs Assessment and Evaluation Committee’s meeting on July 27, at 9:00am. There will be a presentation on the 2020 needs assessment data.
  - Reviewing the results of the needs assessment will help council members prepare for the August allocations.
  - If members are not able to attend the meeting it will be recorded and posted on the council website.
- The meeting adjourned at 10:51 a.m.

**Meeting Summary**

- The council received updates from each standing committee and government recipients.
- The council received a training on the data dashboard.
- The council received a training the assessment of the administrative mechanism.

- The council heard the HIV Epidemiology update.

**Documents Distributed before the Meeting:**

- 2021.07.13 MCHACP Agenda
- 2020.06.08 MCHACP Minutes
- July Committee Report Summaries
- CHATT Reference\_Assessment of the Admin Mechanism

**Items Displayed at the meeting:**

- [Data Dashboard website](#)
- Assessment of the Efficiency of the Administrative Mechanism
- HIV Epidemiology update

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