



## ABOUT US

The Minnesota Council for HIV/AIDS Care and Prevention (MCHACP) is a collaborative effort between the Minnesota Department of Human Services, the Minnesota Department of Health, and Hennepin County Public Health. The council is comprised of people with a stake in HIV prevention and care, including people from HIV-affected communities. It is the responsibility of MCHACP to:

- Develop Minnesota's Integrated HIV Prevention and Care Plan
- Make decisions and recommendations about HIV treatment and care services
- Prioritize populations for HIV prevention services

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Each year, about 300 Minnesotans are diagnosed with HIV or AIDS.

Last year, over 8,200 Minnesotans were living with HIV or AIDS.

# You can help.

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## MEMBERSHIP OPTIONS

### Minnesota Council for HIV/AIDS Care and Prevention Membership

Council members commit to a two-year term during which they attend monthly council meetings and participate in at least one committee that meets monthly or quarterly.

#### Community Membership

Community members participate on a committee of their choosing. Once they have satisfied the committee's eligibility requirements, they are eligible to vote on issues brought before the committee.

## MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

Help people affected by and at risk for HIV

- Improve services and access to care
- Represent an underserved community or population
- Create service standards of care

Get personal and professional benefits

- Increase your awareness of HIV/AIDS prevention, treatment, and services
- Establish contacts and networks
- Receive numerous training opportunities

Be a voice in program planning and implementation

- Help determine the needs of populations living with, at risk for, or affected by HIV/AIDS
- Learn about and collaborate on HIV/AIDS funding decisions

The council's membership includes people in prevention, corrections, education, social services, mental health, faith, health care, tribal health, and local public health. At least one-third of council members are living with HIV/AIDS and receive HIV/AIDS services.

## COMMITTEE DESCRIPTIONS

### Community Voices Committee

- Provides a representative voice for people living with, at risk, or affected by HIV/AIDS

### Disparities Elimination Committee

- Develops strategies to reduce disparities within underserved and disproportionately impacted populations

### Needs Assessment and Evaluation Committee

- Uses research methods to identify service needs; this allows the council to make data-driven decisions

### Planning and Allocations Committee

- Identifies service areas, designs the prioritization process, and makes funding recommendations to the council

### Membership and Training Committee

- Develops membership guidelines and council operating procedures
- Identifies, recruits, nominates, and trains new members