

MN HIV Services Planning Council Meeting
November 10, 2015
9 am-12 pm
Health Services Building, Room L15
525 Portland Ave. S., Minneapolis
Minutes

Council Members Present:	
Alejandro Aguilera	Marvin Innes
Andy Ansell	Valentine Momo
Scott Bilodeau	Lesla Nelson (Council Co-Chair)
Loyal Brooks	Asneth Omare
Winston Cavert, M.D.	Rob Pioli
Jared Erdmann	John Salisbury
Al Fredrickson	Matt Toburen
Krissie Guerard	Gwen Velez
Bielca Guevara	Aaron Wittnebel (phone)
Keith Henry, M.D.	
Council Members Absent:	
Terral Ewing	Midnight
Florence Kulubya-Nabeta	Monica Yugu
Community Members/Guests/Consultants:	
Colleen Bjerke, DHS	Karin Sabey
Jim Mara, Hennepin County	Thuan Tran, Hennepin County
Jim McNamara, Viiv Healthcare	
Part A Representatives:	
Jonathan Hanft, Hennepin County	Part B Representatives:
	Nick Metcalf, DHS
Planning Council Staff:	
Patrick Tschida, Coordinator	Carissa Weisdorf, Administrative Specialist (minutes)

Quorum Present? **Yes**

I. Call to Order and Introduction

Lesla called the meeting to order at 9:05 am and introductions were made.

II. Lighting of the Candle

Lesla Nelson lit the candle because she has been thinking about the new council and the present council and next month is the closing meeting. Lesla wants to say a few words about how we need to work together, not point fingers and not blame. Consumers and providers need to work together and have good intentions for people living with HIV/AIDS. The only one who will get hurt is people living with HIV/AIDS. Change is really hard and we need to work together and believe in each other again and remember the people we are working for.

III. Welcome and Introductions

IV. Consideration and Approval of Proposed Agenda & October 13 meeting minutes

Marvin motioned to approve the agenda and Loyal seconded. The agenda was approved unanimously. Loyal motioned to approve the October 13 meeting minutes and Al seconded. The minutes was approved unanimously.

V. Co-Chair Update

- Lesla and Marvin presented a PowerPoint presentation about their trip to USCA in Washington DC. The theme of the conference was Disparities: Bridging the Gap.

- Next month's meeting we will have a closing of Planning Council business celebration during the meeting.

VI. Part A Report

Thuan Tran, Hennepin County

- Thuan welcomed Patrick to his first Planning Council meeting and said he will give the Part A Update because Jonathan lost his voice.
- Thuan referred to the **Part A Update** and said the Grant Application was submitted last week.
- There is an independent review panel for RFPs at the end of the month. Decisions will be made by early December.
- Reviewed **Ryan White Part A and B FY2015 Combined Spending report** and the 2nd quarter Part A and B expenditures. There is a delay in billing for Outpatient/Ambulatory Medical Care (OAMC) and, therefore, looks underspent.
 - Some services are underspent so there is a reallocations proposal today.
 - Housing was funded later in the year and it took some time to get the service up and running, therefore, low utilization this year.
 - When looking at the spreadsheet we should be about 50% spent.
- Referred to **FY2016 Appropriations for Federal HIV/AIDS Programs**; a number of important programs received significant cuts. STD prevention was cut, Ryan White Program \$25 million in cuts, elimination of Special Projects of National Significance (SPNS) which are demonstration projects that impact disproportionately affected communities.
 - Matt said it hasn't been cut yet, it is Congress' proposal so there is still time. It has gone through some appropriation committees in Congress.
 - Jared asked when it will be final. Matt said by the end of the year, passed higher level numbers, now need to go through lower level. Encouraged those living in Republican areas to speak out. Matt can help you get the word out to congressional reps. Franken/McCollum. John Hines/ Erik Paulson need to hear from constituents.
 - Dr. Henry said the ACA is impacting this; there are patients with high deductibles and Ryan White is the payer of last resort. Ryan White patients are having trouble with co-pays and deductibles.
 - Matt said there was an increase in discretionary spending so this may not be as bad as it looks.
 - Jared asked if in the future Ryan White needs to consider a different type of service that covers people's deductibles. Dr. Henry replied anyone can get services at HCMC but they are billed and may not want to come back if they owe money. Thuan replied we cover deductibles with OAMC. DHS also counsels clients on Program HH (the highest deductible plan in HH is \$2000) when to schedule appts/routine testing after meds have met deductible.

VII. Part B Report

Andy Ansell, DHS

- DHS is finishing the Part B Grant Application and they'll submit it at the end of the week.
- Received their ADAP carryover request.
- Staff transitions: Nick Metcalf is leaving DHS and Andy thanked him for 20+ years of service with the HIV community. Katherine Finlayson and Tom Ruter will be taking over Nick's workload in the interim. Posting for the position in the next month. Andy is going to move to San Diego early next year and he may continue to work remotely as the ADAP Coordinator.
- They are in the middle of open enrollment; want to meet or exceed percentage enrolled last year. Letters are going out to undocumented clients on how to enroll in a 2016 insurance plan. Letters went out to case managers and benefits counselors with list of clients who need to enroll.
- 63 clients enrolled in Program HH benefits since FPG increase.

- Matt asked what the plan is for underspending in some Part B services; Andy said they are aware and working on a plan to get it spent.
- Colleen Bjerke is the Unmet Need Contract Manager and presented an Unmet Need Update.
 - John asked how targeted populations are being reached with the money- an example is the Planning Council allocated an amount for African born people accessing OAMC, this went out with the RFP. Karin clarified that a separate proposal needed to be submitted (justification for serving this population, culturally appropriate care and serving these communities).
 - Matt asked what the process is for how this will work in the future. Colleen said the new council will prioritize services and this will help direct their spending.

VIII. Staff Report

Patrick Tschida, Hennepin County

- Patrick said the next Planning Council meeting is the final meeting and the Operations Committee and Executive Committee are formalizing a celebration of the work that has been done for the past 20 years. Past members and those who have been involved will be invited and there will be a retrospective review of the work of the council. A committee is forming to plan for this meeting and food is provided.

IX. Committee Reports (Provided in written form)

- Community Voice- November 17, 2015 is the next meeting.
- Executive
- Needs Assessment & Evaluation
- Operations
- Planning & Priorities- **Action Item: Reallocation Proposal.** DISCUSSION: the rationale is to increase some service areas because there is underspending in other service areas. Planning & Priorities added the number of clients who will be impacted with these reallocation proposal. **MOTION:** Loyal motioned to approve the proposal.

Name	COI?	Vote	Name	COI?	Vote
Alejandro Aguilera		Yes	Marvin Innes		Yes
Andy Ansell		Yes	Valentine Momo		Yes
Scott Bilodeau		Yes	Lesia Nelson		Abstain (facilitation)
Loyal Brooks		Yes	Asneth Omare		Yes
Winston Cavert		Yes	Rob Pioli		Yes
Jared Erdmann		Yes	John Salisbury		Yes
Al Fredrickson		Yes	Matt Toburen		Yes
Bielca Guevara		Yes	Gwen Velez		Yes
Keith Henry		Yes	Aaron Wittnebel		Yes

17-0, 1 abstained due to facilitation. Motion carries.

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X. Reintroductions

XI. Prevention Update

Krissie Guerard, MDH

- Krissie said they are finishing up with section planning and waiting for their grant awards; it should come December or January. Will give an update once awards are received.
- Asneth asked about existing contracts, what money are we adding. Krissie said the contracts are between MDH and DHS; MDH houses CAREWare. There is nothing new added to the contract except PrEP. Asneth asked why we are putting more money in, Krissie said there is nothing new, only some for a student intern for CARELink.

- PrEP RFP will go out, don't currently have a contract and need to wait to receive funding. Focus is on helping sites with staff time to get people on PrEP (i.e. a navigator). MDH staff person will be capacity builder/trainer for PrEP, including greater MN. TA for PrEP.
 - Bielca asked if PrEP will decrease in price, perhaps leverage pharmacies to provide cheaper PrEP to motivate people to take it. Krissie said drug companies are offering free PrEP to those who are uninsured and most insurance companies cover PrEP. Navigator will assist getting people on insurance and then PrEP. Bielca replied even with insurance PrEP is expensive, it can cost \$2000 a month. Dr. Henry said there is good data about intermittent use of PrEP.
 - Andy asked if MDH is reaching out to PrEP providers; are you looking at the future after 3 years. Krissie said they are hoping some sites can sustain their own, doesn't know what funding on federal level will look like. RFP for state funding will be released next year and will include TA/best practices. Dr. Cavert said any HIV clinic can prescribe PrEP but the problem is outreach and getting people into the clinics.
 - Jared asked if Council members want a detailed presentation on PrEP. There are a lot of different messages going out about PrEP and he doesn't know how to counter some of the arguments or perceptions, how do we advocate for those who are uninsured or not able to afford it. Krissie said they can provide an update; Dr. Henry has done this in other states. Can put something like that together for the council, need primary care providers and clinics serving MSM to get on board.
 - Loyal suggested the use of social media for promotion; Dr. Henry keeps a list of sites for promotion.

XII. Integrated Planning Update

Krissie Guerard, MDH

- Krissie provided the update in Amy Dusek's place who was unable to attend today's meeting.
- Karin said if the orientation is going to be a full day meeting in January this info should go out to members immediately. The new member orientation is January 12, 2016.
- Bielca said sex education is lacking in prevention and the merge will be good to address this.

XIII. Open Forum

None

XIV. Announcements from the Floor

- Matt said MAP has a new Executive Director; Linda Ewing was serving as the interim director for the past year and is now the director.
- Amy Chatelaine is a benefits counselor for the MNSure Consumer Advisory Committee.
- PrEP awareness event for World AIDS Day, the purpose is to normalize PrEP.
- Dr. Henry said the Positive Care Clinic hired a mission driven MD and there are open slots for new patients and people seeking PrEP. Seeing new patients regardless of ability to pay.
- Medications study found monthly injections performed as well as daily pill. Intramuscular therapy. Starting a number of new studies.
- Gilead is hosting a network night next week at Pittsburgh Blue. Flyer is available.
- Marvin asked if we are going through committee reports, it was provided in written form.
- Gwen said AAATF is giving HIV 101 sessions to the community of providers in the Centers for Change Building. She said other providers in the building don't currently understand their work and there is outreach and testing in the building as well. Want to ensure a youth org is there too since a lot of young people are in building. The event is on World AIDS Day and Gwen will send the info to Carissa to email out.

- Marvin announced the CVC meeting is next week. Flyers available. Also a standards input meeting for consumer on substance abuse service standards just prior to CVC.

XV. Adjourn

Asneth motioned to adjourn the meeting and Loyal seconded. The meeting adjourned at 11:15 am.

Documents Distributed Before the Meeting:

- Proposed Agenda
- October 13 meeting minutes
- Part B update
- Unmet Needs Update
- Committee Report Summaries
- **Action Item:** FY2015 Reallocations
- Reallocation Redistribution Proposal
- November 17 CVC Meeting flyer
- November 17 Substance Abuse Standards Input Meeting flyer

Documents Distributed At the Meeting:

- Presentation from 19th Annual USCA: Community Connections
- Part A update
- Ryan White Part A and B FY2015 Combined Spending report
- FY2016 Appropriations for Federal HIV/AIDS Programs
- 2nd Annual World AIDS Day Expo flyer

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