

**MN HIV Services Planning Council Meeting**  
**December 8, 2015**  
**9 am-1 pm**  
**Health Services Building, Room L15**  
**525 Portland Ave. S., Minneapolis**  
**Minutes**

<b>Council Members Present:</b>	
Alejandro Aguilera (phone)	Marvin Innes (phone)
Andy Ansell	Midnight
Scott Bilodeau	Valentine Momo
Loyal Brooks	Florence Kulubya-Nabeta
Winston Cavert, M.D.	Lesa Nelson (Council Co-Chair)
Jared Erdmann	Asneth Omare
Terral Ewing	Rob Pioli
Al Fredrickson	Matt Toburen
Krissie Guerard	Gwen Velez
Bielca Guevara	Aaron Wittnebel (phone)
Keith Henry, M.D.	Monica Yugu
<b>Council Members Absent:</b>	
John Salisbury	
<b>Community Members/Guests/Consultants:</b>	
Kip Alms, Hennepin County	Jim Mara, Hennepin County
Katherine Finlayson, DHS	Karin Sabey, Positive Care Center
David Finwall	Thuan Tran, Hennepin County
Dennis London, DHS	
<b>Part A Representatives:</b>	<b>Part B Representatives:</b>
Jonathan Hanft, Hennepin County	Andy Ansell, DHS
<b>Planning Council Staff:</b>	
Patrick Tschida, Coordinator	Carissa Weisdorf, Administrative Specialist (minutes)

Quorum Present? **Yes**

**I. Call to Order and Introduction**

Lesla called the meeting to order at 9:10 am and introductions were made.

**II. Welcome and Introductions**

**III. Consideration and Approval of Proposed Agenda & November meeting minutes**

Loyal motioned to approve the minutes and agenda and Asneth seconded. The minutes and agenda were approved unanimously.

**IV. Co-Chair Update**

Lesla said she's had a great time in her past 2.5 years on the Council and the last few months serving as co-chair and is excited for the future.

**V. Part A Report**

*Jonathan Hanft, Hennepin County*

- Jonathan wished a happy 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary to the council, the council first met in December 1995.
- There are two timelines set up in the room, please take a look and add any additions with the post-its. Please sign your name around the years that you were involved with the Planning Council.
- Memory book on the back wall to add your memories or wishes for the new council.

- A “We Remember” board is at the front of the room to add the names of those from the community who passed away.
- Anticipate receiving a partial Part A award soon.
- RFP for Ryan White services is underway and an announcement will be made in early January.
- The appropriations bill is still under negotiation. Likely to pass a short term continuing resolution because Congress’ recess is December 19. Matt added work is supposed to be complete on Friday but unlikely to happen. Hoping for a decent deal.
- CAREWare provider meeting on Friday.
- Jonathan thanked the council for all they have done; he loves working with the Planning Council and appreciates all of the work. Minnesota is a model planning body and expects this will continue with the new council as well.

## **VI. Part B Report**

*Andy Ansell, DHS*

- DHS has experienced a lot of staff transitions recently; Andy’s last workday is December 24 and he is contracted to work remotely for about 3 months.
- In the middle of open enrollment and they’re about 1/3 through transitioning clients; there is one less month for open enrollment than last year.
- Update on the FPG increase to Program HH: 68 new clients enrolled this year as a result of increasing FPG to 400%.
- Andy said he has been involved in the council since 2000 when he served on CVC and it has been a learning experience. MN has some of the best benefits and coordination and we are all working towards the same goals.

## **VII. Prevention Update**

*Krissie Guerard, MDH*

- MDH has not received any 2016 grant awards but they are expecting to receive around the end of December. Not much planning as to revising budgets, etc.
- 2016 RFP process, end of fiscal cycle.
- Working with DHS to get a PrEP contract together.
- Krissie said it’s been a pleasure working with all of you and she looks forward to working with a lot of you in the new council.
- Jonathan asked if there is any new focus for the next funding cycle, NASDAD put in a request. Expects a new emphasis on PrEP.

## **VIII. Staff Report**

*Patrick Tschida, Hennepin County*

- Patrick said we have a huge expression of gratitude for all that the council members have done.
- The first business meeting of the new council is in February and a new member orientation on January 12. There is a new committee called the Disparities Elimination Committee. This committee will work with the new Planning and Allocations Committee for the first 6 months to work on the comprehensive plan. All of these meetings are open so please attend if you’re interested.
  - Karin asked if Part B will do a separate Statewide Coordinated Statement of Need (SCSN). Patrick replied no, the planning will be done together. Karin said Part C and Part D grantees are required to participate so please inform them what the schedule is and how they can participate. Jonathan said we can send out the workplan.
- Sign in to join a contact list and we will distribute to the group.
- Mary asked about community membership on the new council, it will follow the same rules as before.
- Karin asked about a schedule for the meetings, they were given to applicants and we will put in on the website.

**IX. Committee Reports** (Provided in written form)

- A. Community Voice - Bielca said we look forward to the new CVC and are optimistic.
- B. Executive
- C. Needs Assessment & Evaluation - No meeting, wrapped up business in October, created a transition document for new NA&E Committee. Jared said there is no open forum on the agenda today so wanted to announce a project called Voices of our Generation, designed qualitative research, asked young people about STDs, racism, discrimination, activities. Would like to push this forward to new council, how do we elevate new voices in our work.
- D. Operations - No meeting
- E. Planning & Priorities - Reviewed and revised comp plan timeline.

**X. Integrated Planning Update**

Andy Ansell presented a PowerPoint presentation.

**XI. Open Forum/Announcements**

- Matt said MAP worked with a coalition of groups to get rid of barriers around prior authorization, looking for consumers who have had barriers/hurdles to obtaining HIV meds.
- Dr. Henry said 3 treatment studies are underway. One is the first single tablet, trying to get drug approved and add to available meds. Don't need to be a patient at Positive Care Center to participate, can even be from out of state, plus transportation reimbursement and a small stipend for the visit.

**XII. Break**

There was a break from 10-10:30 am and we reconvened for a celebration of the work of the Planning Council.

**Documents Distributed Before the Meeting:**

- Proposed Agenda
- November 10 meeting minutes

**Documents Distributed At the Meeting:**

- Part A update
- Committee Report Summaries

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