

MN Council for HIV/AIDS Care and Prevention Meeting
September 13, 2016
9 am-12 pm
Health Services Building, Room L15
525 Portland Ave. S., Minneapolis
Minutes

Council Members Present:	
Robert Andrews	Valentine Momo
Mike Behl (phone)	David Neller
Tom Bichanga	Lesa Nelson
Loyal Brooks	Gelli Overton
Roger Ernst (Council Co-Chair)	Karin Sabey
Terral Ewing	Tyrie Stanley
Al Fredrickson	Matt Toburen (Parliamentarian)
Robert Gillum, Jr.	Thuan Tran
Bielca Guevara	Gwen Velez
Rachel Heule	John Vener, MD
Rick Laska	Monica Yugu
Larry McPherson (Council Co-Chair)	
Council Members Absent:	
Alejandro Aguilera	Florence Nabeta
Kyle Dular	Val Rubin-Rashaad
Marvin Innes	
Community Members/Guests/Consultants:	
Cheryl Barber, MDH	Allison La Pointe, MDH
Linda Ewing, MAP	Thomas Ley, MAP
Michael Graham, MATEC	Veronica Schulz, Hennepin County
Keith Henry, MD, Positive Care Center	
Hennepin County (Part A) Representative:	
Jonathan Hanft	DHS (Part B) Representative:
	Rachel Heule
MDH (Prevention) Representative:	
Krissie Guerard	
MCHACP Staff:	
Carissa Weisdorf, Administrative Specialist (minutes)	

Quorum Present? **Yes**

- I. **Call to Order, Welcome and Introductions**
 Larry called the meeting to order at 9:05 am and read the guiding principles. Introductions were made.
- II. **Consideration and Approval of Proposed Agenda**
 Rick motioned to approve the agenda and Loyal seconded; the agenda was approved by unanimous consent.
- III. **Consideration and Approval of August 9 Meeting Minutes**
 Matt motioned to approve the minutes and Al seconded; the minutes were approved by unanimous consent.
- IV. **Co-Chairs Update**
 - Roger said council co-chairs and staff attended the Ryan White Care Conference in Washington DC and will present on it if there is time during open forum.
 - He said the leadership team discussed the integrated plan and he hopes everyone read Section II.
 - Co-chairs and staff met with our Part A project officer at the conference.
- V. **Part A Update**

Jonathan Hanft, Hennepin County

- Jonathan referred to the **Part A Update**.
- Part A submissions in August were the Program Terms report and carryover request that was approved by the council.
- Grant application guidance was received.
- First round interviews for council coordinator completed; for second round final candidates meet with co-chairs and the final candidates will present to the executive committee, all council members are invited.
 - Loyal asked the timeline; 2nd interviews conclude next Monday and then it depends when Executive can meet. Hoping to complete the interviews in 2-3 weeks and no later than November to start.
- **Action Item:** Reallocations Proposal
 - Individual mental health therapy (diagnosis and plan) all but one client had insurance which covered it so couldn't charge to Ryan White. Increased spending in food bank/home delivered meals.
 - **MOTION:** Tyrie motioned to approve the action item and Matt seconded. DISCUSSION:
 - Karin asked about COI if she has a conflict with mental health can she vote? Matt said according to our policy it is unclear but Jonathan said there is COI because she could oppose. It is real or perceived COI.
 - Matt said the longer term issue is mental health is a huge barrier to getting into care, doesn't mean our job is done.
 - Tyrie said most people have insurance and mental health is covered.
 - Rob A said there are co-pays so money could be applied to this.
 - Tyrie said there are not many providers in MN and that is why there is left over money.
 - Jonathan said EFA can also be used for co-pays.
 - NA&E could look into the mental health service area.
 - Larry asked for additional discussion.
 - Members in attendance voted:

Name	COI?	Vote	Name	COI?	Vote
Al Fredrickson		Yes	Matt Toburen		Yes
Loyal Brooks		Yes	Rachel Heule		Yes
Bielca Guevara	Yes	Abstain	Rick Laska	Yes	Abstain
Mike Behl		Yes	Robert Andrews		No
David Neller		Yes	Robert Gillum Jr.		Yes
Terral Ewing		No	Roger Ernst	Yes	Abstain
Gwen Velez		Yes	Thuan Tran		Yes
John Vener, MD	Yes	Abstain	Tyrie Stanley		Yes
Karin Sabey	Yes	Abstain	Tom Bichanga	Yes	Abstain
Larry McPherson		Abstain (facilitation)	Valentine Momo		Yes
Lesa Nelson		No			

11-3; 7 abstained. Motion carries.

VI. Part B Update

Rachel Heule, DHS

- Update on staffing, posting for DHS supervisor position.
- Open enrollment for 2017, expecting challenges with BCBS pulling out of open market. Vetting new plans.
- Will provide rebate forecast at next council meeting.

VII. Prevention Update

Krissie Guerard, MDH

- CAREWare position is now open.
- Jared Shenk is a current DI with the health department and is now the care and prevention epi person and will work with the council. Will hire another DI.
- Candidate for the MDH appointed council co-chair position presented to the Executive Committee and there is an offer pending. Likely to begin co-chair of council early 2017 so there can be training.

- Krissie provided the handout **MDH Budget** and asked what kind of information the council wants from MDH. Can provide a presentation to the council about HIV Prevention. Also can email Krissie directly.
 - Bielca said let the council know when there are MDH sponsored activities so we can support them.
 - Al asked if it is all state funding; Krissie said it also includes division funding for syringe services and federal funding.
 - The \$1.4 million state appropriations has to be spent in the community, not admin expenses.
 - Karin would like to see numbers for each column; i.e. how many heterosexual African Americans were tested and what were the results.
 - Tyrie asked where these activities are occurring.
 - David would like additional information as well, not just funding amounts without any definition. Would like a presentation about defining in more detail.
 - Rick said high impact prevention also affects these numbers.
 - Terral would like geographical info.
 - Robert G. said to include target population, race, ethnicity and age for each column.
 - Terral said a graph showing how many tests were administered and how many were positive.
 - Matt suggested the council read the integrated plan because there is a section on prevention that breaks down the data about testing, etc.
- Jonathan said this has been the busiest year for the council in five years: accomplishments include prioritization, allocations and the integrated plan. We want to congratulate members and we have special treats during the break.

VIII. HIV Care Continuum

Cheryl Barber, MDH

- Cheryl presented the **HIV Care Continuum** PowerPoint.
- Dr. Henry said the reduction in viral suppression indicates flaws in data and has two conclusions: data missing or the HIV care system is failing or both. Last year suppression was 62% and this year 52%. Cheryl said she is also surprised by the results, ran data multiple ways and received the same results. Possible labs aren't being reported to MDH. Also large number of people who didn't see a physician in the year so this affects suppression rate.
 - All labs reported in 2015 are included in this.
- Karin asked what the plan is to fix the data issue, it appears this is the case. Krissie said they are looking at clinic specific data and analyzing data with the MDH medical director. Don't feel like they are getting all of the lab reports, by law providers must report within one day.
- Gelli said reporting is done by sex assigned at birth and we need to separate transwomen from men including in mode of exposure. Cheryl said the annual report did break down this info, some of it is CDC reporting.
- Monica appreciates the breakdown of data regarding age, race and ethnicity. There is a lot of missing data in these results and this info will be useful in bringing down HIV transmission. Can the CDC formula estimate those who are unaware of their status by race, ethnicity and age? Cheryl said yes we have this estimate; also in mode of transmission, it is a limited number.
- Matt asked who the people are who are included in the 10% drop in viral suppression. Gwen asked this for people who are out of care, this is included in the slides.
- Al asked if it's mandated reporting, what can we do? Cheryl said there is a statute but there is no penalty. Has considered report cards on who is reporting.
- Can ask additional questions at the end of the meeting.

IX. Council Staff Update

- Carissa said Larry will read an email from Amy (Dusek) Liebl since she is unable to attend the meeting today. We also have a card to sign and the co-chairs signed a Certificate of Appreciation.
- Reminder to submit mileage reimbursement forms every month and turn in any that are past due.
- Please RSVP for CVC, we have extra flyers to distribute.
- Treats at the break.
- Tim K stepped off the council due to time commitments.

- In preparing for the August 31 New Member Orientation we made a change to the bylaws to include prevention in the Mission and Vision Statement.

X. Committee Reports (provided in written form, no discussion)

- A. Executive
- B. Community Voices
 - Meeting at Clare Housing this Thursday, 4-6 pm.
- C. Membership & Training
 - **Action Item:** Membership Recommendation
 - **MOTION:** Lesa motioned to approve Lenny for membership. No discussion.
 - Ballots were distributed to members; as representatives of the Needs Assessment & Evaluation Committee, Karin and Valentine counted the ballots and reported a unanimous yes to elect Lenny.
Motion passes.
 - Rachel Heule is taking over Colleen's spot as the DHS representative on the council. She will also be a member of the Membership & Training Committee.
- D. Needs Assessment & Evaluation
- E. Planning & Allocations
- F. Disparities Elimination Committee

BREAK

XI. Integrated Plan Concurrence

- Jonathan Hanft and Veronica Schultz presented the *Integrated HIV Prevention and Care Plan* PowerPoint. And there is an **Action Item:** Motion for Concurrence.
- Veronica asked members what went well and what could be improved in the future.
 - Terral said we worked hard together and larger participation from PLWH.
 - Matt said it matches the National HIV/AIDS Strategy (NHAS) and the previous work of the council was not driven by this plan. He asked in the future how the work of the council impacts these goals. Need to ensure we complete the monitoring and evaluation and do things differently or we will continue to have the same results in Minnesota.
 - Roger is pleased with how well we have come together as a body and incorporating care and prevention. Need to look at greater detail than amount of funding, i.e. how many FTEs will this add.
 - Terral asked if we can collaborate with the DHS Alcohol and Drug Abuse division. Al said the funding is federal so it can't be used for syringe exchange.
 - Monica said the RFP needs to purposely target communities disproportionately affected. Likes the goal around monitoring and evaluation, will help us adjust the plan to reduce the HIV infection rate and reach our 90/90/90 goals. Improve grantee participation.
 - Additional thoughts send to Carissa.
- **MOTION:** Karin motioned on behalf of the Executive Committee for concurrence on Section II of the Minnesota Integrated HIV Care and Prevention Plan. The motion comes from a committee so it doesn't need a second. DISCUSSION:
 - Karin said the document was very lengthy and there was not enough time to read the whole thing. The Council is voting on Section II which is about 7 pages; it is a living document so can be changed as we go along.
 - A lot of committees were involved including people from the community and consumers, a lot of people had their say in it.
 - A few typographical errors will need to be changed.

- Need to ensure all of the goals and objectives are measurable.
- Question about how the plan will be used. Executive wants this to be the mechanism used to make decisions. Similar to guiding principles on conduct, and guiding principles on allocations.
- Terral asked about the transfer of funds from DHS to MDH, is this addressed in the plan? Karin doesn't think so.
- David said to think about PLWH in MN and coordinate our efforts to our landscape in MN. Need to define and break into little pieces. I.e. through small group exercises and report to larger group (like the prioritization process).
- Veronica said the information came from the council and committees; she collected info that was already there and summarized into the plan. Very impressed with the work that was done.
- Al wants to see the word *target* removed and suggests *focused community* or *communities of concern*. We used the format that is part of the plan guidance.
- Gwen agrees we need to use this as a living document and use it as a guideline with how we move forward. Need to meet the goals of the numbers we set out.
- Al asked if we have reservations about the accuracy of the data would this be concur with reservations. Krissie said the concurrence is on Section II so the data isn't included in this vote; we can update these sections. Gelli said if the Care Continuum numbers are right then our goals are even higher than we anticipated.
 - Larry said the motion was presented and we've had discussion; are we ready to vote?
 - Council members voted **20-0**; Larry abstained due to facilitation. **Motion passes.**
- David said the plan is a good starting point and hopes we're all committed.
- Roger said the goals and objectives are set and activities are under our control. Additional info requested from MDH will be helpful moving forward, including prioritizing populations for prevention.

XII. Open Forum

- Roger said there were eight people from Minnesota who attended the Ryan White Care Conference in Washington, DC last month and provided an update from the conference. Larry said we have come a long way from where we once were in the 1980s and still have a long way to go. Jonathan said Dr. Fauci spoke and said we have the tools and need to do more high impact interventions. Better use of surveillance data to reengage people in care. Outreach funding allocated by the council are used in new ways to get people back into care.
- Terral asked why we didn't send people to USCA. Jonathan said there hasn't been a Ryan White Care Conference (also called All Grantee Meeting) in the past three years so HRSA allowed us to send people to USCA. HRSA is not supporting USCA this year and said to limit the use of funds traveling to conferences.

XIII. Announcements

- Today is Larry's birthday and we all sang happy birthday.

XIV. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 12:00 pm.

Meeting Summary:

- The council received a presentation from MDH about the updated Care Continuum.
- The council approved the Reallocation Proposal.
- The council approved the Membership Recommendation.
- The council voted to concur with Section II of the Integrated HIV Care and Prevention Plan.

Documents Distributed Before the Meeting:

- Proposed Agenda
- August 9 Meeting Minutes

- Part A Update
- Prevention Update
- MDH Budget
- **Action Item:** FY2016 Reallocation of Funds
- **Action Item:** Membership Recommendation
- **Action Item:** Concurrence on Integrated 5 Year Plan
- Minnesota Integrated HIV Prevention and Care Plan 2017-2021 (including Section II Goals and Objectives)

Documents Distributed At the Meeting:

- Committee Report Summaries
- Part B Update
- New Member Ballot

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