

# Disparities Elimination Committee

June 18, 2020

9:30 am – 11:30 am

Remote meeting

## Meeting Summary/Minutes

<b>Disparities Elimination Committee Members Present:</b>	
Charlotte Detournay	Nafula Namuninia
Cree Gordon	Fred Ndip
Alfredo Rincon-Gonzales	Gelli Overton
Raymel Givens	Tyrie Stanley
Megan Mueller	
Tom Kennedy	
<b>Committee Members absent:</b>	
Dennis Anderson	Teresa Jones
	DJ Rotz
<b>Hennepin County (Part A) Representative:</b>	<b>DHS (Part B) Representative:</b>
Aaron Peterson, Hennepin County Data Coordinator	Fred Ndip
<b>MDH (Prevention) Representatives:</b>	<b>MCHACP Staff:</b>
McKinzie Woelfel	Richard Puella (minutes)
	Carissa Weisdorf
<b>Guests and Community Members:</b>	
Hannah McNamee	

Quorum Present? Yes

- I. **Welcome and introductions** Megan Mueller called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Introductions were made.
- II. **Review, approval of minutes from May meeting and proposed agenda:** The proposed agenda and May minutes were approved by unanimous consent.
- III. **Recommend \$384,317 in Part A Minority AIDS Initiative (MAI) Funds for FY 2021 and 2022**
  - Aaron Peterson provided a power point presentation on the MAI funds, “FY2021 Part A Minority AIDS Initiative (MAI) Allocations. This discussion will be for fiscal year (FY) 2021 and reminded everyone that conversations are regarding the Minneapolis/Saint Paul Transitional Grant Area (TGA).

- The FY2021 allocations has an available amount of \$326,126. Aaron mentioned that the new Services Area Review Summary (SARS) dashboard was published last month, and anyone can feel free to explore that data this tool has to offer. Aaron as the data coordinator pointed out that quantitative data isn't the only form of data. Lived experience, work as a provider, and consumer experiences are also important data points to consider.
- Megan Mueller asked since the committee previously funded Outpatient/Ambulatory Health Services and Medical Case Management, would those programs be defunded if the committee decides to fund different services. Aaron recommended to keep funding what has been historically funded in the past. He also mentioned that should the committee chose to allocate funds to other services, the previous services would not be cut, but rather funds from other sources would be pulled to meet the needs of those programs.
- Carissa Weisdorf explained the next steps. The decision DEC makes today will be brought as a recommendation to the Planning and Allocations Committee (PAC) to be added to their allocations plan. Then PAC will submit their entire plan to be forwarded to the council for consideration in August at the allocations retreat. There will be a few opportunities to propose changes to any allocations that are proposed today before the Council approves it in August.
- Megan Mueller feels DEC should continue to fund Medical Case Management and Outpatient/Ambulatory Health Services.
- Tyrie Stanley would like to see some of the funds go into Emergency Financial Assistance and Housing. Aaron Peterson pointed out that housing programs when coupled with Medical Case Management, significantly improve the success rate to achieve viral suppression, and recommends funding Medical Case Management as much as possible.
- Charlotte Detournay agreed with Tyrie and some of the money should be put to Emergency Financial Assistance (EFA). She feels that Outpatient/Ambulatory Health Services is adequately funded despite full expenditures. She does note that an overwhelming request for financial assistance continues to come in and there is never enough to help patients find relief from dire situations. Megan agreed with Charlotte and knows that EFA works off a lottery system, so there is inherently an unmet need. Tyrie Stanley felt strongly about putting some funds into EFA, and Megan asked Tyrie what he recommends for how much of the \$326,126 should put into EFA. Megan Mueller asked if there would be any harm in putting the entire amount into EFA since the other services like Medical Case Management and OAHs would be funded through other sources.
- Carissa reminded everyone that we need to consider each funding stream, and rebate is a significant portion of that funding. She explained that it is important to know, that if funding to a service area is decreased, will there be funding from another source? That is why there is representation from each government agency who can speak to that. Fred Ndip said he would investigate how rebate funds are allocated into different services and get back to everyone. Tyrie Stanley was appreciative of DHS and Part A representatives willingness to look up the required information, but a decision needs to be made today, and that information will not be available to help guide that decision now. Fred was not sure if he would be able to get the information today that the committee was asking for. Since it would be in the best interest of the committee and council to not completely defund services that are currently being funded. Megan suggested taking from Medical Case Management and Outpatient/Ambulatory to give EFA \$100,000. Cree Gordon asked that everyone keep in mind that the two programs that have been funded produce successful viral suppression results and defunding those two programs could potential jeopardize that. Tyrie agreed, but stated he monitors the expenditure reports

and notes that this money never gets fully spent, and is continually reallocated to other services, and suggests why not use the money instead of shuffling it around.

- Tyrie Stanley moved to take \$166,926 in funding from outpatient/ambulatory health services and move it to EFA. The motion was not seconded.
- Megan Mueller feels that it is important to keep Tyrie’s idea of funding EFA and keep some of the funding to the other services and suggests reducing Medical Case Management and Outpatient/Ambulatory services. Enough as to allocate \$100,000 to EFA.
- Nafula Namuninia agreed with Megan but was hesitant to decide without knowing how much money the other programs would need to operate optimally. Carissa noted that for FY 2019 Outpatient/Ambulatory services was underspent by \$21,745; Charlotte noted that this was likely to be spent and is due to a billing delay. Megan proposed to fund EFA by reducing funding from the other programs to create a line item for EFA. Nafula would like to see \$150,000 go into EFA.
- Tom Kennedy moves to allocate \$150,000 to EFA, \$100,000 for OAHS and \$123,852 for medical case management. The motion was seconded by Tyrie. Those with a conflict of interest stepped off the call. With 5 ayes and 0 nos the motion passes.

Roll call	Aye/No
Raymel Givens	Aye
Fred Ndip	Aye
Tyrie Stanley	Aye
Alfredo Rincon	Aye
Tom Kennedy	Aye
Gelli Overton	Not present

**IV. Review FY 2020 work plan:**

- Carissa Weisdorf reminded the committee that they did not meet in March so the presentation on the AIDSLine was canceled and asked if DEC wants to reschedule it. Megan agreed to reach out to the AIDSLine coordinator and have someone come out to present at the September meeting.
- The committee will meet in August but won’t put anything specific on the work plan so they can have a lighter meeting after the August allocations retreat. They may want to continue the discussion on the Clinical Quality Management plan.

**V. New Business:** No new business was discussed.

**VI. Set agenda for next meeting:** Discuss the work plan and talk about the Clinical Quality Management plan.

**VII. Announcements:** No announcements were made

**VIII. Adjourn:** Meeting was adjourned at 11:21am.

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