

Disparities Elimination Committee
Thursday, July 15, 2021
9:30 – 11:30 a.m.
Microsoft Teams Meeting
Meeting Minutes

Disparities Elimination Committee Members Present	
Megan Mueller (Co-chair)	Sarah Schiele
Teresa Jones	
Committee Members Absent:	
Dennis Anderson	Cree Gordon
Charlotte Detournay	Nafula Namuninia
Raymel Givens	Tyrie Stanley
Guests:	
Nurselin Akbulut	Olivia Elick, DHS
Hennepin County (Part A) Representative:	DHS (Part B) Representative:
Thuan Tran	None
MDH (Prevention) Representative:	MCHACP Staff:
McKinzie Woelfel	Richard Puella (minutes)
	Carissa Weisdorf, Council Coordinator

Quorum Present? **No**

I. Welcome and introductions

- Megan Mueller called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. and introductions were made.

II. Review, approval of minutes from April 15th meeting and proposed agenda

- There were no objections to the proposed agenda.
- Because the committee did not have quorum, the April 15th minutes will be approved at the August meeting.

III. Work plan items:

- Carissa Weisdorf shared the work plan with the committee and mentioned that there is room on the work plan for the committee to add items they want to work on. The committee will review the carryover proposal today and the committee can plan for August and September.
- After reviewing the work plan survey, Megan noticed that there was a strong interest in an END HIV MN update and Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program legislation.
 - Carissa noted that the MAI funding training will be conducted today.
 - Carissa mentioned that she could reach out to Brenda Senyana to provide a Positively Hennepin update in conjunction with END HIV MN.
 - Olivia mentioned that she could reach out to Mariah regarding the END HIV MN update for August.
- Megan suggested revisiting the work plan next month so the committee can plan for September.
 - The committee agreed with Megan’s suggestion.

IV. Training on Part A MAI funding:

- Thuan Tran provided a training on Part A MAI funding and presented, “*History of Minority AIDS Initiative.*”

V. Review FY 2022 Part A MAI proposal:

- Thuan then presented, the “Part A proposed post-award adjustment and Carry over allocations” (below) for DEC to consider.

Services and population	Pre-Award	Additional Post-Award	Carry Over	Total Service
Medical Case Management (MCM)	\$206,926			\$206,926
-Black	\$100,000			\$100,000
-Hispanic/Latinx	\$106,926			\$106,926
Outpatient/Ambulatory Health Services (OAHS) – Hispanic/Latinx	\$129,293	(\$10,023)	\$23,863	\$143,133
Total Allocation	\$336,219	(\$10,023)	\$23,863	\$350,059

- Thuan then presented the, “FY 2022 Part A Minority AIDS Initiative (MAI) Grant Application and Pre-Award Allocations”
- This proposal assumes flat funding and Part A proposed that funding levels remain the same (below).

Service and Population	Pre-Award
Medical Case Management (MCM)	\$206,926
-Black	\$100,000
-Hispanic/Latinx	\$106,926
Outpatient/Ambulatory Health Services (OAHS) – Hispanic/Latinx	\$119,270
Total Allocations	\$326,196

- Thuan asked the committee to keep in mind that this is a beginning proposal, and there will be opportunities to move funds if there is underspending or emerging needs at the first quarter and half-year mark.
 - Megan raised concerns about so many committee members not in attendance before voting on the two proposals.
 - Thuan mentioned that the carryover proposal needs to be executed as soon as possible or risk not being allowed to spend the funds.
 - Thuan noted that members will have an opportunity to participate in the final vote when it goes to the council.
 - Megan passed facilitation to Teresa Jones.
 - Megan then mentioned that it’s best to not take money away from a program that is highly utilized and has high success rates and agrees with the proposal.
 - Carissa noted that there may not be quorum and asked Richard to confirm.
 - After review, it was discovered that the committee did not have quorum.
 - Thuan suggested voting on the proposals by email.
 - Teresa Jones passed facilitation back to Megan.
 - Megan asked that the committee move forward with a vote by email.

FY 2021 Part A MAI post-award adjustment and carry over allocations proposal electronic vote results: (5 for majority)

<u>Roll call</u>	<u>Aye/No</u>
Dennis Anderson	
Charlotte Detournay	Aye
Raymel Givens	
Cree Gordon	Aye
Teresa Jones	Abstain due to facilitation
Megan Muller	Aye
Nafula Namuninia	
Sarah Schiele	Aye
Tyrie Stanley	Aye

FY 2022 Part A Minority AIDS Initiative (MAI) Grant Application and Pre-Award Allocations electronic vote results: (5 for majority)

<u>Roll call</u>	<u>Aye/No</u>
Dennis Anderson	
Charlotte Detournay	Aye
Raymel Givens	
Cree Gordon	Aye
Teresa Jones	Abstain due to facilitation
Megan Muller	Aye
Nafula Namuninia	
Sarah Schiele	Aye
Tyrie Stanley	Aye

VI. New Business / Unfinished Business / Goal Setting:

- Nothing was discussed

VII. Set agenda for next meeting:

- END HIV MN update from Mariah
- Positively Hennepin update from Brenda

VIII. Announcements:

- Sarah Schiele announced that the City of Minneapolis as well as the State will have COVID-19 vaccinations available at Pride from all three vendors (Pfizer, Moderna, and Johnson and Johnson.)
- Teresa asked if the shots are free of charge.
- Sarah confirmed that yes, vaccinations are free.

IX. Adjourn:

- The meeting adjourned at 10:15 a.m.

Meeting Summary:

July 15, 2021

- The committee reviewed the work plan and agreed to have an END HIV MN and Positively Hennepin update at the August meeting.
- The committee received training on Part A MAI funding.
- The committee reviewed two proposals: one for Part A proposed post-award adjustment and carryover allocations and the other for FY 2022 Part A Minority AIDS Initiative (MAI) Grant Application and Pre-Award Allocations
- The committee agreed to vote on the carryover and allocations proposal via email.

Documents distributed before the meeting:

- 2021.07.15 DEC agenda
- 2021.04.15 DEC minutes
- FY 2021 DEC workplan
- Results of DEC work plan survey
- DEC MAI Presentation – FY 2021 and FY 2022 allocations

RP/cw