

**Minnesota Council for HIV/AIDS Care and Prevention
Community Voices Committee Meeting
Monday, May 8, 2023
4:00 – 6:00 p.m.
Hybrid In-Person/Microsoft Teams Meeting
Meeting Minutes**

Committee Members Present:	
Jo Ann Vertetis (co-chair)	Lesla Nelson
Stephen Jensen	Sherry Outten
Belinda Charleston-Green	Tristian Sparks
James McMurray	
Community Members/Guests/Consultants:	
Scott Bilodeau, Hennepin County	Rachel Huele, DHS
Hennepin County (Part A) Representative:	DHS (Part B) Representative:
Eriika Etshokin	Thomas Blissett
MDH (Prevention) Representative:	MCHACP Staff:
None	Jeremy Stadelman (minutes)

I. Welcome

- Jo Ann Vertetis called the meeting to order at 4:12 pm and introductions were made.
- The proposed agenda was reviewed and approved as printed.
- The March meeting minutes were reviewed and approved as printed.

II. Community questions and concerns:

- There were none.

III. Ending the Public Health Emergency (PHE)

- Rachel Huele presented a PowerPoint titled, ***Ending the Covid -19 PHE Resumption of Renewal for MA and MCRE.***
 - Questions:
 - How is Program HH affected by the ending of the PHE?
 - Program HH provides wrap-around coverage, purchases health insurance, and has a Part B benefit. The program will not be affected by the ending of the PHE.

IV. World AIDS Day Breakfast

- Location suggestions:
 - Aliveness
 - All God’s Children
- Keynote speaker ideas:

- Jeremy reviewed and displayed a **keynote speaker ideas list** provided by Audra.
- Is there is budget?
 1. There is a budget to support a speaker; once we narrow a list, we can research the budget.
- Priority subject areas:
 1. Women and HIV
 - a. Women in the legislature who worked on HIV and trans bills.
- Eriika asked members to think about who they would want as a keynote speaker and bring suggestions back to the group at the next meeting.
- Will we ask for partners?
 1. Local AIDS Services Organization (ASOs).
 2. Are there other organizations planning HIV breakfasts?
 - a. Youth and AIDS Projects (YAP) is currently planning events around World AIDS Day.
 - b. All God's Children: the Pastor has moved to Plymouth, so we aren't sure what their involvement will be.

V. CVC Meeting Location

- **MOTION:** Stephen Jensen moved that CVC meetings continue at Aliveness Project for the remainder of the fiscal year. JoAnn Vertetis seconded.
- **DEBATE:** No debate
- **VOTE:** With 6 ayes and 0 noes, the motion passes.

- **MOTION:** Jo Ann Vertetis moved that additional discussion about the meeting location and format be tabled until the next meeting. Stephen Jensen seconded.
- **DEBATE:** No debate.
- **VOTE:** With 6 ayes and 0 noes, the motion passes.

VI. Connecting the work

- Jeremy reviewed the **summary of recent Council meetings and issues currently before the Council and committees.**

VII. Unfinished / new business

- Funding for Positive Living Conference.
 - HERR Day Out participants are interested in attending.
 - There is no budget to send members of the committee to the conference.
- Agenda for the next meeting:
 - Meeting location
 - World's AIDS Day Breakfast

- Thomas Blissett noted that it will be difficult to plan the World's AIDS Day breakfast given the time we have left. He suggested creating a subcommittee to work on the planning.
 - CVC can also ask for volunteers from other council members.
 - Tristian will ask for volunteers at the May council meeting.
- The Aliveness Project Annual Meeting is on May 23, 6-8pm. All are welcome to attend.

Meeting summary:

- The committee received a presentation on Ending the Public Health Emergency (PHE) from DHS.
- The committee approved a motion to continue having meetings at The Aliveness Project.
- The committee approved a motion to hold any additional discussions about the meeting format at the next committee meeting.
- The committee discussed locations and key note speaker options for the World's AIDS Day Breakfast.

Documents distributed for the meeting:

- Proposed agenda
- March 2023 Community Voices Committee meeting minutes
- HIV Council postcard
- 2023.05 CVC meeting flier

Documents distributed or displayed during the meeting:

- Ending the Covid -19 PHE Resumption of Renewal for MA and MCRE PowerPoint
- Keynote speaker ideas list
- Summary of recent Council meetings and issues currently before the Council and committees

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