

**Minnesota Council for HIV/AIDS Care and Prevention
Community Voices Committee Meeting
Monday, July 10, 2023
4:00 – 6:00 p.m.
Hybrid In-Person/Microsoft Teams Meeting
Meeting Minutes**

Committee Members Present:	
Jo Ann Vertetis	Lesla Nelson
Stephen Jensen	Sherry Outten
Belinda Charleston-Green	Tristian Sparks (Co-chair)
Vernice Acevedo	Virginia Blom
Danielle Brantley (Co-chair)	Calvin Hylton
Wanda Colvin	
Community Members/Guests/Consultants:	
Tara Carmean, MDH	Ruby Roettge, MDH
Katie Helgerson, DHS	
Hennepin County (Part A) Representative:	DHS (Part B) Representative:
Eriika Etshokin	Thomas Blissett
MDH (Prevention) Representative:	MCHACP Staff:
None	Jeremy Stadelman (minutes)
	Audra Gaikowski, Council Coordinator

I. Welcome

- Danielle called the meeting to order at 4:03 pm and introductions were made.
- The proposed agenda was reviewed and approved as printed.
- The May meeting minutes were reviewed and approved with one change noted below.
 - Add where Tristian took over during the last meeting.

II. Community questions and concerns:

- There were none.

III. Community Conversation with MDH

- Tara Carmean asked the committee to share how communities support health and well-being. This is an opportunity inform the 2023 Statewide Health Assessment.
- The last Statewide Health Assessment was last completed in 2017.
- Conversations have been focused on how community strengths and assets promote health, rather than on barriers or deficits.
- Discussion:
 - What is health?

- Overall well-being
- Happiness
- Total health- mind body soul
- Equity
- Healthy communities
- Good spirit
- Well managed life
- Preventative care
- What are some of the communities that you belong to or are a part of?
 - HERR Day Out Group
 - HIV Community
 - Church
 - LatinX
 - Knitting and crocheting
 - Two-spirited community
- How does your community support your overall health and well-being?
 - AIDS walk/ride
 - Sharing information
 - Outings
 - Being a part of the council
 - Networking
- Health Minnesota Partnership meeting in September. Tara will send more information to the committee.

IV. Centralized Eligibility

- Katie Helgerson provided a community update on the centralized eligibility launch.
- Katie presented a PowerPoint titled, **CE Due: August 14 Next Steps**
- Questions or feedback:
 - When approved for Ryan White are you also approved for Program HH?
 - Yes.
 - Overall, Ryan White eligibility will be determined annually, but some services, like medical case management have requirements to update care plans every 6 months.

V. World AIDS Day Breakfast

- Audra provided an update on the ad hoc from the Executive Committee. The committee sent it back to CVC because they weren't on board with creating a subcommittee at this time. They would like a more detailed plan before creating an ad hoc committee.
 - There is not enough time at this point to hold the breakfast this year, but a workplan for a 2024 World AIDS Day Breakfast has been developed.
 - Audra shared the **draft workplan for World AIDS Day Breakfast 2024**
 - Comments/questions:

1. Where is the budget coming from?
 - a. Part A has agreed to provide funds, but the budget needs to be determined.
 2. Why can't it be held this year?
 - a. There are only two meetings left before December and the September meeting will mostly taken up by a training.
 - i. Some members expressed frustration about this event being pushed off again.
 1. It might be simple to use The Aliveness project for space and catering.
 - ii. Audra reminded members that the Executive Committee must approve any ad hoc committee. The earliest that could be done is in August and there is a risk that the work might not be completed.
 - iii. Could this work be completed outside of the confines of the council?
 1. Audra suggested that the November meeting could be used as a small celebration for CVC.
- **MOTION:** Alejandro Aguilera moved that a smaller scale event at Aliveness be held this year on World AIDS Day. Belinda Charleston-Green seconded.
 - **DEBATE:**
 1. Audra noted that there is just not enough time to plan for the event; when would the planning occur? It hasn't happened yet at any meeting.
 - **VOTE:**
 1. With 4 ayes and 3 nos, the motion passes.

VI. Connecting the work

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

VII. Unfinished / new business

- Belinda suggested that Jo Ann and Alejandro continue the planning for the World's AIDS Day Breakfast. Audra will set-up a meeting to discuss this further.
- Agenda for the next meeting:
 - Self-advocacy training

Meeting summary:

- The committee participated in a community conversation with MDH to share how communities support health and well-being.

- The committee received an update on centralized eligibility.
- The committee approved a motion to hold a World AIDS Day event on December 1, 2023.

Documents distributed for the meeting:

- Proposed agenda
- May 8 2023 Community Voices Committee meeting minutes
- 2023.07 CVC meeting flier
- SHA Group Conversation

Documents distributed or displayed during the meeting:

- PowerPoint titled, CE Due: August 14 Next Steps
- Draft workplan for World AIDS Day Breakfast 2024
- Summary of recent Council meetings and issues currently before the Council and committees

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