

**Minnesota Council for HIV/AIDS Care and Prevention
Community Voices Committee Meeting
Monday, September 11, 2023
4:00 – 6:00 p.m.
Hybrid In-Person/Microsoft Teams Meeting
Meeting Minutes**

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| Committee Members Present: | |
| Jo Ann Vertetis | Lesla Nelson |
| Stephen Jensen | Sherry Outten |
| Belinda Charleston-Green | Tristian Sparks (co-chair) |
| Vernice Acevedo | Mark Jenkins |
| Danielle Brantley (co-chair) | Lia Evans |
| Derek Martin | Terral Ewing |
| Aaron Wittnebel | Dre Luv |
| James McMurray | |
| Community Members/Guests/Consultants: | |
| Tenesha Lewis, Abloom Wellness | |
| 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.

II. Community questions and concerns:

- There were none.

III. Self-advocacy training for people living with HIV

- Tenesha Lewis provided a self-advocacy training for people living with HIV. PowerPoint slides were sent to the committee on October 31, 2023.

IV. Connecting the work

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

V. Unfinished / new business

- The next meeting on November 13 will be virtual only

- Rainbow Health is moving and may have some space for CVC to meet
- Rainbow Health Peer Support Event and Welcome House September 22, 11am-1pm
- It's all African United BBQ- Health Awareness, this Saturday, September 16, 12-8pm
- Agenda for the next meeting:
 - Community needs
 - Council and committee activity updates
 - World AIDS Day Breakfast update
 - Meeting location and time discussion

Meeting summary:

- The committee received a self-advocacy training for people living with HIV from Tanesha Lewis.

Documents distributed for the meeting:

- Proposed agenda
- 2023.07.10 minutes

Documents distributed or displayed during the meeting:

- Self-advocacy training PowerPoint.
- Summary of recent Council meetings and issues currently before the Council and committees

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