

Minnesota Council for HIV/AIDS Care and Prevention (MCHACP) Meeting
Tuesday, September 12, 2023
9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
Hybrid Meeting

Microsoft Teams meeting

Committee Members Present:	
Jay Orne (DEC co-chair)	Nikki LeClaire
Quay Catalpa	Stephen Jensen (M&T co-chair)
Moua Xiong	Megan Higdon
Ellen Ryan	Terri Wilder
Calvin Hillary Hylton (council co-chair)	Lesla Nelson
Kevin Sitter	Joe Amrhein (council co-chair, NA&E co-chair)
Tyrie Stanley (council co-chair, PAC co-chair)	Tristian Sparks (CVC co-chair)
James Velek	Shea Grutemaro
Alejandro Aguilera (NA&E co-chair)	Angela Reed
Gage Urvina	Danielle Brantley (CVC co-chair)
Annalise Jackson	Doug Peterson
Julian Hines	John Vener, MD
Alissa Fountain	Deon Kirby
Carol Labine	
Committee Members Absent:	
Charlene Leach	
Guests:	
Jonathan Hanft, Hennepin County	Pat Reymann (Council Parliamentarian)
Carissa Weisdorf, Hennepin County	Rashmi Acharya, Hennepin County
Jo Ann Vertetis, Community Member	Sarah Schiele, Community Member
Cody Raasch, Hennepin County	Scott Bilodeau, Hennepin County
Bob Wernek, Merck	Mark Jenkins, Community Member
Angela North	Allisa LaPointe, MDH
Aurin Roy, Hennepin County	Aubrey Hagen, Hennepin County
Verneice Acevedo, Community Member	Mary McCarthy, Community Member
Hennepin County (Part A) Representative:	
Eriika Etshokin	DHS (Part B) Representative: Thomas Blissett
MDH (Prevention) Representative:	
Peggy Darrett-Brewer	MDH (Surveillance) Representative: Hannah Giles
MCHACP Staff:	
Audra Gaikowski, Council Coordinator	Jeremy Stadelman, Admin Specialist (minutes)

Quorum Present? **Yes**

I. Welcome and introductions

- Tyrie Stanley called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Introductions were made.
- The agenda was reviewed and approved as written.
- The minutes from the August 8 meeting were reviewed and approved as written.

II. Get to know you activity

III. Recipient Report

- Part A: *Eriika Etshokin, Hennepin County Ryan White Program*
 - Part A reports to HRSA/HAB
 - i. FY 2023 Part A Carryover (from FY 2022) request submitted
 - \$452,128 Part A formula; \$14,203 MAI
 - ii. Non-Competing Continuation Progress Report for FY 2024 funding due 10/2/2023
 - iii. HRSA/HAB site visit corrective action plan submitted – awaiting Project Officer approval
 - Reminder that the Core Medical Services Expenditures Waiver Public Input Meeting will follow today's Ice Cream Social.
 - Part A was awarded Minority AIDS Initiative Special Programs of National Significance funding to implement a Status Neutral Approach to HIV among at-risk young (13-34) Black men.
 - i. The program employs a non-medical case management model and will receive \$500,000/year for three years. There will be two implementation partners.
 - Eriika provided an HIV outbreak update from [MDH Website](#).
- Part B: *Thomas Blissett, Minnesota Department of Human Services HIV Supports* (see written report)
 - Updating forecasts for FY24 fiscal year
 - Funding levels have been restored to FY23 levels
 - Supplemental XO8 funding was received, \$2,924,296. Funding will start September 30, 2023 and will end September 29, 2024.
 - CE is one month old! Thank you to everyone who helped with the roll out. Currently working with HRSA TA to measure effectiveness of the effort and how to support possible changes.
 - Open enrollment is starting in October for Medicare clients.
 - Review process for new state HIV coordinator position for End HIV MN. Will have updates soon.
- Prevention: *Peggy Darrett-Brewer, Minnesota Department of Health HIV/STD/TB*
 - MPOX RFP has been posted and application deadline is October 2 at 11:59pm.
 - Will begin interviews for new harm reduction specialist by late October.
 - Japhet is working on draft of PrEP RFP and is hoping to have this ready by the end of this week. Will keep the council updated.
 - Save the dates for the upcoming PrEP Institute:
 - October 3, 10, 17, 24
 - A council member asked for Thomas to explain the process of the open enrollment period for people receiving Medicaid services.
 - Thomas explained that it is a time where people can change insurance plans and people who use the services can work with Benefits Counselors who can assist in the open enrollment process. It is very important to enroll in insurance during the open enrollment period.

IV. Committee reports (see written reports)

- Executive and Co-chair Update

- The committee reviewed the results of the council and committee operations evaluation and reviewed the action items forwarded by committee.
- Community Voices Committee (CVC)
 - Did not meet during in August.
 - Discussed planning for the World AIDS Day Breakfast to take place on December 1.
 - Met on September 11 and hosted a self-advocacy training by Abloom Wellness. Discussed how people living with HIV can advocate for themselves when seeing their provider.
- Membership and Training Committee
 - Did not meet.
- Needs Assessment and Evaluation Committee
 - Discussed next steps for HIV in jails and incarcerations, including discharge planning. Looking to bring in people from the state correction system to learn more about discharge planning process.
- Disparities Elimination Committee (DEC)
 - Heard 2 presentations.
 - Continuing to move along with processing materials from the mental health forum. Will be hearing a presentation from the NYC planning council next month on their integrated behavioral health model.
- Planning and Allocation Committee
 - Action Item: Outpatient substance abuse service standards
 - a. Carissa Weisdorf provided background on the service standards update process.
 - b. Carissa reviewed the changes to the service standard.
 - c. Kevin reviewed the rationale for the action item.
 - d. Those with COI were asked to temporarily leave the meeting.
 - e. **MOTION:** Kevin moved that the service standard be approved as presented.
 - f. **DEBATE:** There was no debate.
 - g. **VOTE:** With 19 ayes and 0 noes, the motion passes.
 - h. Those with COI returned to the meeting.
 - Action Item: Rapid reallocation process
 - a. Carissa provided background on the rationale for the action item. The proposal is to ensure that money is spent in a timely manner and due to a recommendation from HRSA that Part A has a rapid reallocation policy.
 - b. Carissa reviewed proposed changes to the resource allocation process that was presented to the Planning and Allocations Committee.
 - c. Kevin read the rationale of the action item.
 - d. **MOTION:** Kevin Sitter moved that the changes be approved to the resource allocation process to allow for rapid reallocation.
 - e. **DEBATE:**
 - i. A council member asked why 5% was chosen?

1. Carissa: Looked at the history of reallocations and determined that 5% would not affect overall allocations and would allow rapid reallocation for time sensitive changes.
- f. **VOTE:** With 19 ayes and 0 noes, the motion passes.

V. Council Staff Report

- A reminder that after the council meeting today there will be an ice cream social to celebrate the integrated plan submission.
- After the ice cream social Part A will be hosting a Core Medical Expenditure Waiver Public Input meeting. Please join if you are able.
- In October, the annual integrated plan monitoring table update meeting is on Oct 25 @ 9:30am during PAC's meeting. This meeting is required for members of DEC, PAC, and NAE.
- Parking vouchers are currently expired. If you are seeking reimbursement for parking, please send Jeremy your parking receipt and sign a mileage reimbursement form before leaving today.

VI. Assessment of the Efficiency of the Administrative Mechanism (AAM) Results

Audra Gaikowski, Council Coordinator

- Audra presented a PowerPoint titled, **Results of Part A Assessment of Administrative Mechanism.**
- Audra noted that the results are publicly available on the council's website.
- There were no questions. Please reach out to Audra with any AAM questions that arise.

VII. Part A Quality Management Update

Scott Bilodeau, Aurin Roy & Aubrey Hagen Hennepin County Public Health

- Scott presented a PowerPoint presentation titled, **Hennepin County Ryan White Program Quality Management Update.**
- Questions:
 - A council member asked if there is a margin of error in the 55% enrollment number?
 - a. Cody responded that it is an estimate because we don't know how many people living with HIV are eligible for Ryan White. Cody plans to look at this closer in an analysis later this year. It is likely that the number is higher than 55%.
 - A council member asked if there has been any research into medication lockers that people who are unstably housed could access their medications?
 - a. Aurin responded that they have not reached the stage of implementing solutions. For housing interventions, there are various interventions that providers are doing to address medication access. For the create equity project, they are focusing on improving coordination of care across agencies, and the combination of housing and viral suppression.

- A council member asked where focus groups were hosted for the Ryan White enrollment project.
 - a.** Aubrey responded that one was hosted at Clare Housing and the rest were hosted at the Aliveness Project.
- A council member expressed concern about how no Native Americans participated in the Ryan White enrollment project focus groups. How did you engage the Native American community, and will the focus groups be reopened to include this community?
 - a.** Aubrey did reach out NACC and identified eligible individuals, but they did not participate. This is something Aubrey would like to explore more.
 - b.** Aurin responded that they have qualitative data from the Native American community around the housing project and viral suppression. This is a population they are focusing on.
- A council member asked if there were incentives provided?
 - a.** Yes, a \$50 Target gift card was provided to participants.
- A council member asked why there are such high rates of missing viral loads?
 - a.** Scott responded that they are exploring this now as he is meeting with all the providers and will follow up when he knows more.

VIII. Unfinished Business/New Business

- None.

IX. Open Forum

- A council member asked for gluten free options for the breakfast provided.

X. Announcements

- Jo Ann mentioned that we will need volunteers for the World AIDS Day Breakfast on December 1, 2023. Please mark your calendars and bring friends.

XI. Adjourn

- Meeting adjourned at 10:57am.

Meeting Summary:

- Part A, Part B, and MDH updates were provided.
- Committee updates were reported to the council.
- The council approved the outpatient substance abuse service standard.
- The council approved the rapid reallocation proposal/process.
- The council received an update on the results of the Assessment of the Administrative Mechanism.
- The council received an annual update from the Hennepin County Quality Management team.

Documents distributed before the meeting:

- 2023.09.12 Public Input meeting Flyer

- AAM results
- Ice Cream Social Flyer
- July 2023 Scored Evaluation Results
- July 2023 Council and Committee Ops Eval Report
- September 12 Committee Report Summaries
- 2023.09.12 MCHACP Agenda
- 2023.09.12 action item outpatient substance abuse service standard
- 2023.09.12 action item rapid reallocation process
- 2023.08.08 MCHACP minutes

Documents distributed after the meeting:

- 2023 HC RWP QM Presentation for MCHACP
- FY2022 AAM Results Final
- Part A Update 2023.09.12

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