

**Minnesota Council for HIV/AIDS Care and Prevention
Community Voices Committee Meeting
Monday, November 13, 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	Tyrie Stanley
Belinda Charleston-Green	Tristian Sparks (co-chair)
Joe Amrhein	Mark Jenkins
Alejandro Aguilera	Lia Evans
Vernice Acevedo	Terral Ewing
Hennepin County (Part A) Representative:	DHS (Part B) Representative:
Eriika Etshokin	Thomas Blissett
MDH (Prevention) Representative:	MCHACP Staff:
None	Jeremy Stadelman (minutes)

I. Welcome

- Tristian 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. CVC Meeting Location & Time

- Suggested options for location:
 - Clare Housing, which has multiple locations (5)
 - Free to use
 - The facilities have community rooms
 - Important for community engagement
 - Many Ryan White clients live in Clare Housing
 - Health Services Building (HSB) in downtown Minneapolis
 - Hennepin County Libraries
 - Uptown
 - Downtown
 - Free parking
 - Homeless go to libraries
 - Park and Recreations- Loring Park
 - Community space in a house

IV. Council Reflectiveness Discussion

- Stephen informed the committee that the Membership and Training Committee is considering changing the way it tracks council member reflectiveness. Stephen asked for the committee’s feedback on adding a “multi-racial” category to the reflectiveness grid.
- Jeremy displayed a ***Draft Reflectiveness Grid*** with multiple options for categorizing race.
- Alejandro suggested that the Membership and Training Committee should utilize “Latinx” rather than “Hispanic” because it is more inclusive.
- Joe suggested that the Membership and Training Committee should consider using data visualizations to better show the data.
- Tyrie and Alejandro indicated that they preferred option three, which is to double count race because it accurately reflects what race people consider themselves to be.
 - Alejandro noted that RFPs typically do not target multi-racial groups, so we would need to consider that if we switch to multi-racial categorization.

V. **Connecting the work**

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

VI. **Unfinished / new business**

- Alejandro provided an update on the World AIDS Day Breakfast.
 - Members suggested adding a post-event survey to gather feedback about the event.
 - Members asked what the menu will be.
 - Jeremy will check with Aliveness.
- New business:
 - Stephen wondered if CVC should ask committee co-chairs to come to the meeting to provide updates.
 - Tristian agreed to bring this up at a future Executive Committee meeting.
 - Calvin thought this would be a good idea so that co-chairs can be the public face of the committees, and it’s good for the community to interact with leaders of the council.
- Announcements:
 - Thomas: there will be a rapid engagement session at tomorrow’s council meeting to discuss funding opportunities for DHS one-time funding.

Meeting summary:

- The committee discussed possible meeting locations for 2024.
- The committee provided feedback to the Membership and Training Committee on the council’s reflectiveness grid.

Documents distributed for the meeting:

- Proposed agenda
- 2023.07.10 minutes
- 2023.09.11 minutes
- November meeting flyer
- Self-advocacy training PowerPoint

Documents distributed or displayed during the meeting:

- Draft Reflectiveness Grid
- Summary of recent Council meetings and issues currently before the Council and committees

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