

Minnesota Council for HIV/AIDS Care and Prevention (MCHACP) Meeting
Tuesday, January 9, 2024
9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Hybrid Meeting

Microsoft Teams meeting

Committee Members Present:	
Jay Orne (DEC co-chair)	Nikki LeClaire
Terri Wilder	Shea Grutemaro
Ellen Ryan	Carol Labine
Calvin Hillary Hylton (council co-chair)	Moua Xiong
Joe Amrhein (council co-chair, NA&E co-chair)	Lesla Nelson
Tyrie Stanley (council co-chair, PAC co-chair)	Tristian Sparks (CVC co-chair)
James Velek	John Vener, MD
Alejandro Aguilera (NA&E co-chair)	Deon Kirby
Kevin Sitter	Annalise Jackson
Alissa Fountain	Megan Higdon
Stephen Jensen (M&T co-chair)	Danielle Brantley (CVC co-chair)
Gage Urvina	
Committee Members Absent:	
Quay Catalpa	Charlene Leach
Guests:	
Carissa Weisdorf, Hennepin County	Vernice Acevedo, Community member
Amy Caron, Hennepin County	Jonathan Hanft, Hennepin County
Tim Presley, DHS	Allison LaPointe, MDH
Mark Jenkins, Community Member	Chris Lorenz, Rainbow Health
Ndekela Sakala, MDH	Pat Reymann, Parliamentarian
Scott Bilodeau, Hennepin County	JT Stewart, Youth and AIDS Projects
Matthew Canada, Aliveness Project	Patrick Ingram, Red Door Clinic
Mariah Thompson	Karla Cortez, Community member
AJ Lezama, Rainbow Health	Oni Blackstock, Health Justice
Shannon Boyer, Hennepin County	Katherine Chen, Health Justice
Raquel Sidie-Wagner, Rainbow Health	Anna McDowell
Hennepin County (Part A) Representative:	DHS (Part B) Representative:
Eriika Etshokin	Thomas Blissett
MDH (Prevention) Representative:	MDH (Surveillance) Representative:
None	Hannah Giles
MCHACP Staff:	
Audra Gaikowski, Council Coordinator	Jeremy Stadelman, Admin Specialist (minutes)

Quorum Present? **Yes**

I. Welcome and introductions

- Joe Amrhein called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m. Introductions were made.
- The agenda was reviewed and approved as written.

- The minutes from the December 12 meeting were reviewed and approved as written.

II. Recipient Report

- Part A: *Eriika Etshokin, Hennepin County Ryan White Program* (see written report)
- Part B: *Thomas Blissett, Minnesota Department of Human Services HIV Supports* (see written report)
- Prevention: *Peggy Darrett-Brewer, Minnesota Department of Health HIV/STD/TB* (see written report)

III. Committee reports (see written reports)

- Executive and Co-chair Update
 - Heard reports from each standing committee, council co-chairs, recipients, and council staff.
 - Appointed members to the Ad Hoc Committee.
 - **ACTION ITEM: Council budget process proposal**
 - a. Audra provided background for the action item.
 - b. Joe asked for clarification about the scope of the action item.
 - c. Jay read the rationale for the action item.
 - d. **MOTION:** Jay Orne moved that the Minnesota Council for HIV/AIDS Care and Prevention approve the attached council budget process proposal with the process beginning in preparation for Fiscal Year 2025.
 - e. **DEBATE:**
 - i. Kevin noted that the Planning and Allocations Committee is missing in the process for approval of the council budget.
 - ii. **MOTION:** Kevin Sitter moved that the action item be sent back to the Executive Committee for further refinement and to ensure that the Planning and Allocations Committee is included in the council budget approval process. Tyrie Stanley seconded.
 - iii. **DEBATE:**
 - 1. Calvin noted that the timeframe or approval seems tight and only allows one month to go through committees. Calvin wondered if this is enough time for full consideration.
 - 2. Audra noted that there is time for the Executive Committee to review it further.
 - iv. **VOTE:** with 10 ayes and 0 noes, the motion passes.
- Community Voices Committee (CVC)
 - The committee met on January 8 and reviewed its FY2024 workplan.
 - The committee voted to hold its March 11 meeting at Clare Housing-Midtown.
- Membership and Training Committee
 - Reviewed attendance and selected committee members to contact council members who had missed meetings.
 - Reviewed applications and compared applications against current vacancies. Scheduled interviews for new applicants.

- Discussed recent interviews.
- Made final decisions for the utilizing the newly proposed council reflectiveness grid.
- Reviewed the New Member Orientation evaluation and made changes for improvement.
- Needs Assessment and Evaluation Committee
 - Did not meet in December
 - Those interested in joining the Criminal Justice Involved Ad Hoc Committee should contact Jeremy or Audra.
- Disparities Elimination Committee (DEC)
 - Received and discussed a presentation from Minnesota Department of Health staff on HIV transmission categories.
 - Debriefed the NYC planning council presentation that took place in September. Co-chairs scheduled meeting time with government recipient staff to discuss potential interventions/directives for mental health services.
 - Reviewed the 2022 integrated plan monitoring table and allowed time for discussion.
- Planning and Allocation Committee
 - Did not meet in December.

IV. Council Staff Report

- Calendar invites were sent out for FY24. Please let Audra know if you did not receive them.
- Doug P. was removed from the council due to attendance.
- Julian H. resigned from the council.

V. Service utilization data: medical & non-medical case management

Lesla Nelson, NAE Committee member

- Lesla presented a PowerPoint on **Medical & Non-medical Case Management Service Areas**.
 - Questions/comments:
 - It was noted that viral suppression and retained in care rates dropped for Non-medical Case Management over the last couple of years. A member wondered if this could be due to Covid.
 - Part A will follow up on this to see if there are other factors at play.
 - Kevin emphasized that the status neutral approach is vital, but navigation solely focused on connecting to PrEP does not seem comprehensive. There should be alternative protection strategies for those who choose not to go on PrEP.
 - A member wondered if is there concern about the capacity of MCM in the future due to probable reductions in rebate funding.
 - Jonathan noted that MCM is funded through June 2025 at current levels, but government partners are looking at capacity for MCM. The goal is to have MCM for all those who are not virally suppressed.
 - Alejandro noted that there are housing navigators who can help people get connected to MCM.
 - Jonathan explained that for MCM, the priority is linkage, access, and retention in medical care. This is not a priority for NMCM; individuals should they be referred to MCM if they are not virally suppressed.

- A community member named Karla shared their experiences with experiencing homelessness in accessing prevention services and wondered what the council is doing about access to PrEP for certain individuals who may not be considered high risk.

VI. BREAK

VII. Health Justice Training: Structural Drivers of HIV among Young Black men who have sex with men

Katharine Chen & Oni Blackstock, Health Justice

- Oni and Katherine shared a PowerPoint titled, ***Ending the HIV Epidemic among Young Black Same Gender Loving Men.***

VIII. Adjourn

- Meeting adjourned at 12:05pm.

Meeting Summary:

- Part A, Part B, and MDH updates were provided.
- Committee updates were reported to the council.
- The council approved a motion that the council budget process proposal action item be sent back to the Executive Committee for further refinement and to ensure that the Planning and Allocations Committee is included in the council budget approval process.
- The council received a presentation on Medical & Non-medical Case Management Service Areas.
- The council participated in training on Structural Drivers of HIV among Young Black men who have sex with men.

Documents distributed before the meeting:

- Proposed agenda
- December 12 meeting minutes
- January 9 Committee Report Summaries
- Medical and non-medical case management PowerPoint Presentation
- Part A Update
- Part B Update
- Prevention Update

Documents distributed after the meeting:

- PowerPoint titled, Ending the HIV Epidemic among Young Black Same Gender Loving Men

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