

Minnesota Council for HIV/AIDS Care and Prevention (MCHACP) Meeting

December 10, 2024

9 – 11:00 p.m.

Hybrid Meeting: MS Teams and HSB Room 110

Committee Members Present:	
JT Stewart (PAC Co-Chair)	Alejandro Aguilera (NAE and CVC Co-Chair)
Mark Jenkins (DEC Co-Chair)	Tyrie Stanley (M&T Co-Chair, Council Co-chair)
Dongwook Kim	Gari Jaleta
Annalise Jackson	Jay Orne
Jennifer Schoenberg	John Vener
Quay Catalpa	Lesa Nelson
Patrick Ingram (DEC Co-Chair)	Ellen Ryan
Deon Kirby (M&T Co-Chair)	Cynthia Denise Elmore
Stephen Jensen	Sarah Schiele
Terri Wilder	
Committee Members Absent:	
Kevin Sitter (Council Co-Chair, PAC Co-Chair)	Carol Labine
Nikki LeClaire	Shea Grutemaro
James Velek	Raquelle Lenoir
Moua Xiong	
Guests:	
Bethel Adiele (Hennepin County Intern)	Mary McCarthy (community member)
Jonathan Hanft (Hennepin County)	Cody Raasch (Hennepin County)
Tim Presley (DHS)	Scott Bilodeau (Hennepin County)
Hennepin County (Part A) Representative:	
Alissa Fountain	DHS (Part B) Representative:
Carissa Weisdorf (minutes)	Thomas Blissett
MDH (Prevention) Representative:	
Jose Ramirez	MDH (Surveillance) Representative:
	Hannah Giles
MCHACP Staff:	
Jeremy Stadelman, Admin Specialist	

Quorum Present? **Yes**

I. Call to order, Welcome & Introductions

- Tyrie Stanley called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.
- Introductions were done and the guiding principles were read.
- The candle was lit in recognition of HIV/AIDS Awareness Month.
- The agenda was reviewed and approved as written.
- The minutes from the November meeting were reviewed and approved with the corrections outlined below.
 - i. Alejandro Aguilera noted a typo on page two to MN Council for HIV/AIDS Care and Prevention.
 - ii. Alejandro Aguilera noted a typo on page two to Magellan.
 - iii. Alejandro Aguilera asked to include “a presentation on HIV stigma from Gilead Science” to the CVC committee report.

II. Recipient Report

- Part A, Alissa Fountain, Hennepin County Ryan White
 - i. Alissa referred to **Part A Update**.
 - ii. The Planning Council Coordinator interviews have concluded.

- iii. Alejandro Aguilera asked if the council will be invited to participate in the interviews; Alissa said council members were involved in the process and at this time the interviews have concluded.
 - iv. Alejandro Aguilera asked if Ryan White funds will support the Ryan White Project Officer position; Alissa Fountain confirmed it will be fully funded by Ryan White.
- Part B *Thomas Blissett, Minnesota Department of Human Services HIV Supports*
 - i. Thomas Blissett referred to **Part B Update**.
 - ii. HCMC and Aliveness Project have staffed benefit counselors for any questions related to enrolling in Medicare or other insurance programs.
 - iii. It was asked if the recent freeze of MMIS will affect the Ryan White Program. Thomas Blissett reported during unfinished business of the meeting that there is no impact on the Ryan White Program
 - MDH
 - i. Alejandro Aguilera asked if the Duluth cluster is open again after being potentially closed. Hannah Giles said MDH is deescalating the Duluth outbreak, and nothing has been opened.

III. Committee reports

- **Executive and Co-Chair Update**
 - i. Tyrie Stanley reported the Executive Committee continues to review the council bylaws. If there are any suggested changes to the bylaws, members may submit them to Jeremy Stadelman for consideration at the January Executive Committee meeting.
 - ii. **Action Item:** Extension of April 8, 2025 Council meeting
 - iii. **MOTION:** JT Stewart moved that the council extend the April 8, 2025 council meeting by 60 minutes to accommodate the Intercultural Conflict Style (ICS) inventory to be conducted by Hennepin County's Department of Diversity Equity and Inclusion.
 - iv. **DEBATE:** None.
 - v. **VOTE:** Aye: 16; No: 0; motion passes.
 - vi. Tyrie Stanley encouraged all members to participate in this April meeting in-person to ensure full participation.
- **Community Voices Committee**
 - i. Alejandro Aguilera noted the World AIDS Day breakfast was held last Friday and was very successful. There were at least 73 people in attendance.
 - ii. Mayor Frey attended and spoke at the event. Dr. Paczkowski was honored as he recently passed away unexpectedly.
 - iii. Alejandro Aguilera has used libraries, Rainbow Road, and Dunn Bros to recruit for council membership. Flyers can be posted on community boards.
 - iv. Alejandro Aguilera encourages full participation at CVC meetings from folks who are positive and not positive.
 - v. Next meeting is January 13 meeting, 4 – 6 p.m. at the Minneapolis Central Library. Dinner is served and gift cards available for those who participate virtually.
- **Disparities Elimination Committee**
 - i. Mark referred to the **Committee Report Summaries**.
- **Membership and Training Committee**
 - i. Deon referred to the **Committee Report Summaries**.
- **Needs Assessment and Evaluation Committee**
 - i. Alejandro referred to the **Committee Report Summaries**.
 - ii. Tim Presley attended the meeting to ensure integrated plan questions are included in the assessment.

- **Planning and Allocations Committee (PAC)**
 - i. Did not meet.
- **Criminal Justice Involved Ad Hoc Committee**
 - i. Anticipating selecting co-chairs at the next meeting to present to MCHACP next month.

IV. Council Staff Update

- Jeremy Stadelman highlighted eight vacancies in unaligned consumer membership in the next term. If you know of anyone who could fill these spots, please give them the application or connect them with council staff.
- The new council coordinator will send out the meeting invitations for the next fiscal year. Look for these next month.
- Next month's meeting is in room 112 which is on the opposite side of the HSB lobby.
- Kareem Murphy and Jeremy Stadelman have discussed the next BIPOC luncheon and planning will begin.
- Alejandro Aguilera asked about council membership slots dedicated to prevention. Jeremy Stadelman said prevention spots could include an FQHC, health care providers, substance abuse providers. Jeremy Stadelman said anyone should apply and Membership and Training will review applications to vacancies.

V. Mpox Update

Jose Ramirez, Minnesota Department of Health

- Jose Ramirez presented **Mpox Update**.
- There has been one death reported in Minnesota and five total nationwide.
- Red Door, Clinic 555, FQHCs are all doing testing with a quick turnaround for results.
- Vaccine is now delivered sub dermally which is an injection and does not give a red mark that sticks around for a few months.
- MDH has purchased doses for community partners, but this supply is running low. Clinic 555, Red Door, Fairview will purchase vaccine doses with the intent to get reimbursed by insurance. It is a two-dose series with four weeks between doses.
- Patrick Ingram said a HAN alert went out in November due to the Clade 2 case in California and asked if there were any additional cases of this Clade. Jose said that is the only case.
- Patrick Ingram expressed concern that hospitals are not stepping up to order vaccine and are reliant on the public health system and asked if 340B dollars earned through rebate can be used to purchase vaccine since the intention of these rebate funds is to bolster patient care. Patrick asked if MDH has considered a HAN related to this. Jose replied MDH is working with community-based partners on how to order vaccine but does not have jurisdiction over 340B pricing. They are finding low interest from partners because of low incidence and the high cost of the vaccine. MDH wants to ensure consistent doses available at Clinic 555 and Red Door Clinic.
- Patrick Ingram asked who the point of contact at the state for Mpox vaccine is. He sees a need to vaccinate more LGBTQ siblings in North Minneapolis, there seems to be less uptick of vaccine in this area. He is concerned that we may see more cases next year even though cases have been relatively low this year. The demographics of current cases may point to which communities are not receiving the vaccine. He encourages Minnesota to stockpile medication. Jose affirms that a potential for an outbreak is very real and the MDH commissioner and executive office is aware.

VI. Integrated Plan Bi-annual Update

Tim Presley, Statewide HIV Strategies and Services Coordinator, DHS

- Tim Presley provided the link to [Minnesota and Minneapolis - St. Paul TGA Integrated Plan for 2022-2026](#).
- Tim Presley presented **Integrated Plan**.
- Tim Presley notes this is a living document, and an example of an update could be including a response to Mpox into the Respond pillar of the plan.

- Patrick Ingram asked for specifics related to disease intervention specialist (DIS) turnover. Tim Presley did not know of anything specific but pointed to some decreased funding and will check with MDH.
- Patrick Ingram said race and racism was left out of the slides and asked how this impacts prevalence as communities of color carry the burden of HIV disease. Tim Presley said today's presentation was a high-level overview that is mostly qualitative but that this was factored into many of the goals, objectives, and actions of the integrated plan. A lot of demographic data and indicators are provided in the annual monitoring plan update in October.
 - Jonathan Hanft added guidance for the next plan was to come out yesterday and CDC and HRSA are providing a lot more time to develop the next integrated plan. Feedback on this plan will be incorporated into next plan.
 - Tim Presley said the next plan should include more SMARTIE objectives which can be better measured.
- Alejandro Aguilera asked if there is work being done with MN Dept of Education around strategy one. Young people often express sexual health education needs an overhaul.
- Patrick Ingram suggested in future updates, centering the conversations around race is critical. Communities of color can get lost, and this would allow us to see how things are going in these communities. This type of qualitative information is needed, in addition to quantitative. Bumps in the road are important to learn from.
- Tim Presley is open to feedback on what the council would like to hear in these types of presentation and will be sure to include more qualitative data on race in future conversations.

VII. Unfinished/New Business

- Thomas Blissett reported there is no impact on the Ryan White Program due to the MMIS freeze.
- No new business.

VIII. Open Forum

- Patrick Ingram brought up decorum and expectations in meetings, especially because we are updating the council bylaws. Members and guests must hold themselves to the principles of the council. He noted concerns with members upset over how other members vote and interrupting people while they are talking. He feels that Black members are held accountable while others are let go. Recognizes co-chairs lead the meetings but government representatives in the room need to step up too. We see too many great members leave, and this will continue if we uphold white supremacy practices. He doesn't feel like members need to be the ones to hold others accountable.
- Tyrie Stanley said he will take this up to address.

IX. Announcements

- Alejandro Aguilera reminded everyone about the next Community Voices Committee (CVC) meeting on January 13.

X. Jonathan Hanft's Retirement Celebration

- Carissa Weisdorf spoke on behalf of the Ryan White team to recognize Jonathan Hanft for his 22 years of service to the Hennepin County Ryan White Program and more than 30 years of work in HIV/AIDS care and prevention. Members in the room and online also shared their memories and best wishes for Jonathan.

XI. Adjourn

- Tyrie Stanley adjourned the meeting at 10:45 a.m.

Meeting Summary:

- Reports were provided by committees, recipients, and council staff.
- A Mpox update was provided.
- A bi-annual report on progress on integrated plan implementation was provided.

- The council approved a motion to extend the April 8, 2025 council meeting.

Documents distributed before the meeting:

- Proposed agenda
- December 10, 2024 meeting minutes
- December Committee Report Summaries
- **Action Item:** April MCHCP meeting extension
- Part A update
- Part B update

Documents distributed after the meeting:

- Mpox update
- 2022 – 2026 Integrated HIV Prevention and Care – November 2024

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