

**Health Care for the Homeless (HCHN) Governance Council**

**July 15, 2024, 4:15pm-6:15pm**

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**Agenda**

*GC Chair: Zsa Zsa Floyd  
GC Vice-Chair: Maria Arns*

<b>Topic</b>	<b>Person</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Purpose</b>	<b>Materials</b>
<b>CALL TO ORDER</b> 1. Welcome & Introductions 2. Minutes <i>Action: review and approve</i>	Zsa Zsa Floyd, Maria Arns	4:15		- HCHN GC Minutes_061724
<b>PUBLIC COMMENT</b>	All			
<b>RACIAL EQUITY MOMENTS</b>	All			
<b>PRIORITY ITEMS</b> 1. 330h Project Director Annual Review <i>Action: review and approve</i>	Vazaskia Crockrell	4:45	Inform, Discuss, Approve	- 2025-2027 HRSA Grant SAC Plan - 2024 Nominees - Skills Experience Chart
2. Preview – 2025-2027 HRSA Service Area Competition & Budget	Bahareh Zebarjad, Denise Hawthorne			
3. GC Membership/Vacancies <i>Action: review nomination slate</i>	Rekha Ravindran			
<b>REGULAR AGENDA AND BOARD PROCESS</b> 1. HCHN Committee Updates and Actions		5:45	Inform, Discuss	
a. Behavioral Health Workgroup – 8/13	Amanda Richer			
b. Community Advisory Group – 8/7	Kristina Sawyckyj, Zsa Zsa Floyd			
c. Executive Committee – 8/14	Zsa Zsa Floyd, Maria Arns			

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d. DEI & Racial Justice Workgroup – 7/23	Amanda Richer, Zsa Zsa Floyd			
2. HCHN Admin Update a. Refugee/Immigrant Work Updates b. Communicable Disease Updates i. COVID c. Other Updates	Rekha Ravindran			
3. Open Forum	All			
<b>ADJOURN</b>		6:15		

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**HCHN Governance Council Members**

- Amanda Richer, Consumer Representative
- Anita Souza, PhD, MA, UW School of Nursing
- Benjamin Miksch, Advocates for Human Potential
- Charese Jones, Neighborcare Health
- Dean Frazier, Molina Healthcare
- Debbie Adams, LMSW, Mercy Housing
- Giovanni Righi, UCLA, PhD Candidate
- Jeff Sakuma, City of Seattle Human Services Department
- Julissa Sanchez, CHOOSE 180
- Kristina Sawyckyj, Consumer Representative
- LaMont Green, DSW, LSWAIC, Lived Experience Coalition
- Leslie Enzian, MD, HMC Medical Respite Program
- Maria Arns, Consumer Representative
- Patricia Dehart, Consumer Representative
- Samhita Korukonda, Student
- Someireh Amirfaiz, Ed.D. MHP, Executive Director, New Americans Alliance for Policy and Research
- Zsa Zsa Floyd, Consumer Representative

**MINUTES**

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Zoom Meeting

**Council Members Present:** Amanda Richer, Anita Souza, Ben Miksch, Debbie Adams, Giovanni Righi, Jeff Sakuma, Julissa Sanchez, Kristina Sawyckyj, Leslie Enzian, Maria Arns, Someireh Amirfaiz

**Council Members Absent:** Charese Jones, Dean Frazier, LaMont Green, Patricia Dehart, Samhita Korukonda, Zsa Zsa Floyd

**Public Health Staff Present:** Denise Hawthorne, Halaysha Grant, Jennell Hicks, Meg Chambers, Rekha Ravindran

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## **CALL TO ORDER**

### *1. Welcome & Introductions*

Maria Arns welcomed attendees, including members of the CAG, to the meeting of the HCHN Governance Council (GC). Full quorum present.

### *2. Minutes*

GC members reviewed the minutes from the 6/17 meeting. Jeff Sakuma made motion to approve the minutes, Maria Arns seconded; vote was unanimous in favor of the motion, with Debbie Adams abstaining.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Harold Odom made a public comment highlighting the significant increase in people experiencing homelessness in King County despite commitments to equity and racial justice. He suggested that King County change practices in hiring consultants, provide more training/support for frontline workers, and focus on efforts that address the root causes of homelessness.

Denise Hawthorne expressed appreciation for Harold's comments. She shared how HCHN prioritizes trauma-informed care and the ways equity is centered in procurement processes, but acknowledged the limited resources available.

## **RACIAL EQUITY MOMENTS**

Amanda shared experiences at a recent conference, where she met with an attendee from Togo and discussed the importance of empowering women.

## **PRIORITY ITEMS**

### *1. 330h Project Director Annual Review*

Vazaskia Crockrell, Community Health Services Division Director, met with the GC to share her formal evaluation of Simone Andu, as the 330h Project Director, and solicited feedback from members.

Kristina Sawyckyj made motion to approve 330h Project Director Semone Andu's performance evaluation, Maria seconded; vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

2. *Preview – 2025-2027 HRSA Service Area Competition & Budget*

Denise and Bahareh Zebarjad, HCHN Finance Manager, joined to preview HCHN's submission and proposed budget for HRSA's 2025-2027 Service Area Competition (SAC); the 330h grant which provides Public Health's FQHC status. PowerPoint is attached.

Denise added that the GC will formally vote on the SAC, and the other HRSA grant applications that Jessica highlighted in the 6/17 meeting, at the August GC.

3. *GC Membership/Vacancies*

Rekha said the GC is reviewing the membership slate at this meeting, in preparation to vote in August. She shared information on current nominees, including the new community health center (CHC) representative, and noted that there will be more discussions to come on the voting process.

## **REGULAR AGENDA AND BOARD PROCESS**

1. *HCHN Committee Updates and Actions*

a. *Behavioral Health Workgroup – 8/13*

There were no updates.

b. *Community Advisory Group – 8/7*

Kristina said the CAG worked on developing guiding principles for presenters in advance of joining meetings. She said they also discussed opportunities to join the GC, and the current state of the CAG-specific budget. She added that Harold will facilitate a discussion on gun violence prevention at the next meeting.

c. *Executive Committee – 8/14*

Kristina said that attendees discussed the GC agenda and membership. Maria added that they also discussed the name change of the GC Racial Equity Workgroup to "DEI & Racial Justice" and its' focus on shelter access for people using durable medical equipment.

GC attendees discussed inclusivity and the meaning of DEI.

*d. DEI & Racial Justice Workgroup – 7/23*

There were no updates.

*2. HCHN Admin Update*

*a. Refugee/Immigrant Work Updates*

Rekha said that HCHN is continuing to provide supports to the encampments at Riverton, Kent, and Burien and discussing sustainability models. Someireh asked if there were any opportunities HCHN could pursue with the [\\$32 million dollar aid for asylum seekers passed by the state legislature](#). Denise said that funding will be allocate more towards housing.

*b. Communicable Disease Updates*

*i. COVID*

There were no updates.

*c. Other Updates*

Rekha added that there were no new budget updates but highlighted the partnership King County is pursuing with Harborview Medical Center/UW Medicine to identify ways to maintain existing services at Public Health clinics. She shared there will be more information to come in the fall, as negotiations are ongoing.

She also said that HCHN is initiating conversations with the contractors awarded through HCHN's recent RFP process. Attendees discussed the new contractors, and the process to close out with the other two agencies that will not continue with HCHN in 2025.

*3. Open Forum*

There were no other updates.

**ADJOURN**

The meeting adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

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