

Health Care for the Homeless (HCHN) Governance Council

March 18, 2024, 4:15pm-6:15pm

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Agenda

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

Topic	Person	Time	Purpose	Materials
CALL TO ORDER 1. Welcome & Introductions 2. Minutes <i>Action: review and approve</i>	Zsa Zsa Floyd, Maria Arns	4:15		- HCHN GC Minutes_022624
PUBLIC COMMENT	All			
RACIAL EQUITY MOMENTS	All			
PRIORITY ITEMS 1. HEART Transition & HCHN COVID Response Updates	Dedra Barrow, Semone Andu	4:45	Inform, Discuss, Approve	- HEART Sunset_031824
REGULAR AGENDA AND BOARD PROCESS 1. HCHN Committee Updates and Actions		5:15	Inform, Approve, Discuss	- CAG Membership Roster - Mar 2024
a. Behavioral Health Workgroup – 4/9	Amanda Richer			
b. Community Advisory Group – 4/3 <i>Action: approve membership roster</i>	Kristina Sawyckyj, Zsa Zsa Floyd			
c. Executive Committee – 4/10	Zsa Zsa Floyd, Maria Arns			
d. Racial Equity Workgroup – 3/26	Amanda Richer, Zsa Zsa Floyd			

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2. HCHN Admin Update a. Refugee/Immigrant Work Updates b. Communicable Disease Updates i. COVID c. Other Updates	Semone Andu			
3. Open Forum	All			
ADJOURN		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, YouthCare
- Giovanni Righi, UCLA, PhD Candidate
- Jeff Sakuma, City of Seattle Human Services Department
- Julissa Sanchez, CHOOSE 180
- Kristina Sawyckj, 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

Monday, March 18, 2024
Zoom Meeting

Council Members Present: Amanda Richer, Anita Souza, Benjamin Miksch, Charese Jones, Giovanni Righi, Jeff Sakuma, Kristina Sawyckyj, LaMont Green, Maria Arns, Samhita Korukonda, Someireh Amirfaiz, Zsa Zsa Floyd

Council Members Absent: Dean Frazier, Debbie Adams, Julissa Sanchez, Leslie Enzian, Patricia Dehart

Public Health Staff Present: Dedra Barrow, Denise Hawthorne, Flora Lansburgh, Halaysha Grant, Jennell Hicks, Meg Chambers, Rekha Ravindran, Semone Andu

CALL TO ORDER

1. Welcome & Introductions

Zsa Zsa Floyd 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 2/26 meeting. Amanda Richer made motion to approve the minutes, Maria Arns seconded; vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Attendees discussed eviction summons.

RACIAL EQUITY MOMENTS

Attendees highlighted the need for organizations to prioritize racial equity. Amanda shared data on the health disparities among African Americans and attendees also discussed the importance of highlighting positivity in Black culture, history, and people. Zsa Zsa shared more about the [Black History Inventors](#) app for those interested in learning more.

PRIORITY ITEMS

1. HEART Transition & HCHN COVID Response Updates

Dedra Barrow, Administrative Supervisor of the COVID-19 Mobile Testing and Vaccination Team, and Semone Andu presented about the Health Engagement Action Resource Team (HEART) sunsetting, and transition planning for COVID response work moving forward. PowerPoint is attached.

Attendees discussed the impacts of long COVID/brain fog, reflected on the HEART team's successes, and expressed appreciation to Dedra and the team for their work.

REGULAR AGENDA AND BOARD PROCESS

1. *HCHN Committee Updates and Actions*

a. *Behavioral Health Workgroup – 4/9*

Amanda shared her experiences at the National Alliance to End Homelessness (NAEH) Conference, particularly with respect to gatekeeping and how funding is allocated in homelessness response. Attendees discussed the lack of withdrawal support and the need to educate the public about stigma around violent crime. The workgroup is interested in connecting with Jail Health to learn more about their approach. Amanda added that her and Anita Souza will be meeting with Susan McLaughlin, Director of King County’s Behavioral Health and Recovery Division, to discuss resources for TBI.

b. *Community Advisory Group – 4/3*

Zsa Zsa shared that the CAG roster was approved last month, and noted an additional applicant who expressed interest in joining. Maria made motion to approve the CAG Membership Roster – March 2024, Giovanni seconded; vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Rekha Ravindran shared that the CAG continues discussions on their budget allocations, including an additional opportunity to table with King County’s [Overdose Prevention & Response Team](#).

c. *Executive Committee – 4/10*

Rekha said the EC continued discussing upcoming activities for the year, including data/evaluation activities and membership recruitment.

d. *Racial Equity Workgroup – 3/26*

Rekha said that the workgroup continued discussions on health disparities among BIPOC communities and expressed interest in better understanding HCHN’s data through the lens of racial equity. Attendees also discussed developing provider training on implicit bias and client education on ways to navigate the healthcare system.

2. *HCHN Admin Update*

a. *Refugee/Immigrant Work Updates*

Semone said that it continues to be challenging to provide care for asylum seekers arriving in King County due to limited resources. He shared that HCHN is conducting an assessment on the work to date, data on the locations of asylum seekers, what resources are needed, and describes challenges; this will be shared with Public Health leadership. He noted that HCHN is also identifying how this work should be positioned within King County. Semone added that he will be part of a panel on meeting the needs of new arrivals within the HCH community at the [2024 National Health Care for the Homeless Conference & Policy Symposium](#).

Attendees discussed the definition of asylum seekers vs. refugees.

b. Communicable Disease Updates

i. COVID

There were no updates.

c. Other Updates

Semone said that the Washington State legislative session has ended. He said that HCHN and Public Health are still waiting to learn more how these changes will affect programs, but he hopes to have more updates later this year.

Denise Hawthorne said that the HCHN Admin Team is spearheading an ongoing video interview project with providers and GC/CAG members to highlight work in the community and show the impact of homelessness. She asked for volunteers and noted that they can be flexible with scheduling; anyone interested is welcome to reach out to her or Rekha.

3. Open Forum

There were no updates.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 6:14 p.m.

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