

Health Care for the Homeless (HCHN) Governance Council

May 20, 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_041524
PUBLIC COMMENT	All			
RACIAL EQUITY MOMENTS	All			
PRIORITY ITEMS 1. UDS Clinical Measures – Hypertension & Diabetes	Lorraine Twohey-Jacobs	4:45	Inform, Discuss, Approve	- GC UDS Clinical Measures_052024
2. Lessons from the 2024 National Health Care for the Homeless Council Annual Conference & Policy Symposium	Zsa Zsa Floyd, Maria Arns			
REGULAR AGENDA AND BOARD PROCESS 1. HCHN Committee Updates and Actions a. Behavioral Health Workgroup – 6/11	Amanda Richer	5:45	Inform, Discuss	
b. Community Advisory Group – 6/5	Kristina Sawyckyj, Zsa Zsa Floyd			
c. Executive Committee – 6/12	Zsa Zsa Floyd, Maria Arns			
d. Racial Equity Workgroup – 5/28	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		

NEXT MEETING: Monday, June 17, 2024, 4:15pm-6:15pm (Zoom Meeting)

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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 Sawycky, 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, May 20, 2024
Zoom Meeting

Council Members Present: Amanda Richer, Benjamin Miksch, Jeff Sakuma, Kristina Sawyckyj, LaMont Green, Leslie Enzian, Maria Arns, Patricia Dehart, Samhita Korukonda, Someireh Amirfaiz, Zsa Zsa Floyd

Council Members Absent: Anita Souza, Charese Jones, Dean Frazier, Debbie Adams, Giovanni Righi, Julissa Sanchez

Public Health Staff Present: Denise Hawthorne, Halaysha Grant, Jennell Hicks, Lorraine Twohey-Jacobs, 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 4/15 meeting. Amanda Richer made motion to approve the minutes, Maria Arns seconded; vote was unanimous in favor of the motion, with Patricia Dehart abstaining.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

RACIAL EQUITY MOMENTS

Janice Tufte noted the rise in anti-DEI initiatives, and specifically how that has led to a loss of funding at organizations in Florida.

Okesha Brandon noted a need to continue highlighting inequities in the work. LaMont Green also reflected on the intersectionality of ableism and racism and encouraged attendees to recognize how this plays out in current systems/practices.

PRIORITY ITEMS

1. UDS Clinical Measures – Hypertension & Diabetes

Lorraine Twohey-Jacobs, HCHN Data Manager, shared 2023 clinical measure data as reported to HRSA, specifically focusing on hypertension and diabetes. She shared racial/ethnic breakdowns and invited attendees to share expertise on how to address gaps. PowerPoint is attached.

Attendees discussed HRSA definitions, the need for more person-centered terminology, and how to incorporate data across systems. In addition, they expressed interest in better understanding how this data informs clinical practice and next steps overall.

2. *Lessons from the 2024 National Health Care for the Homeless Council Annual Conference & Policy Symposium*
Members who attended the [2024 NHCHC Conference & Policy Symposium](#) shared learnings and experiences engaging with other programs. They also highlighted specific sessions facilitated by Amanda, as well as Semone. In addition, attendees celebrated Zsa Zsa and Bernie Creaven, outreach nurse with Country Doctor Community Health Center, who were honored with national awards at the conference.

REGULAR AGENDA AND BOARD PROCESS

1. *HCHN Committee Updates and Actions*

- a. *Behavioral Health Workgroup – 6/11*

Rekha said that the May meeting was cancelled due to scheduling conflicts, but that staff with Jail Health plan to attend the June meeting to share more about services.

- b. *Community Advisory Group – 6/5*

Rekha said that staff with Public Health’s Preparedness Division presented on how to stay safe from extreme heat and Public Health’s role in severe weather response.

- c. *Executive Committee – 6/12*

Rekha said that the EC continued reviewing compliance activities for the year, including membership recruitment. She shared that current members whose terms end this August have been notified. She shared that the EC also discussed updates in incentive/food card policies.

- d. *Racial Equity Workgroup – 5/28*

Rekha said that the attendees discussed current court cases that impact people experiencing homelessness and the rhetoric around refugees/immigrants/asylum seekers.

LaMont highlighted a need to assure people living with disabilities have access to necessary medical support and shelter options that have the appropriate accommodations. He suggested that the workgroup could dive deeper into policies and practices.

Given this scope of work, LaMont made motion to update the name of the GC Racial Equity Workgroup to the GC Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) and Racial Justice Workgroup, Amanda seconded; vote was unanimous in favor of the motion. In addition, LaMont made motion for the GC DEI and Racial Justice workgroup to take lead on researching policies around durable medical equipment in shelters and in other spaces where those living unsheltered congregate, Leslie Enzian seconded; vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

2. *HCHN Admin Update*

a. *Refugee/Immigrant Work Updates*

Semone said that HCHN continues their assessment of the work to date with asylum seekers, including data on where people are located, what resources are needed, and challenges; this will be shared with Public Health leadership.

b. *Communicable Disease Updates*

i. *COVID*

There were no updates.

c. *Other Updates*

Semone shared encouraging updates related to the King County budget deficit. They highlighted a potential opportunity King County is pursuing, in partnership with Harborview Medical Center/UW Medicine, to identify ways to maintain existing services at Public Health clinics. He shared there will be more information to come, as negotiations are ongoing, later this fall.

3. *Open Forum*

There were no updates.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 6:17 p.m.

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