Health Care for the Homeless (HCHN) Governance Council
August 17, 2026, 4:00pm-6:00pm
King County Chinook Building (401 5th Ave, Seattle), Room 115
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Agenda

GC Chair: *Christopher Archiopoli*
GC Vice-Chair: *Gail Emanuel*

Topic	Person	Time	Purpose	Materials
CALL TO ORDER 1. Welcome & Introductions 2. Minutes ***Action: review and approve***	Christopher Archiopoli, Gail Emanuel	4:00		- HCHN GC Minutes_072026
PUBLIC COMMENT	All			
RACIAL EQUITY MOMENTS	All			
PROGRAM SPOTLIGHT 1. 2027 HRSA Budget Period Renewal Budget ***Action: review and approve***	Denise Hawthorne	4:20	Inform, Discuss, Approve	- 2027 HRSA Grant Renewal Spending Plan
2. GC Membership/Vacancies ***Action: review and approve***	Rekha Ravindran			- GC Nominees-Competencies_081726 - GC Member Expertise_081726 - [Application Packets]
REGULAR AGENDA AND BOARD PROCESS 1. HCHN Committee Updates and Actions a. Community Advisory Group – 9/2	Kristina Sawyckyj, Zsa Zsa Floyd	5:35	Inform, Discuss	
b. Executive Committee – 9/9	Christopher Archiopoli, Gail Emanuel			
c. DEI & Racial Justice Workgroup – 8/25	Zsa Zsa Floyd			

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2. HCHN Admin Update a. Refugee/Immigrant Work Updates b. Clinical Updates c. Other Updates	Semone Andu			
3. Open Forum	All			
ADJOURN		6:00		

NEXT MEETING: Monday, September 21, 2026, 4:00pm-6:00pm, Chinook Room 115/Zoom Meeting

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HCHN Governance Council Members

- Anita Souza, PhD, MA, UW School of Nursing
- Benjamin Miksch, Advocates for Human Potential
- Brandy Taylor, Seattle Roots
- Charese Jones, Neighborcare Health
- Christopher Archiopoli, LEAD with Purpose. Dignity. Action (PDA)
- Debbie Adams, LMSW, Mercy Housing
- Don Clayton, Catholic Community Services of Western Washington
- Gail Emanuel, Consumer Representative
- Holly Mayer, Sound Generations
- Julissa Sanchez, CHOOSE 180
- Kristina Sawyckyj, Consumer Representative
- Leslie Enzian, MD, HMC Medical Respite Program
- Maria Arns, Consumer Representative
- Samhita Korukonda, Student
- Shubham Bansal, Student
- Someireh Amirfaiz, Ed.D. MHP, Executive Director, New Americans Alliance for Policy and Research
- Zsa Zsa Floyd, Consumer Representative

MINUTES
Monday, August 17, 2026
Zoom Meeting

Council Members Present: Anita Souza, Benjamin Miksch, Charese Jones, Don Clayton, Gail Emanuel, Kristina Sawyckyj, Leslie Enzian, Maria Arns, Shubham Bansal, Someireh Amirfaiz, Zsa Zsa Floyd

Council Members Absent: Brandy Taylor, Christopher Archiopoli, Debbie Adams, Holly Mayer, Julissa Sanchez, Samhita Korukonda

Public Health Staff Present: Denise Hawthorne, Jake Walker, Janni Sun, Maikia Moua, Meg Chambers, Rekha Ravindran, Semone Andu

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CALL TO ORDER

1. *Welcome & Introductions*
   Gail Emanuel 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 7/20 meeting. Zsa Zsa Floyd made motion to approve the minutes, Kristina Sawyckyj seconded; vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

RACIAL EQUITY MOMENTS

Attendees shared experiences supporting Women In Black vigils to honor the lives of people experiencing homelessness who have died while living on the streets, a documentary called Aanikoobijigan about returning ancestral artifacts to their rightful homes, and the need to acknowledge biases when working in the community.

PROGRAM SPOTLIGHT

1. *2027 HRSA Budget Period Renewal Budget*
   Denise Hawthorne followed up on the presentation from the July GC meeting and shared the final 2027 Budget Period Renewal (BPR) Budget submitted to HRSA. PowerPoint is attached.

   Zsa Zsa made motion to approve the proposed 2027 HRSA Budget Period Renewal budget (Scope of Project Spending Plan), Maria Arns seconded; vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

2. *GC Membership/Vacancies*
   Rekha shared that the EC reviewed all 8 applications for the 9 vacancies. She noted that one seat is reserved for the individual appointed by the King County Community Health Center Council (Candace Jackson) and one seat is reserved for an individual representing North King County (Kristina Sawyckyj) to assure geographic diversity.

Nominees shared their background, and the EC presented initial thoughts for consideration. Since there are more vacancies than applicants, the GC came to consensus to recommend all candidates be approved as members:

- Benjamin Miksch, Senior Program Manager, Advocates for Human Potential
- Emily Johnson, Public Health Policy Advisor, City of Seattle
- LaMont Green, DSW, LSWAIC, Co-Chair – Lived Experience Coalition; Director of the Systems Alignment Innovation Hub – Technical Assistance Collaborative, Inc.
- Leslie Enzian, MD, Medical Director – Edward Thomas House Medical Respite Program, Harborview Medical Center
- Maria Arns, Consumer Representative
- Okesha Brandon, Consumer Representative

Zsa Zsa made motion to approve the membership slate, Gail seconded; vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Attendees expressed appreciation to the current members who are not continuing on the GC.

REGULAR AGENDA AND BOARD PROCESS

1. *HCHN Committee Updates and Actions*
   a. *Community Advisory Group – 9/2*
   Rekha said that members of the CAG participated in a Stop the Bleed training, and discussed other ideas to use their remaining budget before the end of the year.

   b. *Executive Committee – 9/9*
   Rekha said that HCHN is continuing to prepare for the upcoming HRSA Operational Site Visit (OSV), scheduled Tuesday, September 15-Thursday, September 17. She said staff is working closely with the EC to prepare them to meet with the review team. Semone added information about the overall agenda, and how staff are getting ready for the visit.

   c. *DEI & Racial Justice Workgroup – 8/25*
   Rekha said the workgroup shared experiences and emerging challenges, and encouraged anyone interested to join their meeting next week.

2. *HCHN Admin Update*
   a. *Refugee/Immigrant Work Updates*
   There were no updates.

   b. *Clinical Updates*
   There were no updates.

   c. *Other Updates*

Semone shared that Dr. Sandra Valenciano, Director and Health Officer for Public Health, visited the Street Medicine program last week. He said it was an opportunity for her to meet the team, and better understand their work on the ground. He mentioned she asked about harm reduction services and whether it's possible for the team to prescribe buprenorphine for opioid use disorder in the field; staff will explore the idea further.

He added that HCHN has hired a Grants and Resources Administrator, and is in the final stages of hiring a Strategic Planning and Compliance Manager. He said that HCHN and DCHS submitted a proposal for HUD funding to expand the Street Medicine Program and increase nursing services in shelters across King County; however, this funding opportunity is on pause due to legal challenges.

Rekha also highlighted King County's Breaking the Cycle workgroup, focused on housing and behavioral health. She noted that listening sessions are being hosted this month with key stakeholders, to help inform recommendations. Given the time constraints, Rekha will follow-up with attendees to solicit feedback over email.

3. *Open Forum*

Attendees highlighted the need for more respite services, and appreciation for efforts to expand access. Semone highlighted work with the Medical Respite team to identify more discharge options for people exiting the program.

They also discussed Permanent Supportive Housing (PSHs) and the Housing First model. Attendees elevated the need for wraparound services, the difficulties of transition, and the loss of community experienced by new residents. Semone shared more about what HCHN can directly influence vs. serve as key advisors to other partners, like KCRHA and DCHS. He encouraged attendees to share any experiences due to the coming changes to critical programs.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 5:41 p.m.

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