

Health Care for the Homeless (HCHN) Governance Council

February 23, 2026, 4:00pm-6:00pm

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Agenda

GC Chair: Amanda Richer

GC Vice-Chair: Christopher Archiopoli

Topic	Person	Time	Purpose	Materials
CALL TO ORDER 1. Welcome & Introductions 2. Minutes <i>Action: review and approve</i>	Amanda Richer, Christopher Archiopoli	4:00	Inform, Discuss, Approve	- HCHN GC Minutes_011226
PUBLIC COMMENT	All			
RACIAL EQUITY MOMENTS	All			
PROGRAM SPOTLIGHT 1. PHSKC Annual Audit Update 2. HRSA Legislative Mandates Update <i>Action: review and endorse</i> 3. Overview of HRSA 330h Operational Site Visit	Bahareh Zebarjad, Denise Hawthorne, Rekha Ravindran, Semone Andu	4:30	Inform, Discuss, Approve	- Single Audit Findings 2024 - PHL15_5DP_HRSAMandates_updated 010926 - HRSA Compliance 101_022326
REGULAR AGENDA AND BOARD PROCESS 1. HCHN Committee Updates and Actions	Amanda Richer	5:30	Inform, Discuss, Approve	- CAG Membership Roster_Feb 2026
a. Behavioral Health Workgroup – 4/14 b. Community Advisory Group – 3/4 <i>Action: approve CAG membership roster</i>	Kristina Sawyckyj, Zsa Zsa Floyd			
c. Executive Committee – 3/11	Amanda Richer, Christopher Archiopoli			
d. DEI & Racial Justice Workgroup – 2/24	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		6:00		

NEXT MEETING: Monday, March 16, 2026, 4:00pm-6:00pm, Chinook Room 115/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
- 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 Sawycky, 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, February 23, 2026
Zoom Meeting

Council Members Present: Amanda Richer, Anita Souza, Benjamin Miksch, Christopher Archiopoli, Don Clayton, Gail Emanuel, Holly Mayer, Kristina Sawyckyj, Leslie Enzian, Maria Arns, Someireh Amirfaiz, Zsa Zsa Floyd

Council Members Absent: Brandy Taylor, Charese Jones, Debbie Adams, Julissa Sanchez, Samhita Korukonda, Shubham Bansal

Public Health Staff Present: Bahareh Zebarjad, Clover Thurk, Denise Hawthorne, Halaysha Grant, Kevin Proctor, MaiKia Moua, Meg Chambers, Rekha Ravindran, Semone Andu, Susan Kingston

CALL TO ORDER

1. Welcome & Introductions

Amanda Richer 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 1/12 meeting. Zsa Zsa Floyd made motion to approve the minutes, Christopher Archiopoli, seconded; vote was unanimous in favor of the motion, with Someireh Amirfaiz abstaining.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

RACIAL EQUITY MOMENTS

Attendees shared personal experiences of racial inequities and censorship.

PROGRAM SPOTLIGHT

1. PHSKC Annual Audit Update

Bahareh Zebarjad, HCHN Finance Manager, joined to share the 2024 single audit findings. PowerPoint is attached

2. HRSA Legislative Mandates Update

Denise Hawthorne presented the most recent HRSA Legislative Mandates policy, which describes the specific activities grantees are restricted from using federal grant funds to support, for the GC to review and formally endorse.

Zsa Zsa made motion to formally endorse the Legislative Mandate policy and procedures, Kristina seconded; vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

3. Overview of HRSA 330h Operational Site Visit

Semone Andu reminded attendees that HCHN is preparing for the upcoming HRSA Operational Site Visit (OSV), which has yet to be scheduled. Semone and Rekha Ravindran shared an overview of HRSA's program requirements, as 330h grantees, and the GC's role during the OSV. PowerPoint is attached.

REGULAR AGENDA AND BOARD PROCESS

1. HCHN Committee Updates and Actions

a. Behavioral Health Workgroup – 4/14

Amanda shared that Idabelle Fosse, DCHS Community Engagement Liaison, joined to provide updates about the [Crisis Care Centers Levy](#). She added that the workgroup will transition to meeting quarterly, with the next one scheduled Tuesday, April 14, 9-10am.

b. Community Advisory Group – 3/4

Zsa Zsa shared that the CAG has used its' budget to send three people to the [2026 NHCHC Annual Conference and Policy Symposium](#) in Orlando, FL. She said the CAG will also fund attendees to join the [My Dog is My Home Conference](#) and table with the [Overdose Response team](#) at the [2026 Seattle/King County Clinic](#). She noted any remaining budget will be used for other training opportunities.

Rekha added that the official CAG membership roster was last approved in March 2024, and asked the GC to review the updated list.

Amanda made motion to approve the CAG Membership Roster – February 2026, Kristina seconded; vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

c. Executive Committee – 3/11

Amanda said the EC discussed GC compliance activities for 2026 and selected candidates to attend the [2026 NHCHC Annual Conference and Policy Symposium](#) on behalf of the CAG.

d. DEI & Racial Justice Workgroup – 2/24

Zsa Zsa said the January workgroup meeting was cancelled, and the next one will take place Tuesday, February 24, 1:30-3pm.

2. HCHN Admin Update

a. Refugee/Immigrant Work Updates

There were no updates.

b. Communicable Disease Updates

i. COVID

Attendees discussed communicable diseases that disproportionately affect people experiencing homelessness, and expressed interest in learning more about outbreaks and prevention strategies at a future meeting. Rekha will follow-up.

c. Other Updates

Clover Thurk shared updates related to POCAAN's contract with HCHN to provide senior mobile medical outreach services at senior centers and other hubs in King County. She said unfortunately, POCAAN was unable to meet Public Health's fiscal compliance requirements so HCHN will be ending the contract. She said staff are hosting community conversations to evaluate the current service model and future directions to inform program redesign; she will keep the GC updated.

Semone said that interviews are in progress for the CHS Chief Medical Officer [position](#), and he will invite the new hire to attend a future GC meeting. He added that the Street Medicine Team is also hiring new staff.

Semone noted that HCHN is joining meetings to prepare for the upcoming World Cup, and asked attendees to share any feedback about community impacts to elevate. Semone said that HCHN is also meeting with the [Overdose Response team](#) to discuss impacts of federal changes to harm reduction supply distribution and practices. He asked for any feedback to elevate and will keep attendees updated.

Denise mentioned that the all-day HCHN Annual Gathering will be held on Thursday, July 23. She invited attendees to share ideas for topics.

3. Open Forum

Maria Arns shared a new resource she has for food supplies and to reach out to her for more information.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 5:41 p.m.

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