

Health Care for the Homeless (HCHN) Governance Council

January 12, 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_121525
PUBLIC COMMENT	All			
RACIAL EQUITY MOMENTS	All			
PROGRAM SPOTLIGHT 1. Overview of 2026 HCHN Needs Assessment Activities 2. Debrief Patient Satisfaction/Grievance & Next Steps 3. Bylaws <i>Action: review and approve</i>	Rekha Ravindran, Semone Andu	4:30	Inform, Discuss, Approve	- 2026 HCHN Needs Assessment Overview_011226 - 330h Patient Satisfaction Briefing_111725 - 330h Patient Grievance Briefing_121525 - PHSKC HCH Bylaws_DRAFT 011226
REGULAR AGENDA AND BOARD PROCESS 1. HCHN Committee Updates and Actions a. Behavioral Health Workgroup – 1/13	Amanda Richer	5:30	Inform, Discuss, Approve	
b. Community Advisory Group – 2/4	Kristina Sawyckyj, Zsa Zsa Floyd			

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c. Executive Committee – 1/14 <i>Action: vote for GC & CAG members-at-large</i>	Amanda Richer, Christopher Archiopoli			
d. DEI & Racial Justice Workgroup – 1/27	Amanda Richer, Zsa Zsa Floyd			
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, February 23, 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 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, January 12, 2026
Zoom Meeting

Council Members Present: Amanda Richer, Charese Jones, Christopher Archiopoli, Don Clayton, Gail Emanuel, Holly Mayer, Kristina Sawyckyj, Maria Arns, Shubham Bansal, Zsa Zsa Floyd

Council Members Absent: Anita Souza, Benjamin Miksch, Brandy Taylor, Debbie Adams, Julissa Sanchez, Leslie Enzian, Samhita Korukonda, Someireh Amirfaiz

Public Health Staff Present: Denise Hawthorne, Halaysha Grant, Jennell Hicks, Lorraine Twohey-Jacobs, MaiKia Moua, Meg Chambers, Moffett Burgess, 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 12/15 meeting. Zsa Zsa Floyd made motion to approve the minutes, Christopher Archiopoli seconded; vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Attendees shared learnings from volunteering with other governing boards in King County.

RACIAL EQUITY MOMENTS

Attendees shared experiences with recent immigration enforcement activities, and training opportunities. They also recognized staff at HCHN's [Street Medicine Program](#) for providing supportive services to meet community members' health and housing needs. In addition, attendees highlighted interactions between people experiencing homelessness and King County Metro bus drivers.

PROGRAM SPOTLIGHT

1. *Overview of 2026 HCHN Needs Assessment Activities*

Semone Andu provided an overview of HCHN's needs assessment activities for 2026, including impacts of gun violence, needs of residents in permanent supportive housing, discharge options for patients exiting Medical Respite, and supports for refugees, immigrants, and asylum seekers. PowerPoint is attached.

Attendees discussed funding for gun violence research, opportunities for CAG engagement, King County's [Regional Gun Violence Prevention](#) work, intersections with people experience homelessness, and impacts of delaying health care.

2. *Debrief Patient Satisfaction/Grievance & Next Steps*

Rekha Ravindran reminded attendees of the patient satisfaction/grievance presentations last year, and asked for feedback on successes and opportunities. She also reviewed strategies previously identified by the GC/CAG, and added that HCHN met with CHS leadership to brainstorm opportunities to strengthen relationships with Public Health staff.

Attendees were encouraged to share any additional feedback with Rekha over email.

3. *Bylaws*

Rekha reviewed proposed update to the GC Bylaws, removing references to a separate Program Evaluation Committee. She said approving this update will ensure the Bylaws are aligned with current practice.

The GC reviewed the updated bylaws. Zsa Zsa made motion to amend Article XIV, Section 2 of the Bylaws, removing Chair of the Program Evaluation Committee, and adding a 2nd GC member-at-large position to the EC, and amend Article XVI of the Bylaws, removing language related to the Program Evaluation Committee, Kristina Sawycky seconded; vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

REGULAR AGENDA AND BOARD PROCESS

1. *HCHN Committee Updates and Actions*

a. *Behavioral Health Workgroup – 2/10*

Amanda said that Rekha shared updates on behalf of the [DCHS Crisis Care Centers Levy](#), and attendees discussed how current events are affecting behavioral health.

b. *Community Advisory Group – 2/4*

Kristina said attendees updated their Community Agreements and voted to use its' budget to fund participation in various conferences and community events.

c. *Executive Committee – 2/11*

The GC was asked to vote for two new GC members-at-large and one CAG member-at-large to the EC. Gail Emanuel, Kristina, Maria Arns, and Zsa Zsa were nominated for both the GC and CAG members-at-large.

The GC discussed the candidates and came to consensus. Gail made motion to approve Kristina and Zsa Zsa as GC members-at-large and Maria as CAG member-at-large to the EC, Holly Mayer seconded; vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

d. *DEI & Racial Justice Workgroup – 2/24*

Zsa Zsa said the attendees unpacked the community impacts of current floods in King County due to severe weather, and discussed a [video](#) about the future of fairness in homelessness response work.

2. *HCHN Admin Update*

a. *Refugee/Immigrant Work Updates*

There were no updates.

b. *Communicable Disease Updates*

i. *COVID*

There were no updates.

c. *Other Updates*

Semone shared that hiring is underway for the CHS Chief Medical Officer [position](#). He added that the Street Medicine Team has hired two new Public Health nurses and will be recruiting for two other positions soon.

Semone also noted that the HRSA Operational Site Visit has not been scheduled yet, but is expected to take place later this year.

3. *Open Forum*

Amanda shared that [One Health Clinic](#) has received a grant from the University of Washington to pilot service expansion. She also highlighted a local organization that is seeking supplies.

Attendees discussed GC membership vacancies this summer, and the need for more promotion.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 5:51pm.

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