

Health Care for the Homeless (HCHN) Governance Council

March 16, 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		- HCHN GC Minutes_022326
PUBLIC COMMENT	All			
RACIAL EQUITY MOMENTS	All			
PROGRAM SPOTLIGHT 1. HCHN Provider Panel – South King County Programs	African Community Housing Development, Catholic Community Services, HealthPoint, PeerWA, YMCA/Arcadia Center	4:20	Inform, Discuss	- HCHN SKC Provider Panel_031626
REGULAR AGENDA AND BOARD PROCESS 1. HCHN Committee Updates and Actions	Amanda Richer	5:35	Inform, Discuss	- CAG Membership Roster_Mar 2026 - 2025-2027 GC Strategic Plan
a. Behavioral Health Workgroup – 4/14	Kristina Sawyckyj, Zsa Zsa Floyd			
b. Community Advisory Group – 4/1 <i>Action: approve CAG membership roster</i>	Amanda Richer, Christopher Archiopoli			
c. Executive Committee – 4/8 <i>Action: review and update</i>	Amanda Richer, Zsa Zsa Floyd			
d. DEI & Racial Justice Workgroup – 4/28	Amanda Richer, 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, April 20, 2026, 4:00pm-6:00pm (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 Archioli, 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, March 16, 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, Shubham Bansal, Someireh Amirfaiz, Zsa Zsa Floyd

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

Public Health Staff Present: Clover Thurk, Denise Hawthorne, Halaysha Grant, Jennell Hicks, 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 2/23 meeting. Christopher Archiopoli 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 discussed the importance of racial equity, need for transparent dialogue, and value of continual training opportunities to support staff and clients.

PROGRAM SPOTLIGHT

1. HCHN Provider Panel – South King County Programs

Susan Kingston, HCHN Contract Monitor, introduced staff from African Community Housing Development, Catholic Community Services, HealthPoint, PeerWA, and YMCA/Arcadia Center, to share more about their programs serving South King County. PowerPoint is attached.

Attendees discussed supports for immigrant/refugee communities, management of SUD, barriers to addressing client needs, and continuity of care.

REGULAR AGENDA AND BOARD PROCESS

1. HCHN Committee Updates and Actions

a. Behavioral Health Workgroup – 4/14

Rekha Ravindran said the workgroup last met in February, and received updates about the [Crisis Care Centers Levy](#). She reminded attendees that the workgroup is transitioning to quarterly meetings, with the next one scheduled Tuesday, April 14, 9-10am.

b. Community Advisory Group – 4/1

Kristina said that attendees discussed the impact of funding cuts to homeless services, and changes due to federal policy shifts. She shared that the 7/1 CAG meeting will transition to virtual only, since it overlaps with a World Cup match. She also mentioned that their next meeting will include a training from staff with King County's [Overdose Prevention and Response](#) team.

Rekha added that two more people submitted applications to the CAG since the GC's approval last month. The GC reviewed the updated CAG membership roster. Amanda made motion to approve the CAG Membership Roster – March 2026, Maria Arns seconded; vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

c. Executive Committee – 4/8

Rekha said that the June 15 GC meeting will overlap with a World Cup match, and will need to be held virtually only due to significant traffic challenges in the region; she will send out an updated calendar invite.

Rekha also shared that HCHN received a one-year extension of their HRSA grant, to align with the new 4-year project periods. She noted that HCHN will extend current contractors by one year and hold off on the procurement process until early 2028. She said it also means that the GC strategic planning process will be moved to late summer/fall 2027, instead of later 2026.

She noted that in preparation for the upcoming site visit, the GC will need to document that their most recent strategic plan is in effect through 2028, to align with this updated timeline. She mentioned that the HRSA OSV has not been scheduled yet, but is still expected to occur this year.

Christopher made motion to formally extend the GC's existing strategic plan through 2028, Zsa Zsa Floyd seconded; vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

d. DEI & Racial Justice Workgroup – 4/28

Rekha said the workgroup discussed videos on the history of DEI in America and health disparities. She noted that the March meeting has been cancelled due to scheduling conflicts, with the next one scheduled Tuesday, April 28, 1:30-3pm.

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 Andu said that interviews are complete for the CHS Chief Medical Officer (CMO) position; Dr. Paul Park will be starting in a couple weeks. He added that the CHS Finance Manager position has been filled, and that the CHS Deputy Director is retiring at end of April.

Clover Thurk shared that the next HCHN Quarterly Provider meeting is scheduled Thursday, April 23, 9-11 am, and will include presentations on the [Crisis Care Centers Levy](#) and Downtown Public Health's [Pathways](#) mobile team.

3. *Open Forum*

There were no updates.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 5:58 p.m.

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