Health Care for the Homeless (HCHN) Governance Council
September 21, 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_081726
PUBLIC COMMENT	All			
RACIAL EQUITY MOMENTS	All			
PROGRAM SPOTLIGHT 1. Overview of HCHN sites, hours of operation, and services ***Action: review and approve***	Semone Andu	4:40	Inform, Discuss, Approve	- Overview of HCHN sites-hours-services_092126 - HRSA 330h services_sites_activities_092126
2. HRSA 330h OSV Debrief	Denise Hawthorne, Rekha Ravindran, Semone Andu			
REGULAR AGENDA AND BOARD PROCESS 1. HCHN Committee Updates and Actions a. Community Advisory Group – 10/7	Kristina Sawyckyj, Zsa Zsa Floyd	5:30	Inform, Discuss	
b. Behavioral Health Workgroup – 10/13	Gail Emanuel			

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a. Executive Committee – 10/14	Christopher Archiopoli, Gail Emanuel			
b. DEI & Racial Justice Workgroup – 9/22	Zsa Zsa Floyd			
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: Wednesday, October 21, 2026, 3:00pm-4:45pm, 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
- Candace Jackson, Neighborcare Health
- Charese Jones, Neighborcare Health
- Christopher Archiopoli, LEAD with Purpose. Dignity. Action (PDA)
- Don Clayton, Catholic Community Services of Western Washington
- Emily Johnson, City of Seattle
- Gail Emanuel, Consumer Representative
- Holly Mayer, Sound Generations
- Kristina Sawyckyj, Consumer Representative
- LaMont Green, DSW, LSWAIC, Lived Experience Coalition; Technical Assistance Collaborative, Inc.
- Leslie Enzian, MD, HMC Medical Respite Program
- Maria Arns, Consumer Representative
- Okesha Brandon, Consumer Representative
- Shubham Bansal, Student

- Someireh Amirfaiz, Ed.D. MHP, Executive Director, New Americans Alliance for Policy and Research
- Zsa Zsa Floyd, Consumer Representative

MINUTES
Monday, September 21, 2026
Zoom Meeting

Council Members Present: Benjamin Miksch, Candace Jackson, Charese Jones, Christopher Archiopoli, Emily Johnson, Gail Emanuel, Holly Mayer, Kristina Sawyckyj, LaMont Green, Leslie Enzian, Maria Arns, Okesha Brandon, Shubham Bansal, Zsa Zsa Floyd

Council Members Absent: Anita Souza, Don Clayton, Someireh Amirfaiz

Public Health Staff Present: Clover Thurk, Denise Hawthorne, Halaysha Grant, Janni Sun, Kevin Proctor, Meg Chambers, Rekha Ravindran, Semone Andu

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CALL TO ORDER

1. *Welcome & Introductions*
   Christopher Archiopoli welcomed attendees, including new GC members and those joining from the CAG, to the meeting of the HCHN Governance Council (GC). Full quorum present.

2. *Minutes*
   GC members reviewed the minutes of the 8/17 meeting. Gail Emanuel made motion to approve the minutes, Zsa Zsa Floyd seconded; vote was unanimous in favor of the motion, with LaMont Green abstaining.

PUBLIC COMMENT
There was no public comment.

RACIAL EQUITY MOMENTS
Attendees shared personal experiences, ways that allies can leverage their privilege to support others, how the current environment is affecting immigrant communities, and interactions with the health care system.

PROGRAM SPOTLIGHT

1. *Overview of HCHN sites, hours of operation, and services*

Semone Andu reviewed services (Form 5A), site/hours (Form 5B), and other activities (Form 5C) with the GC as part of their formal approval of HCHN's 330h Scope of Work, and in compliance with board authority requirements. He highlighted how HCHN's scope of work aligns with the GC's strategic priorities and beyond. PowerPoint is attached.

Attendees asked for definitions of service categories, how broader data on homelessness informs Public Health strategies, and the criteria for determining additional sites.

Kristina Sawyckyj made motion to approve HCHN's sites, hours of operation, and services, including decisions to subaward or contract for a substantial portion of HCHN's services, Zsa Zsa seconded; vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

2. *HRSA 330h OSV Debrief*
   Denise Hawthorne noted that HCHN completed a successful HRSA Operational Site Visit (OSV), except for one compliance item related to board authority that has now been addressed. She expressed appreciation to all who participated, and noted that Chante Stubbs, HCHN's Strategic Planning and Compliance Manager, will assess how to incorporate the technical assistance provided during the OSV into program operations. Rekha Ravindran added that Chante will join a future GC meeting to share next steps.

REGULAR AGENDA AND BOARD PROCESS

1. *HCHN Committee Updates and Actions*
   a. *Community Advisory Group – 10/7*
      Rekha said the CAG discussed their budget, and other potential training opportunities.

   b. *Behavioral Health Workgroup – 10/13*
      Rekha reminded attendees that the workgroup meets quarterly, and the next one will be Tuesday, October 13.

   c. *Executive Committee – 10/14*
      Christopher shared that the EC prepared for the HRSA OSV.

   d. *DEI & Racial Justice Workgroup – 9/22*
      Zsa Zsa said that attendees discussed videos related to racial equity and shared personal experiences.

2. *HCHN Admin Update*
   a. *Refugee/Immigrant Work Updates*
      Semone shared experiences at the recent 2026 Refugee Community Building Conference, hosted by the New Americans Alliance for Policy and Research (NAAPR).

b. *Clinical Updates*
There were no updates.

c. *Other Updates*
Semone shared about efforts to expand shelter bed options for patients discharged from Medical Respite, and highlighted a recent article in the Seattle Times on this gap.

He noted that KCRHA is moving forward with the HUD NOFO, now that the stay has been lifted. He said that HCHN is waiting to hear back on the status of their proposal to KCRHA for HUD funding to expand street medicine and other field-based programs. Semone reminded attendees that some of KCRHA's work is transitioning back to the City of Seattle/King County, but KCRHA will continue to manage severe weather response.

Denise added that HCHN's proposal, in partnership with Consejo Counseling and Referral Service, was not selected for HRSA's New Access Point (NAP) grant. She said there may be opportunities to reapply for this funding in the future.

Semone also announced that starting next month, the HCHN Admin Team will be based out of the King County Admin Building, but that community hybrid meetings will continue to be held at Chinook.

3. *Open Forum*
Anitra Freeman said that on October 7, WHEEL/Women in Black is leaf laying to memorialize the deaths of unhoused neighbors, and the King County Medical Examiner's Office is hosting an indignant burial ceremony later that afternoon. She added that they are celebrating 10 years of WHEEL Shelter at Trinity Episcopal Church on October 25.

Attendees discussed medical and behavioral health supports for veterans.

Rekha reminded attendees that GC meetings will transition to the 3rd Wednesdays of each month, 3:00-4:45pm, starting next month.

ADJOURN
The meeting adjourned at 5:54 p.m.

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