



Adult Mental Health Local Advisory Council

Date: March 19th, 2026

Time: 1:30-3pm

Location: Virtual (Microsoft Teams) and in person at South Minneapolis Human Service Center Room 221

Attendance

In Person Attendees: Eve Lee, Leah Kaiser, Thomas Normile, Donna Repas, Anne Clark

Online Attendees: Alexa Fagerness, Ashwak Hassan, Hannah Cushing, Dayna Henry, Hannah Campbell Gustafson, Jeffrey Alberts, Margie Dupress, Negin Emami, Todd Heintz

No voting today due to the number of members in attendance.

Agenda

1. **Welcome and Introductions-** Eve Lee
 - a. New members are: Laila Zemar, Lewis McKinley, Byran Edwards, Negin Emami and Donna Rapacz
 - b. Everyone share their name, role on council and how long they have been involved
2. **Approve February Agenda & Minutes –** Margie
 - a) There was no quorum today so the notes approval will take place at next month's meeting in April
3. **Presentation on Hennepin County Behavioral Health Update-** Leah Kaiser, Director of Hennepin County Behavioral Health
 - a. Presentation emailed to all attendees
4. **Presentation on Unmet Needs Update-** Eve Lee, Behavioral Health Communications and Engagement Manager and AMH LAC Liaison
 - a. Presentation emailed to all attendees
5. **Voting for Co-Chairs at April 16th Mtg-Eve**
 - a) 2 co-chair roles are available
 - b) Role of co-chair:
 - i. Facilitate meetings

- ii. Help lead determined efforts for the council
 - iii. Attend executive committee meetings
 - iv. Help plan meeting agendas
- c) Need nominations submitted to Eve via email (eve.lee@hennepin.us) by April 9th 2026 at the latest (any time between now and then is ok)
- d) Will vote for the co-chair positions in the April 16th meeting via an anonymous poll that you can access with your phone or computer
- e) Each person will get the chance to give a 3 minute speech about why they are interested in being co-chair before we vote

6. State Fair Mental Health Day- Eve

- a. Date of MH Day at the Fair is August 31st starting at 5:45am (set up) to 5pm. If you would like to sign up for a shift to work at the fair, please let Eve know: eve.lee@hennepin.us
- b. The fee to attend the fair \$470; this has been approved by EC and BH Director

7. Mental Health Awareness Efforts- Eve

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- a. Last meeting the council approved this as a 2026 focus
- b. Next steps- create a workplan and begin the work. Things to consider:
 - i. Attend outreach events to promote BH programming
 - ii. Hosting a community fair to increase awareness of BH/Mental Health resources
 - iii. Consider Identifying Mental Health Needs for Hennepin County residents based on impacts of the federal immigration enforcements.
 - iv. Be in communication with BH leadership around expanding community needs

8. Further Planning of in person AMH LAC In Person Get Together-Alexa

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- a) When? Donna Repas will coordinate Doodle poll for availability; the group talked about the month of May as a possibility
- b) Where? Donna Repas will coordinate, Hannah Cushing will help; the group discussed outdoors at a park as a possibility
- c) What to do? Pot luck, or use some of the budget for catering from a local business; can plan other fun activities
- d) T-shirts: Folks can get their council t-shirt at the event

9. Next Council Meeting

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- a. April 16th 1:30-3pm
- b. North Minneapolis Human Service Center Room 115 or Online via TEAMS
- c. Jihan Ali, Hennepin County Area Manager of Clinical services will present on Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics (CCBHC)
[Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics \(CCBHCs\) | SAMHSA](#)
- d. If you can't attend, please let eve.lee@hennepin.us know

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