



Adult Mental Health Local Advisory Council

Date: April 16th, 2026

Time: 1:30-3pm

Location: North Minneapolis Human Service Center Community Room and Virtually via Microsoft Teams

Attendance

In Person Attendees: Eve Lee

Online Attendees:

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 and March Agenda & Minutes –** Margie
3. **Voting for Co-Chairs-** Eve
 - a) 2 co-chair roles are available
 - b) Review 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) Nominees each give a 3 minute speech as to why they want to be co-chair
 - d) Since there are only two nominees who accepted- make a motion to appoint the two co-chairs and the council votes.
4. **Presentation by Jihan Ali, Hennepin County Area Manager of Clinical services on Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics (CCBHC)**
 - a. [Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics \(CCBHCs\) | SAMHSA](#)
 - b. Questions

5. 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
- c. Send sign up around

6. Pride Tabling- Eve

- a. AMH LAC will have a time slot on Saturday 6/27
- b. We will have one of these time frames- it is not confirmed yet: June 27th 10am-1pm, 1-4 or 4-7. Will let the council know once our time slot is secured.
- c. Please let eve.lee@hennepin.us know if you're interested in tabling and for how long.

7. Possible Grant for AMH LAC- Eve

- a. There is a grant that we could use for our AMH LAC: : [Search Results Detail | Grants.gov](#)
"The National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) Division of Lifelong Learning is accepting applications for the Media Projects program. The purpose of this program is to support the development, production, and distribution of radio programs, podcasts, and documentary films that engage general audiences with humanities ideas in creative and appealing ways. NEH makes Media Projects awards at two levels: Development and Production."
 - b. The money could be used to create a MH Awareness/Reduce Stigma video or something similar.
 - c. Vote on whether the committee would like to move forward with applying for the grant.
 - d. If so, discuss what we may want to use the funds for so we have a ideas for the grant proposal

8. Mental Health Awareness Efforts- Eve

- 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
 - 1. Consider attending events that are already planned
 - ii. Hosting a community fair to increase awareness of BH/Mental Health resources
 - 1. Consider for quarter 4
 - iii. Consider Identifying Mental Health Needs for Hennepin County residents based on impacts of the federal immigration enforcements.
 - 1. Connect with other organizations providing support to people impacted to share MH resources:

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- a. Monarca
 - b. Center for Victims of Torture
 - c. Unidos
- iv. Be in communication with BH leadership around expanding community needs; find a way to present
- v. Consider creating a QR code that links to community resources that is even to navigate. This way the resources are easier to keep up to date.

9. Further Planning of in person AMH LAC In Person Get Together-Eve

- 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

10. Next Council Meeting

- a. May 21st 2026 from 1:30-3pm
- b. South Minneapolis Human Service Center Room 221 or Online via TEAMS
- c. Presentation from Markus Klimenco- Housing Stability Services
- d. If you can't attend, please let eve.lee@hennepin.us know

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