



Name of area or department Adult Mental Health Local Advisory Council

Date: May 21st 2026

Time: 1:30-3pm

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

Attendance

In Person Attendees: Tori Hensley, Negin Emami-Simones, Margie DuPuis, Thomas Normile, Eve Lee, Lewis McKinley, Markus Klimenko

Online Attendees: Donna Rapacz, Lauren Kewley, Tanoa Thome, Todd Heintz, Theresa Dolata, Laila Zemar, Dayna Henry, Ashwak Hassan, Lisa Skelton, Annie Backie, Hannah Cushing, Jeffrey Alberts, Kristy Weisser

Agenda

1. **Welcome and Introductions-** Eve and Laila
 - a. Everyone share their name, role on council and how long they have been involved
2. **Approve April Agenda & Minutes –Eve**
 - a. Any changes or additions to the April meeting notes? None noted.
 - b. If not, make a motion to approve the meeting minutes. Motion approved.
3. **Voting for Co-Chairs- Eve**
 - a) 1 co-chair role is 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) Council voted to appoint Margie DuPuis as a vice chair of the council working with chair, Laila Zemar.
4. **Presentation by Markus Klimenko, Area Manager, Hennepin County Housing Stability-Eve introduces**

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Resources:

Out of Reach Report- NLIHC: [Out of Reach | National Low Income Housing Coalition](#)

Mn Housing Partnership: [Minnesota Housing Partnership \(MHP\)](#)

[Hennepin.pdf](#)

[HB101 Minnesota - Home](#)

Adult Mental Health Housing Report from 2017- Marcus will send

Key points:

- There is a direct link between racial disparities and housing inequities
- The advocacy over the years from the AMH LAC has creating lasting improvements in mental health and housing supports and systems change
- The Bridges program is a voucher program that was created by the AMH LAC
- The first Human Services Housing funded role was a result of AMH LAC advocacy
- Community Support Programs (CSPs), Housing First Model and Shelter Plus Care were all a result of advocacy efforts
- HB 101 is a great resource at the state level: [HB101 Minnesota - Home](#)
- Project based section 8 is affordable housing
- Lived experience advisory Group helps to hire folks and develop policy
- Youth Action Board is an active part of the Housing Stability area

5. Presentation by Lauren Kewley, Hennepin County Communications- Eve introduces

- HennepinCounty.gov is the primary county website and was created with user testing
- Goal is to connect residents to county programs and services by focusing on content, usability and accessibility
- Goal is to refine Mental Health content on pages, think about how pages connect and align and have comprehensive, easy to navigate accessible info about MH services
- Social Media- HC has 35+ social accounts and the most performing are FB, X and Instagram. It helps people meet where they are already spending time.
- Also do advertising on Meta platforms- School to Housing, Family Response, Cope and Inclusive Employment Options. It is an effective way to get things in front of people and isn't too expensive yet yields good results.
- HC gets a number of media inquiries. HC is transparent and responds to every media request.

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.
- b. Send sign up around- need two people for each time slot
6-8am (join Eve for set up): Eve and Ashwak
8-10 am: Lewis, Ashwak

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10-12 pm: Eve can check with someone from Behavioral health for this time block if there are no volunteers

12-2 pm: Hannah C (tentative)

2-5 pm: Laila

- c. The fee to attend the fair \$385; this has been approved by EC and BH Director
- d. Order a \$20 State Fair Mental Health Day T-Shirt here: [T-Shirts — Mental Health Awareness at the Minnesota State Fair](#)

7. Pride Tabling- Eve

- a. Confirmed tabling at Loring Park on Saturday June 27th from 1-4pm
- b. Are there two people who can help out that day?
 - i. Tom, Lewis and Tanoa indicated tentative interest and will get back to Eve
 - ii. Margaret Kinney wasn't able to attend the meeting but confirmed interest in tabling
- c. Eve will bring all swag and needed supplies

8. Juneteenth Events- Eve

- a. Northside Juneteenth at Webber Park 11-3pm on 6/14
- b. Juneteenth Centennial Lakes Park in Edina 12-4 on 6/19
- c. Please let eve.lee@hennepin.us know if you'd like to participate in either event to promote the AMH LAC and Behavioral Health program resources

9. Council Budget Update- Eve

- a. \$385 for state fair booth approved
- b. Executive committee approved around \$2,000 to purchase promotional items to hand out at PRIDE and State Fair
- c. This leaves round \$3500 in our budget for the remainder of the year

10. Possible Grant for AMH LAC- Eve

- a. We are applying for the following grant: : [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. Discuss ideas on how to use the grant money should we be awarded
 - i. Documentary to create mental health awareness and reduce stigma?
- c. Learned that in order to apply we need to have a connection to the humanities and the arts? Does anyone in the council have that connection?
 - i. Negin stated that she is involved with an arts organization and will follow up with Eve to share more about her role to explore if the grant application is still feasible.

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11. Mental Health Awareness/Reducing Stigma Efforts- Eve

- a. 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:
 - a)PRIDE 6/24
 - b)State Fair MH Day 8/31
 - c) Juneteenth 6/14 and 6/19
- c. Hosting a community fair to increase awareness of BH/Mental Health resources
 - 2. Agreed to move forward with planning an awareness fair for quarter 4 of 2026
 - 3. Group agreed to focus on collaboration with Housing Stability if possible
- ii. 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:
 - a. Monarca
 - b. Center for Victims of Torture
 - c. Unidos
- iii. Be in communication with BH leadership around expanding community needs; find a way to present
- iv. 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.
- v. Create a social media presence to promote mental health resources

12. Next Council Meeting- Eve

- a. June 18th 2026 from 1:30-3pm
- b. North Minneapolis Human Service Center or Online via TEAMS
- c. Presentation from Hennepin County supervisor Shawn Ulrich- Recovery in Focus (RIF)
- d. If you can't attend, please let eve.lee@hennepin.us know

13. Council Announcements- Eve

- a. Join us for our in person gathering following this meeting from 3:30-pm at the Valiance apartments. We will have pizza and cupcakes! 😊
- b. Wellness in the Woods Event: <https://mnwitw.org/tom-london-memorial-walk>

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