

HIV Community Planning Council
COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE
Wednesday, September 6th 2017
25 Van Ness, 8th Floor Conference Room
3:00-5:00 pm

Committee Members Present: Wade Flores, Kevin Lee, Michael Shriver (Co-Chair), Stacia Scherich

Council Member Present: Charles Siron

Committee Members Absent: Billie Cooper [E], Timothy Foster [A], T.J. Lee-Miyaki [LoA], Eric Sutter (Co-Chair) [E],
Laura Thomas [E]

Others Present: John Edmond Abraham, Kevin Hutchcroft (HHS), Jeremy Tsuchitani-Watson (HCAP)

Support Staff Present: Ali Cone, Dave Jordan, Mark Molnar, Liz Stumm

Minutes

1. Introductions

The meeting was called to order at 3:04 pm by Co-Chair Shriver. Everyone introduced themselves and quorum was established.

2. Review/Approve September 6, 2017 DRAFT Agenda – VOTE

The September 6th 2017 DRAFT Minutes were reviewed and approved by consensus.

3. Review/Approve August 2nd 2017 DRAFT Minutes– VOTE

The August 2nd 2017 DRAFT Minutes were reviewed and recommended.

4. Announcements

- CM W. Flores noted that the Marin Care Council had a community forum last month. Over 20 people attended and the minutes should be available this month. The Council also completed its prioritization and allocation, one big change was that both mental health and primary care shifted a couple positions from last year's prioritization.

5. Public Comment

- John Edmond Abraham commented that he has had AIDS since the 70s. He noted that AIDS was a serious illness 30 years ago and it still is. He noted that he is the most concerned about the loss of respect that people living with AIDS face, he feels that he is categorized as a dismissed population. He expressed that most people with HIV don't want to associate with those who are much older and identify as having AIDS. He noted that his every day experience is challenging- being close to 70 and having AIDS for over 30 years. He would like long term survivors to receive more respect and to represent those that are still here.

6. HCAP Report

- Jeremey Tsuchitani-Watson reported on the HIV Consumer Advocacy Project:
- CS Molnar inquired about the dental case where the provider told the person the client was with that the client could not come back for services while in the waiting room.

- Jeremy responded that the service provider notified the case manager that the client would be terminated from services in front of everyone in the waiting room. There was a misunderstanding in that there was no record indicating the next step.
- Jeremy noted that he attended the Marin Care Council's community forum which was a great experience.
- The group discussed why dental comes up a lot in the HCAP reports.
 - Jeremy noted that often dental cases take longer to resolve which may be why we often see them repeatedly.
 - CS Jordan commented that there seems to be a lack of cultural competency at the service agency, which can be triggering for people.
 - CS Molnar noted that the rotation of student providers can also be a factor.
 - Co-Chair Siron inquired about what the Council can do to address the problem with this service provider.
 - Jeremy commented that he is planning on doing more staff outreaches. Their patient relations point-person is aware of the deficiencies.
 - The group discussed having a presentation from this service provider come before the Council.
 - CS Molnar suggest bringing this topic to Council Affairs, the patient advocate position was created due to the agencies reflection.
- Public Comment: John Edmond Abraham noted that he had a terrible experience at a dental provider. The student dentist stuck a needle in his tongue. When he complained, the school was shutting down. There is a sense that they are doing the service for free and we should be grateful as participants.

7. 2017 Needs Assessment Work Group Update

- CS Jordan gave an update on the needs assessment:
- The data collection portion is completed, he was able to get 74 participants. This population was harder to recruit for than last year. We were able to get participants from both our county partners.
- The group went over the conclusions of the needs assessment:
 - Participants expressed that they faced a high degree of stigma
 - They perceived a lack of training among first point of contact staff
 - A large percentage of participants reported being unable to prepare food
 - Nearly 19% of participants reported that GA was their only source of income
 - Most participants stated that SF was becoming unlivable
 - Many who were currently homeless faced a deep sense of homelessness
- CM W. Flores inquired about what FAFSA stands for.
 - CS Jordan responded that FAFSA is federal student aid. Half of the youth interviewed at Larkin indicated FAFSA as their only income, which is a navigation issue because they could be receiving other benefits.
- The group discussed the finding that a large percentage of participants can't prepare food.
 - CM W. Flores noted that this is a problem for people who need to eat with their medications.
- CM Scherich commented that SROs are being turned into apartments, is there community awareness around this?
 - CS Jordan noted that the Mayor's office is talking about building new low income housing for specific populations. We don't have purview over housing but as an advocacy body we could recommend that new low income housing have refrigerators and microwaves.
 - Kevin Hutchcroft noted that when a microwave is not available, people are given \$100 stipend from SSI, however if that extra money is taken away it could be challenging for people.

- CS Jordan noted that the workgroup discussed using carry forward funds for fast food vouchers. Fast food can be calorically dense compared to fruit and vegetables.
- The group discussed that Project Open Hand does not have specific food bags for people who do not have cooking facilities.
- CS Jordan commented that many participants felt that security guards and receptionists were not trained in deescalating situations. The police often gets called and people can get banned from the building which makes them lose out on services. Unfortunately these positions are contracted out and are not required to have training on harm reduction and de-escalation. However, the Council can recommend encouraging staff training for contracted positions.
- CS Molnar noted that the work group will develop recommendations which will be brought to Steering.

8. Resource Allocation- VOTE

- The committee will vote on funding scenarios for Ryan White resource allocation.
- CS Molnar noted that we are not expecting a big change in funding. Every year the Council must allocate resources for potential increased, flat and decreased funding.
- The group discussed that we won't know what the essential health benefits package will look like in the future.
- **Increased Funding: MOTION: Co-Chair Shiver moves that in the event of increased funding, increases will occur proportionately across all service categories.**
- **CM Scherich seconds the motion.**
- Co-Chair Shriver and CM Scherich withdraw their motion.
- **Increased Funding: REPLACEMENT MOTION: Co-Chair Siron moves that in the event of increased funding, 50% of the increase will be allocated towards Food and 50% of the increase will be allocated towards Emergency Housing.**
- **Co-Chair Shiver seconds the motion.**
- **VOTE: Motion Passes. See column [1] for a vote break down.**

- **Flat Funding: MOTION: Co-Chair Shriver moves to approve if funding remains at the current level, service category resource allocation will remain level across all categories.**
- **Co-Chair Siron seconds the motion.**
- **VOTE: Motion passes. See column [2] for a vote breakdown.**

- **Decreased Funding: MOTION: Co-Chair Shriver moves that in the event of decreased funding, for the first 10% of reductions, allocations for services that are covered under California's essential health benefits package will be reduced proportionately. If further reduced allocation is required, reductions will occur proportionately across all service categories.**
- **CM Lee seconds the motion.**
- **VOTE: Motion passes. See column [3] for a vote breakdown.**

9. COLA Update

- CS Stumm gave an update on future COLAs:
- She noted that she has interviewed two providers and one HIV positive client who is currently undergoing HCV treatment. She noted that she plans to interview one more participant who has recently cleared of HCV.
- HCV treatment has improved drastically, the timeline for when someone tests positive, gets approved by insurance and is treated has also improved.
- Both providers noted that their clients have difficulty accessing HCV treatment through Kaiser. Kaiser is still mandating substance use counseling to receive HCV treatment.

- A provider noted that he works with a population of co-infected IDUs in their late 30s-40s who are not accessing Ryan White services.
- Recommendations:
 - More co-location of services and having mobile nurses/testing sites
 - Providing additional incentives for HCV treatment
 - Expanding HCV treatment into shelters, SROs and encampments
 - Providing more activities for seniors to keep their mind and bodies active

10. Getting to Zero Update Review

- The group will review the Getting to Zero update.
- The GTZ Steering Committee voted unanimously to endorse the establishment of safer drug consumption services (SCS) in California.
- CM Shriver noted that CM Murphy has joined the GTZ Steering Committee as a full time member instead of his alternate.
- The epi report will be reviewed at the September 28th Consortium meeting.

11. Next Meeting Date & Agenda Items

The next Consumer and Community Affairs Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, October 4th 2017 at 25 Van Ness 8th floor Conference Room from 3-5 pm.

- CM Flores recommends cancelling the October meeting due to the Summit being the day before.

12. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:47 pm by Co-Chair Shriver.

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Roll Call: **P**=Present; **A**=Absent; **E**=Excused; **L**=Leave of Absence
 Votes: **Y**=Yes; **N**=No; **B**=Abstain; **R**=Recused (deduct from quorum)

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roll [1] [2] [3] [4] [5] [6] [7] [8] [9]

1.	Billie Cooper	E	-	-	-						
2.	Wade Flores	P	Y	Y	Y						
3.	Timothy Foster	A	-	-	-						
4.	Kevin Lee	P	Y	Y	Y						
5.	T.J. Lee-Miyaki	LoA	-	-	-						
6.	Stacia Scherich	P	Y	Y	Y						
7.	Mike Shriver (Co-Chair)	P	Y	Y	Y						
8.	Eric Sutter (Co-Chair)	E	-	-	-						
9.	Laura Thomas	E	-	-	-						

1. Charles Siron	P	Y	Y	Y						
2.										
3.										

Ayes		5	5	5						
Nayes										
Abstain										
Total		5	5	5						