

HIV Community Planning Council  
COUNCIL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE  
Tuesday, June 13, 2017  
25 Van Ness, 8<sup>th</sup> Floor Conference Room  
3:00-5:00 pm

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**Committee Members Present:** Chuck Adams (Co-Chair), Jackson Bowman (Co-Chair), Ben Cabangun, Michael Discepolo, Matt Geltmaker, David Gonzalez, Lee Jewell, Don Soto, Linda Walubengo

**Committee Members Absent:** Charles Siron [E: Proxy Ben Cabangun]

**Council Members Present:** Mike Shriver

**Others Present:** Joseph Cecere (HHS), Andy Chu (AIDS Emergency Fund), Shelley Facente, Lee Harrington (AIDS Emergency Fund), Kevin Hutchcroft (HHS)

**Support Staff Present:** Ali Cone, Dave Jordan, Liz Stumm

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### *Minutes*

#### **1. Introductions**

The meeting was called to order 3:05 pm by Co-Chair Adams. Everyone introduced themselves and quorum was established.

#### **2. Review/Approve June 13<sup>th</sup> 2017 DRAFT Agenda – VOTE**

The June 13<sup>th</sup> 2017 DRAFT Agenda was reviewed, and approved by consensus.

#### **3. Review/Approve May 9<sup>th</sup> 2017 DRAFT Minutes – VOTE**

The May 9<sup>th</sup> 2017 DRAFT Minutes were reviewed, and approved by consensus.

#### **4. Announcements**

- None.

#### **5. Public Comment**

- None.

#### **6. HIPP Services Report-back**

- The committee reviewed a presentation from AIDS Emergency Fund's Andy Chu and Lee Harrington.
- CM Geltmaker inquired about what an example would be of strengthening AEF's ability to pay for client's housing expenses.
  - Andy responded that AEF needs to get together with DPH to discuss this further, but an example would be paying for a fraction of clients rent for 3 months to stabilize the client. Right now, the stabilization grant can stabilize someone for one month. To strengthen that we can turn it into a 3 month grant.
- CM Jewell clarified that AEF is proposing that the carry forward allotment be more general in order to allow the program to be more flexible.
  - CM Geltmaker noted that the service category this is under is Emergency Financial Assistance, which is very flexible.

- Andy commented that the carry forward funding last year allowed the program to go towards the HIPP Insurance Premium Payments and Emergency Financial Assistance, which we want to continue to do.
- CS Cone suggested including the history of the program for a frame of reference to the presentation.
- Kevin Hutchcroft suggested including how the local HIPP program was promoted.
  - Andy responded that there was a big marketing campaign to promote different types of financial and counselling services.
- CM Jewell inquired about the current qualifications to get assistance.
  - Andy responded that AEF has relaxed the requirements. However, \$500 is low amount compared to insurance bills.
- Joseph Cecere suggested including information on how AEF is coordinating with the Office of AIDS.
  - Andy responded that he can't say that AEF is coordinating with the OA. The PRC's EAHC has a relationship with the OA and talks to them regularly. The payments are not coordinated. If someone signs on to Covered CA, they have to sign on with OA HIPP within 48 hours or they won't make the first payment. After the 48 hours and the first payment is not paid, AEF can coordinate to make the first payment and the OA can pick up the second payment.
  - The group discussed that it is important to show how the program acts as a safety net for clients.
- Co-Chair Bowman inquired if AEF gets reimbursed from the OA.
  - Andy stated that if AEF and the State both pay, then there is a credit on the client's insurance account. The money is supposed to be paid back to the State, but no one is policing this.
- CS Cone suggested including a greater description of the relevance of the program and the purpose it serves as a safety net.
- The group discussed whether to keep the housing data in the presentation.
  - Andy will coordinate with the Co-Chairs to discuss the housing data at a later time.
  - The group will revisit this conversation closer to carry forward funding votes next year.
- CM Shriver noted that within this contract year, it has been two months and the program has already done 50% of what it did all last year, which is an important point to make. The HIPP program and housing are two distinct issues. He also noted that the graph in green is hard to read.
- Joseph Cecere requested the data for May be added to the presentation if possible.
- CM Geltmaker noted that the presentation purpose should be reiterated. It is a report back on the pilot program that the Council funded with carry-forward funding last year. The presentation is also meant to give a high level view of Emergency Financial Assistance in San Francisco.
- CS Jordan inquired if the increase of usage in the program is attributed to greater community awareness or need of the program.
  - Andy noted that during the first year, the program was trying to figure out policies and procedures and there was a startup period. We are able to produce at a higher amount now. The increased marketing has also been helpful.
  - CM Jewell noted that the uncertainty of the ACA has likely increased the importance of the program.
- The group discussed that they appreciated the client stories in the presentation.

## 7. HCPC Evaluation

- The Committee reviewed a presentation from Shelley Facente regarding the merged HCPC.
- CM Soto inquired how the 11 Council members were chosen to participate in the focus group.
  - Shelley responded that she worked with CS Molnar to get a broad spectrum of personalities and voices.

- CM Geltmaker commented that the discussion around the difference in opinion around the Council’s role being either directing or advising likely comes from the roles of the two former Councils.
  - Shelley responded that people were still unclear on when the Council was supposed to be directive or advising. However, their opinions of the Council’s role was dependent on if they were a former Care or Prevention member.
- CM Jewell noted that this report will be a tool for the Council to look back at the merge process and to allow us to address misinformation.
- CM Geltmaker suggested labeling the graphs with number of participants.
- CM Jewell noted that this is a big presentation, and the agenda needs to allow time for ample discussion time.
- The group discussed that the goal for the discussion following the presentation is not to rehash comments already made but to come up with ways in which to use this information going forward.
  - Shelley noted that she will break up questions by the sections of her presentation.
- CM Shriver inquired if the graph represents Prevention and Care members equally, or is there bias in the numbers. Former Prevention members were continually less satisfied compared to Care members.
  - Shelley will double check the distribution, but she believes it was an almost even split.
- The group discussed whether to remove the former Prevention and Care member distinctions in the graphs.
- CM Gonzalez would like the Co-Chairs to discuss what the follow up conversation will look like before the presentation.
  - CS Cone noted that the Steering Committee will also go over this presentation before Full Council.

**8. Next Meeting Date & Agenda Item- VOTE**

*The next Council Affairs Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, July 11<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 25 Van Ness 8<sup>th</sup> Floor Conference Room from 3-5 pm.*

**Parking Lot:**

- Public policy conversation, discuss what might happen with the repeal of ACA.

**10. Adjournment**

- The meeting was adjourned at 5:04 pm by Co-Chair Bowman.

**Council Affairs Committee**

HIV Community Planning Council

Roll Call: **P**=Present; **A**=Absent; **E**=Excused; **L**=Leave of Absence

Votes: **Y**=Yes; **N**=No; **B**=Abstain; **R**=Recused (deduct from quorum)

**June 13, 2017**

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1.	<b>Chuck Adams</b>	P									
2.	Jackson Bowman	P									
3.	Ben Cabangun	P									

4.	<b>Michael Discepola</b>	P									
5.	<b>Matt Geltmaker</b>	P									
6.	David Gonzalez	P									
7.	<b>Lee Jewell</b>	P									
8.	<b>Charles Siron</b>	E									
9.	Don Soto	P									
10.	Linda Walubengo	P									
1.	<b>Mike Shriver</b>	P									
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<b>Ayes</b>										
<b>Nayes</b>										
<b>Abstain</b>										
<b>Recusal</b>										