

HIV Community Planning Council
PLWH ADVOCACY GROUP
Wednesday, July 20th 2016
25 Van Ness, 8th floor conference room
San Francisco, CA
3:00-5:00 pm

Committee Members Present: Wade Flores, Ron Hernandez, Ken Pearce

Council Members Present: Richard Bargetto

Committee Members Absent: Cesar Cadabes [E], T.J. Lee [E], Matthew Miller [E], Mick Robinson [E], Stacia Scherich [E: Proxy Ken Pearce], Charles Siron [E: Proxy Ron Hernandez] Chip Supanich [LoA]

Others Present: Kevin Hutchcroft (HHS), Jaime Rush (ALRP)

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

Minutes

1. Introductions

The meeting was called to order at pm 3:10 by CM Hernandez. Everyone introduced themselves and quorum was established.

2. Review /Approve July 20th 2016 DRAFT Agenda – VOTE

The July 20th 2016 DRAFT Agenda was reviewed and approved by consensus.

3. Review /Approve May 18th 2016 DRAFT Minutes – VOTE

The May 18th 2016 DRAFT Minutes were reviewed and approved by consensus.

4. Announcements

- None.

5. Public Comment

- Jaime Rush from ALRP was asked by Bill Hirsh to ask the Council to fund the increase of cost of doing business (2.5%) through ACA savings or carry-forward dollars. Last year the Council funded a 3% CODB increase.
 - CM Pearce inquired about getting an actual dollar amount instead of a percentage.
 - The group will consider this ask further once there is more information on the dollar amount.
 - Dean Goodwin will bring the \$ amount for lost funds of CODB to the next meeting. He noted that HRSA will not approve carry-forward funds to be put towards CODB. An increased funding scenario or savings throughout the year are possible funding sources for this ask.

6. Co-Chair Election-VOTE

- The group nominated two Co-Chairs of the PLWH Advocacy Group.
- **CM Siron nominates Ron Hernandez as Co-Chair of the PLWH Advocacy Group.**
- **CM Pearce nominates Mick Robinson as Co-Chair of the PLWH Advocacy Group.**
- CM Siron noted that if no one else wants to be Co-Chair he will fill the role.
- The group will check with Mick Robinson to see if accepts the nomination.

- **MOTION: The group moves to recommend Ron Hernandez as Co-Chair of the PLWH Advocacy Work Group.**
- **MOTION: The group moves to recommend Mick Robinson as Co-Chair of the PLWH Advocacy Work Group.**
- **VOTE: The recommendation passes. See columns [1] and [2] for a vote break down.**

7. Mission Statement - VOTE

- The group revisited the PLWH Advocacy Work Group's mission statement "To provide a mechanism to ensure the empowerment and participation of people living with HIV, so that they may more effectively advocate for their interests and needs in the Ryan White planning process."
- The group discussed including CDC/Prevention language.
- The group reviewed the origin/history of the PLWH Advocacy group and how it is a place for HIV positive voices.
- The work group will decide whether to incorporate people who are consumers of prevention services into the group's membership or to add prevention elements into the group's mission statement.
- **MOTION: CM Flores moves to table this topic until the next meeting when more members are present.**
- **CM Hernandez seconds the motion.**
- **VOTE: Motion Passes. See column [3] for a vote breakdown**

8. Carry Forward Funding - VOTE

- The group discussed resource allocation of RWPA Unfunds 2015-16.
- In the event of additional funds made to shifts in funding from Ryan White to other funding streams:
 - CODB (proportional increase across all service categories for CODB)
 - Co-pay assistance (emergency financial assistance will be increased to allow for co-pay assistance)
 - Emergency Housing
 - Food Services
 - Navigation support (psychosocial support will be increased to allow for increased navigation support)
- Carry-forward resource allocation 2015-16:
 - 100,000 for food
 - 100,000 for dental
 - 100,000 for direct financial assistance
 - 20,000 for taxi vouchers
 - 40,000 for fast food vouchers
 - 80,000 for grocery vouchers
 - 35,000 for transportation
- Dean Goodwin reported that HHS and the DPH Budget Office anticipate \$495,000 in RWPA funds left unspent from FY 2015-16 to be available for carry forward funding into FY 2016-17.
- HHS would recommend the potential carry-forward funding:
 - \$200,000 for Pilot Project Health Insurance Premium Payments/Emergency Financial Assistance:
 - To help clients make the first premium payments during the enrollment period.
 - The group discussed if OAHIP eventually pays people back.
 - Dean Goodwin responded that HHS is unsure if they will.
 - Emergency financial assistance will be built into this allocation.

- \$4000 for adding to Planning Council Support for travel costs for two for 2016 Ryan White Conference (The Director and a Council Co-Chair).
- 125,00 additional for dental services:
 - To create treatment plans and start a waitlist to serve more clients. Clients utilize Denti-Cal funds first, the share of cost is prohibitive.
- 79,000 for procurement vouchers.
- CM Pearce proposed to not act on this because it will be brought to other Committees and we do not have quorum. Questions will be answered at a later date.
- CM Bargetto noted that he would like more clarification of the Pilot Project of Health Insurance Premium Payments/Emergency Financial Assistance. He suggested adding (this is for covered CA plans and not for Medical share of costs).
- CM Goodwin noted that when we bring this to the next meeting, we would ask the Committee to be flexible on the actual amount of carry-forward. We have benefited from flexibility with the carry-forward motions.
- **MOTION: CM Flores moves to recommend that the following proximate amounts be used towards carry-forward funding.**
- **CM Hernandez seconds the motion.**
- **VOTE: Motion Passes. See column [4] for a vote breakdown.**

9. Resource Allocation - VOTE

- The group reviewed the Increased, Flat and Decreased resource allocation scenarios from last year.
- **MOTION: CM Pearce recommends that flat funding and increased funding be designated as written.**
- **CM Bargetto seconds the motion.**
- **VOTE: Motion Passes. See column [5] for a vote break down.**
- The group would like clarification of “CA essential health benefits package” in the decreased funding scenario for the merged Council.
- There will be an asterisk after “CA essential health benefits package” that will the service categories along with contextualization that we only expect a 1-2 % cut in funding.
- **CM Pearce moves to recommend the decreased funding scenario with clarification of the CA essential health benefits package and contextualization of funding cut expectations.**
- **CM Hernandez seconds the motion.**
- **VOTE: Motion Passes. See column [6] for a vote break down.**

10. HHS PrEP Letter

- CM Pearce brought a letter from the Department of Health and Human Services encouraging Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program recipients and providers to leverage the PWHAP infrastructure to support PrEP services.
- CM Goodwin noted that he anticipates this being discussed at the Ryan White conference.
- CM Pearce noted that we can parking lot this item, and the group can bring this up if it has a significant impact.
- The group decided to ask Liz Hall to discuss this at the next Full Council meeting.

11. ADAP Article

- CM Pearce introduced an article about the changes in the ADAP contract from Ramsell to A.J. Boggs.
- The article addresses allegations that Ramsell actually won the bid and there are concerns of the transition to Boggs.

- Kevin Hutchcroft is the ADAP coordinator and noted that HHS is tracking issues that enrollment workers have had regarding the transition, in order to push for change. The department has signed off on a letter of concern due to the online mechanism failing.
- Kevin Hutchcroft will continue to update the group on this issue.

12. Deceased Council Members

- CM Pearce noted that the Membership Committee is organizing a memorial to recognize Prevention and Care Council members. The Committee is working towards raising \$5000 to inscribe a statement at the AIDS memorial grove’s circle of friends on World’s AIDS Day (December 1st).
- Membership is starting a GoFundMe and members are looking for funding through grants and talking to Supervisor Scott Weiner.
- CM Pearce in presenting at HAPN next month.

13. Next Meeting Date & Agenda Items- VOTE

The next Membership Committee Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday August 17th 2016, 25 Van Ness, 3rd Floor Conference Room, SF CA from 3-5 pm.

14. Adjournment

- The Meeting was adjourned at 5:01pm by CM Hernandez.

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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.	Cesar Cadabes	E	-	-	-	-	-	-			
2.	Wade Flores	P	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y			
3.	Ron Hernandez	P	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y			
4.	T.J. Lee	E	-	-	-	-	-	-			
5.	Matthew Miller	E	-	-	-	-	-	-			
6.	Ken Pearce	P	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y			
7.	Mick Robinson	E	-	-	-	-	-	-			
8.	Stacia Scherich [Proxy: Ken Pearce]	E	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y			
9.	Charles Siron [Proxy: Ron Hernandez]	E	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y			

10.	Chip Supanich	LoA	-	-	-	-	-	-			
1.	Richard Bargetto	P	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y			

Ayes		6	6	6	6	6	6			
Nays										
Abstain										