

HIV Community Planning Council
PLWH ADVOCACY GROUP
Wednesday, November 15, 2017
25 Van Ness, 8th floor conference room
San Francisco, CA
3:00-5:00 pm

Committee Members Present: Cesar Cadabes (Co-Chair), Wade Flores, Ron Hernandez (Co-Chair), Stacia Scherich, Charles Siron, Mike Shriver

Council Members Present: Richard Bargetto, Elaine Flores

Committee Members Absent: Ken Pearce [LoA], Mick Robinson [E]

Others Present: Michael Alexander, Kevin Hutchcroft (HHS)

Support Staff Present: Ali Cone, Liz Stumm

Minutes

1. Introductions

The meeting was called to order at 4:07 pm by Co-Chair Hernandez. Everyone introduced themselves and quorum was established.

2. Review /Approve November 15th, 2017 DRAFT Agenda – VOTE

The November 15th 2017 DRAFT Agenda was reviewed and approved by consensus.

3. Review /Approve September 20th 2017 DRAFT Minutes – VOTE

The September 20th 2017 DRAFT Minutes were reviewed and approved by consensus.

4. Announcements

- CS Cone announced that the Council Appreciation event is today from 5-7 pm at Mr. Tipple's Recording Studio.
- Co-Chair Cadabes noted that on the AMFAR HIV Cure Summit will be held at the Mission Bay Conference Center from 1:00-5:00 pm.
- CM Shriver announced that the Getting to Zero Consortium meeting is on November 29th. The focus will be on Undetectable=Untransmittable. He also noted that President Bill Clinton is going to be the keynote speaker at the Grove on World's AIDS Day 12/1.
- CM Johnson announced that she is planning a concert fundraiser for the homeless in December. The date is TBD and it will be held at the City Hope Community Center.

5. Public Comment

- None.

6. PLWH Council Engagement

- The group discussed the merge evaluation, community engagement and ways to re-energize consumer voice on the Council.
- Co-Chair Hernandez noted that this agenda item is open for consumers to express how they feel about the Council.

- CM Bargetto commented that the evaluation noted that there was a chilling effect on the Council due to its size and that consumer voices were not being heard.
- CM Flores expressed that he doesn't believe in prevention and doesn't believe in PrEP. He is unsure about the data coming through around PrEP and he fears that people are unsure how to use the medication properly. He feels that he doesn't know how to participate on the prevention side because it is such a different structure and he feels that it is difficult to get involved in the conversation. He feels that there should be more conversations around how to have safe sex and the populations that are harder hit by the HIV epidemic.
- Co-Chair Hernandez noted that he feels similarly, he doesn't know how to participate in the prevention aspect and is unsure of what he can bring to the table. He wants to know about what kind of outreach we are doing and where he can get involved. He is unsure of the Council's purpose other than the Summit.
- Co-Chair Cabangun noted that when he first joined the Prevention Council it took him some time to find his voice, as someone who is living with HIV. His role was to design messages that didn't demonize people with HIV because there was such fear within the community. He noted that when talking about prevention there are two people involved in transmission, someone positive and someone negative. From his experience it is hard to take meds every day, but we developed tools to support people. He feels that PrEP is a successful intervention.
- CM Shriver noted that he agrees that prevention has missed an opportunity to work with the positive community. He noted that transmission numbers would not be where they are today if people with HIV weren't changing their behavior. People with HIV deserve to have a healthy sex life and using life. He noted that getting to zero is a slogan but the idea is to have people with HIV live longer and have no new infections. The health department needs our help in developing interventions for the applications being submitted to the CDC. There are big disparities and he noted that the Council's our job to find out how to reach the last 10% of new infections.
- CM Cooper noted that she is concerned about the rise in STD rates and people contracting HIV by not using PrEP properly. She noted that HIV is still out there even if we do get to zero. She commented that there needs to be more health education billboards in the Tenderloin.
- CM E. Flores noted that she needs more information on PrEP. She feel that she is unprepared on how to inform people about it. She is also concerned about the side effects of PrEP.
- CM W. Flores commented that he doesn't feel that care and prevention information is truly merged.
- CM Shriver noted that the city tolerated that increase of STDs. He noted that PrEP works, and people are recommend to get tested every 3 months. He feels that STD messages need to be merged with PrEP information. He feels that from 85', people have used every opportunity to blame HIV positive for being sexual and he feels that rising STD rates is our punishment.
- Co-Chair Cadabes noted that we have a merged council but we don't all have the same information. He feels that this is something the Steering committee should discuss further.
- The group discussed the need for more information about STDs and PrEP from the health department.
 - CM Shriver suggested having a training on PrEP and STDs at a PLWH meeting.
 - CM Cooper suggested having someone who is on PrEP attend the training.

7. ACA Update

- The group received an update on the impact of changes to ACA on the HIV system of care.
- Kevin Hutchcroft reported:
- Republicans are still trying to repeal the ACA and they are considering tax reform. They are tacking on getting rid of the individual mandate which would throw 13 million people off of health insurance. This would bring in 330B dollars in monies otherwise spent on subsidies for people to buy their health

insurance. The ACA requires people to have health insurance and provides subsidies for people to buy health insurance.

- CM Scherich noted that in addition to taking away the individual mandate the Republicans have proposed that if you send your kid to private or boarding school they want you to be able to deduct the whole cost from your taxes.
- Dominique Johnson noted that Ryan White’s mother is speaking on Worlds AIDS Day in Chattanooga, TN.

8. ADAP

- The group discussed ADAP challenges.
- Kevin Hutchcroft reported:
- PrEP is going to be added to the ADAP formula. They will be using Truvada as a prophylaxis. They will be doing this in two phases; first for uninsured people and second for underinsured people who need PrEP. For PrEP you need regular STD/HIV tests and you also need regular kidney and liver function tests. However this is not yet written what expenses will be covered under ADAP.
- CM Cooper inquired about the long-term side effects of taking PrEP.
 - Kevin responded that PrEP is well tolerated in single doses.
- Co-Chair Hernandez inquired how ADAP will determine what pool will be eligible.
 - Kevin responded that this has not been determined yet.

9. Next Meeting Date & Agenda Items- VOTE

The next PLWH Advocacy Work Group meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 17th, 2017, 25 Van Ness, 8th Floor Conference Room, SF CA from 3-5 pm.

Parking Lot: Health Insurance Premium Payment Assistance, ADAP, Injectable HIV medications and Public Policy.

10. Adjournment

- The Meeting was adjourned at 5:03 pm by Co-Chair 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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2.	Cesar Cadabes (Co-Chair)	P									
3.	Wade Flores	P									
4.	Ron Hernandez (Co-Chair)	P									

5.	Dominique Johnson*	P											
6.	Ken Pearce	LoA											
7.	Mick Robinson	E											
8.	Stacia Scherich	P											
9.	Mike Shriver	E											
10.	Charles Siron	P											
	Richard Bargetto	P											
	Billie Cooper	P											
	Elaine Flores	P											

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