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HIV Health Services Planning Council
San Francisco AIDS Foundation
1035 Market Street, 3rd Floor
San Francisco, CA
Monday, June 22nd 2015
4:30 - 7:30 PM

HIV Health Services Planning Council Members Present: Margot Antonetty, Cicily Emerson, Wade Flores, Matt Geltmaker, Ron Hernandez, Mary Lawrence Hicks, Carol Hudson, Bruce Ito, Lee Jewell, Bill Ledford, T.J. Lee, Ken Pearce, Michael Smithwick, Don Soto, Chip Supanich, Eric Sutter, Linda Walubengo
Members Absent: Margaret Baran [A], Billie Cooper [E], T.J. Lee [E], Rachel Lozada [LoA], Catherine Newell [E-proxy: Matt Geltmaker], John Pryor [A], Stacia Scherich [A], Charles Siron [E-proxy: Chip Supanich], Channing-Celeste Wayne [E]
Others Present: Harry Breaux, Gregg Cassin [Shanti], Andy Chu [PRC], Vince Crisostomo [SFAF], Gina Gemello [ALRP], Dean Goodwin [DPH HHS], Mike Hickey [Shanti], Bill Hirsh [ALRP], Kevin Hutchcroft [DPH HHS], Beth Neary [DPH HHS], Amanda Newsasser [AETC], Alyssa Nickell [Shanti], Tracy Packer [PHD-CHEP], Michael Rouppet [Marty’s Place], Andy Scheer [City Clinic]
Support Staff Present: Ali Cone, Dave Jordan, Mark Molnar

Minutes

1. Call to Order and Roll Call. Introduction of Members of the Public.
   The meeting was called to order at 4:42 pm by Co-Chair Supanich. Roll was called and quorum was established.

2. Review and Approve June 22nd 2015 DRAFT Agenda – VOTE
   The June 22nd 2015 DRAFT Agenda was reviewed and approved by consensus.

3. Review and Approve May 18th 2015 DRAFT Minutes – VOTE
   The May 18th 2015 DRAFT Minutes were reviewed and approved by consensus.

4. Announcements
   - CM Hornby announced he’ll be stepping down as a council member due to health issues.
     - The Council thanked CM Hornby for his work and dedication.

5. Public Comment
   - Bill Hirsh provided an update on the city budget:
     - Very good news in mayor’s budget- all of the funding at risk from CDC and Care cuts has been restored by the Mayor’s office as well as 1 million additional dollars for Getting to Zero.
     - City’s ad-back will probably get wrapped up in next week or so
   - Dean Goodwin thanked CM Hornby for his work on behalf of HHS.

6. Council Staff Update
   - CS Molnar announced the following:
     - Summit- Friday August 28th 10-4 pm
     - Joint Council Retreat- Friday July 31st 10-4 pm
     - With Ken Hornby leaving council, seat open for LTCCC (Alternate: T.J. Lee)
• CS Cone announced that the survey from Y’s Change regarding the merger process is still open- please submit results by Friday.

7. Council Co-Chair Update- VOTE
• Co-Chair Supanich provided an update on merger process:
  o Joint Leadership Work Group met for the second time- just getting into the process of building trust and setting a plan. Will meet again on July 23rd 3-6 pm here in Swing Space. Progress is being made- I’m very encouraged. Relationships being formed between councils. Encouraged members to attend so voices represented.

8. HIV Health Services Update- VOTE
• Dean Goodwin provided the HHS update:
  o HHS received RWPA award for FY15/16- grant increased by $6,999 over last year’s amount, mostly due to a small increase in our MAI award.
  o HRSA highlighting San Francisco in commemorative video- SF nominated by HRSA Project Officer for award. Video will highlight HHSPC activities by interviewing Co-Chairs and will also interview a couple CoE providers and clients.
  o HHS staff will be attending Ryan White Funded Program Site Visits.
  o Anticipated Unexpended RWPA funding from FY 2014 to be around $482,000.
  o RWPC Grant- applied for 1 year capacity development grant, expect to hear more by end of August
  o Resource Guide and Website Updates
    ▪ Guide will be available as a draft for review within the next couple weeks
    ▪ Expect to have a mockup of an interactive website for review and feedback in the next 2 months
  o Requested info from Steering:
    ▪ Funding information for 2 programs previously provided for with carry forward dollars:
      • Psychosocial Support for Long Term Survivors
        o FY2013: $40k (100% RWPA carry forward)
        o FY2014: $100k (100% RWPA carry forward)
      • Benefits Counseling
        o FY2013: $100,782 (100% RWPA carry forward)
        o FY2014: $576,889 (49% RWPA carry forward)
  o CM Pearce asked if we can pay for the same thing with carry forward funding more than 3 years in a row. Dean Goodwin responded that emergency financial assistance for example has received many years of carry forward funding, but will check with HRSA Project Officer.

9. HPPC and Community Health Equity & Promotion Update
• Tracey Packer provided a HPPC & CHEP update:
  ▪ New initiative added into current budget for Hep C - $250k added to budget this year and next year to increase community screening, link people to care, as well as provider support and social marketing.
  ▪ CM Pearce- will it be difficult to link people to care with Hep C? Tracey- it’s an issue of resources. There are differences in linkage between HIV and Hep C, but will definitely take lessons from LINKS program.
  ▪ The Council discussed new treatment options for Hep C and ADAP formulary.
o Syringe disposal- in the Tenderloin there’s concern around improperly discarded syringes and public drug use. Partnering with Tenderloin HIP (Health Improvement Partnership) do discuss some of the upstream things we can do.
  ▪ Co-Chair Supanich will send out a handout with the locations of all syringe disposal locations.
o Updating Jurisdictional Plan with HPPC- guidelines for integrated plan came out last week.

10. Public Policy Update
   • CM Jewell provided a public policy update:
     o Attended CAEAR coalition strategic planning meeting in NY:
       ▪ Created 3 groups to build capacity- membership, resource development, short-term plan work group
       ▪ Resource development group will talk about partnering with other advocacy groups, including potentially UCHAPS
     o State budget update
       ▪ Discussed Hep C items
       ▪ Budget awaiting governor’s signature
       ▪ ADAP and OA HIPP- increase FPL eligibility and family size definition to increase access
       ▪ PrEP access will receive funding- statewide plan to increase PrEP awareness, access, etc.

11. CDPH Office of AIDS Update
   • The Council reviewed the June CDPH OA report.
     o Governor’s Revised Budget released- ADAP policy changes:
       ▪ ADAP May Estimate proposes expanding access to HCV medications to include all HCV co-infected ADAP clients regardless of liver disease stage. Also proposed: reallocate $1.5 million in RW base funding to local health jurisdictions or CBO’s to support targeted efforts to re-engage HIV+ minority clients in care and treatment
     o ADAP Eligibility Modernization- changing ADAP’s income eligibility threshold from $50k adjusted gross income to 500% FPL
     o HIV Prevention- contracts finalized for 3 grantees awarded funding for HIV Prevention Demonstration Projects.

   • The Council reviewed and discussed an update to the membership application.
   • The update: Please note that applicants are not obliged to share responses to any of the following questions. However, if information is disclosed, please also note that this application is part of public record and can be requested via Freedom of Information Act Request or the Sunshine Ordinance.
   • CM Jewell moved to approve change to policy, CM Ledford seconded.
     o VOTE – none opposed, motion passes.

13. Essential Health Benefits – VOTE
   • Bill Hirsh & Andy Scheer presented the final version of the San Francisco HIV Healthcare Reform Task Force’s Essential Health Benefits document, which outlines a SF-specific essential benefits package clearly outlining the city’s priorities for a full continuum of healthcare. Document is intended to be an educational tool for decision-makers in the city. Appendices outlining the many issues faced by PLWH.
   • The Council reviewed and discussed the document.
     o VOTE to support this document – none opposed, motion passes.
1. CM Pearce- is there any way to share this with other EMA’s?
   o CS Molnar- Lee Jewell will introduce this at CAEAR Coalition. Council Staff will be conducting a survey of other EMA’s/TGA’s and could distribute this document that way. It will also be posted on the Council & HHS websites.

14. Dinner Break

15. Benefits Training Report-back
   • Andy Chu presented a report-back on the Medical Benefits Counseling training program:
     o Historical context:
       ▪ Healthcare reform- providers need guidance and information
       ▪ US v. Windsor- affects retirement, healthcare, and disability benefits
       ▪ Implementation of healthcare reform has been problematic- issues with healthcare access
     o Goal: to perform provider trainings and community information sessions related to healthcare access and other benefits issues with an emphasis on older adults living with HIV/AIDS
     o Total of 44 training events completed (860 individuals attended)- topics focused on ACA, Medicare, and income benefits
     o Look forward:
       ▪ Lead/participate in HIV & Aging dialogues
       ▪ Participate in HIV & Aging events
       ▪ Expand MBC to include direct services
       ▪ Collaborate with organizations that focus on psychosocial aspect of aging with HIV
       ▪ Continue trainings on how returning to work affects benefits
       ▪ Continue to provide trainings on income and health benefits with critical, up-to-date information

   • Alyssa Nickell presented a report-back on the aging support program:
     o Group-level programming/psychosocial support that is responsive to the needs of long-term survivors who are 50+
     o Goals:
       ▪ Reduction of social isolation among LTS (peer support, activities that engage, educate, empower)
       ▪ Increased access to clinical and non-clinical mental health services (peer support, health self-management counseling, traditional and complementary therapies)
     o Alyssa Nickell gave an overview of how the program has evolved over the past 2 years and presented quantitative and qualitative data that demonstrated measurable reduction in isolation
     o The Council discussed how to best support the widest range of those aging with HIV.

17. Membership Update – VOTE
   • The Council voted to approve the following membership renewals:
     o Carol Hudson
     o Rachel Lozada
     o Cicily Emerson
   • VOTE to approve all 3 members – none opposed, motion passes.
18. Next Meeting Date & Agenda Items
   - The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for Monday, July 27th 2015 at the San Francisco AIDS Foundation (1035 Market Street, 3rd Floor) from 4:30 to 7:30.

19. Adjournment
   - Meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm by Co-Chair Supanich.

### Full Council Meeting
**HIV Health Services 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)

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