

HIV Community Planning Council  
COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE  
Wednesday, August 2<sup>nd</sup> 2017  
25 Van Ness, 8<sup>th</sup> Floor Conference Room  
3:00-5:00 pm

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**Committee Members Present:** Wade Flores, Timothy Foster, Kevin Lee, Michael Shriver (Co-Chair), Stacia Scherich, Eric Sutter (Co-Chair), Laura Thomas

**Council Member Present:**

**Committee Members Absent:** Billie Cooper [E], T.J. Lee-Miyaki [LoA]

**Others Present:** Kevin Hutchcroft (HHS), Jeremy Tsuchitani-Watson (HCAP)

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

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### *Minutes*

#### 1. Introductions

The meeting was called to order at 3:23pm by Co-Chair Sutter. Everyone introduced themselves and quorum was established.

#### 2. Review/Approve August 2<sup>nd</sup> 2017 DRAFT Agenda – VOTE

The August 2<sup>nd</sup> 2017 DRAFT Minutes were reviewed and approved by consensus.

#### 3. Review/Approve July 5<sup>th</sup> 2017 DRAFT Minutes– VOTE

The July 5<sup>th</sup> 2017 DRAFT Minutes were reviewed and recommended.

#### 4. Announcements

- None.

#### 5. Public Comment

- None.

#### 6. Co-Chair Election- VOTE

- The group discussed nominations for a new Co-Chair of the Community Engagement Committee.
- **MOTION: Co-Chair Sutter nominates CM Shriver as Co-Chair of the Community Engagement Committee.**
- **CM Thomas seconds the motion.**
- **VOTE: Motion passes. See column [1] for a vote breakdown.**

#### 7. HCAP Report

- Jeremy Tsuchitani-Watson reported on the HIV Consumer Advocacy Project:
- He noted that he started back in his position on Monday and thanks the Council for their patience during the staff transition.
- The group reviewed the current HCAP cases.
- CS Molnar suggested looking at trends from cases based on service categories. He noted that dental is common category brought up and food has not been addressed lately.
  - Jeremy responded that he will start putting trends in the monthly report.

## 8. 2017 Needs Assessment Work Group Update

- CS Jordan gave an update on the needs assessment:
- He noted that he has done 3 focus groups: two at the Kinney and one at San Mateo.
- He is working on scheduling focus groups at Larkin and Marin County. We have been doing drop-in at Shanti and the Kinney.
- The follow-up workgroup is on August 15<sup>th</sup>. The data will be reviewed and recommendations will be made.
- CM Flores noted that he has not heard anything about the focus group in Marin, nothing has been mentioned at the Marin Care Council.
  - CS Jordan noted that he has been working with the SPAR center, who he was referred to through CM Lee.
  - CM Lee commented that the recruitment may be targeted to homeless/unstably housed folks.
  - CS Molnar noted that the more word of mouth the better. He suggested connecting with the provider to let the community know about the group.

## 9. COLA Update

- CS Stumm gave an update on future COLAs.
- She noted that she has had to cancel the HIV/HCV COLA at Shanti last month due to the lack of attendance. She commented that when discussing why there was a lack of interest in the group, the community partner explained that it is difficult to confirm participants without a monetary incentive.
- CS Stumm commented that she reached out the CM Harkin and Tom Waddell to inquire about doing focus groups at those locations. CM Harkin noted that there would likely be a lack of interest and the contact at Tom Waddell stated that their Hep-C support group no longer meets because there members have now been cured of HCV. She noted that she has spoken with Council staff about doing one on one interviews with those co-infected by HIV/HCV instead of the traditional focus group format. She asked the group their thoughts on this.
  - The group discussed interviewing participants who have HCV and those who have recently cleared HCV.
  - CS Stumm noted that she also plans to interview providers as well.

## 10. Post-Merge Evaluation Discussion

- The group will discuss the results and recommendations from the post-merge evaluation.
- CS Molnar noted that there will not be room in the full council agenda before the Summit to have small group discussions about the merge evaluation. The full council will still have a discussion about the merge evaluation but it will not break out into small groups.
- The group reviewed the merge evaluation discussion questions.

### 1). What do you think about the information presented in this report?

- CM Thomas noted that overall it matched what she expected, there wasn't much that she felt was surprising. She commented that the Council goes in the same cycles, some of the same challenges that we have faced 10 years ago we are experiencing now. She expressed that retaining communities of color, and the mentorship program are two issues that have continued to be a problem on the Council. She felt that the relationship with the health department among the different Councils was the most interesting aspect of the report.
- Co-Chair Sutter inquired how the Council responded to these issues in the past.
  - CM Thomas answered that she feels that the Council has done a fair amount to make the Council welcoming to the voices that we want included. We can't erase the things that make people marginalized and leave people with fewer resources. When people have other more pressing life

challenges it's hard to make time for the Council. The Council can't make those issues go away, however bringing back the mentorship program is imperative.

- CS Jordan noted that in terms of the recruitment and retention of marginalized populations, one of the biggest challenges is the expectation of action. A lot of my conversations have been around how this process is slow. He noted that non-aligned consumers feel that there will be more action and conversation at the Council level.
- CS Molnar noted that he agrees that Council challenges have been cyclical. He noted that at the moment there is not a lot of action happening due to Ryan White funds being limited. He is not sure if it has been the same for prevention, there has been a lot of upheaval and reductions. Outside of PrEP, he does not feel that things are incredibly new and different. He noted that consumers relate to action. He commented that the Council has a much better relationship with DPH now. The report noted that DPH is not as enthusiastic about community planning.
  - Kevin Hutchcroft noted that the relationship between DPH and the Council is positive and the report outlined an accurate reflection. He noted that Shelley picked up on every negative comment heard, but overall the feeling seemed to be quite positive.

## **2). What would you like to do with this information?**

- The group acknowledged that the report outlined a lot of positive news especially in the first 6 months.
- The group reviewed the merge evaluation recommendations.
- #1. To increase community voices: move meeting times to evening times and having mentorship for new members and ongoing professional development opportunities for all members
  - CS Molnar noted that a survey was sent out that showed that Council members/non-aligned consumers do not prefer evening meetings.
  - Co-Chair Sutter suggested strongly encouraging new Council members to be part of the mentor program and to have current Council members be willing to be mentors.
  - CM Scherich commented that due to her health challenges she has to miss some meetings and doesn't feel like she knows what's going on.
  - The group discussed that mentorship is not just about getting new members off the ground, there should be ongoing opportunities to check in.
  - CS Jordan noted that Council staff is always available to check in before meetings to go over meeting materials, it is a priority for us to make Council members to feel supported.
  - The group requested that the potential of a buddy system between former prevention and care members be brought to the Membership Committee for review
  - The group suggested that new members get opportunities to check-in with staff after 6 months.
- #3: Consider structural changes to enhance community involvement and member input: Consider making the Council smaller and if it remains large, importance and frequency of meetings could decrease
  - CM Thomas stated that she doesn't like either suggestion. The Council decided to make the group larger to balance different perspectives and quarterly meetings was not productive on the prevention side.
  - CM Foster noted that he does not like the idea of quarterly meetings, you may forget what you discussed at the last meeting.
  - CM Lee noted that often times there is a lot of info sharing and no dialogue in Council meetings. He feels that there could be a restructuring of the purpose of Full Council meetings. He suggested having questions after a presentation that guide the group to discuss what we want to get out of the presentation.
    - CS Molnar noted that the Co-Chairs asked him to put together a set of questions after presentations to shift the paradigm, however these questions could lead to actionable change.
  - The group discussed decompressing meetings to allow time for clarifying questions as well as discussion questions.

- #5: Community Engagement Committee should work on linking HCPC more strongly to GTZ, because all agreed that stronger collaboration was imperative
  - CM Thomas noted that the report stated that the Community Engagement Committee should be involved with strengthening communication with Getting to Zero. She noted that there has been some pushback from the Council about GTZ, due the consortium getting funding when there has been large cuts to prevention and care.
  - CS Jordan commented that he doesn't know if this committee is the best place to engage GTZ. He feel that some of the negative feelings toward GTZ is that they are less inclusive and the Council has lost momentum because GTZ has so much press and new funding. He feels that GTZ is less community informed than the Council, very few consumers are a part of the consortium.
  - The group discussed that a strength of the Council is its strong community representation.
  - Co-Chair Sutter commented that GTZ is part of the system of care and it is important for us to know about what the progress of new interventions moving forward.
    - CS Molnar noted that Council is now receiving GTZ updates from Co-Chair Shriver and CM Murphy at Full Council meetings.
  - The group discussed the function of Getting to Zero: to identify gaps and advocate for funding to provide new services to address those gaps.
    - CM Scherich commented that she feels that this is already being done by the Council. She voiced frustration that is difficult to get basic services such as getting a case manager. She noted that she has not been informed of any additional services for people living with HIV.
    - The group discussed the Council has identified needs but does not have the funds to fill those gaps. GTZ has lobbied to receive money to create new services.
    - CS Molnar noted that CM Scherich's feeling about GTZ is a common one. When GTZ was started it was a department lead group. HAPN inserted themselves with GTZ and now they have a successful advocacy partnership. He is hoping to see this happen with the Council by having Co-Chair Shriver as a representative.
  - Co-Chair Shriver noted that in his report he will bring back what is being funded, how it is being funded, the duration of funding and if there is duplicative funding. He can debrief this information with this Committee before presenting it to the Full Council.
  - The group discussed requesting Getting to Zero service summary sheets.
  - CM Thomas noted that GTZ has presented to the Council before, but there are still a lot of questions and misunderstandings. She suggested having more presentations in the future.
  - The group discussed adding more Council voices on each GTZ committees.

### **3). How do we support PLWH voices on the Council and how can we do this better?**

- Co-Chair Sutter suggested reintroducing the point person idea.
- CM Flores noted that he would like if PLWH were able to talk about their experiences more. He commented that those who have had HIV and are aging have different needs than those who are just diagnosed. He stated that now that we are healthier how do we continue to stay healthy?
- CS Molnar inquired if the Committee has noticed a reduction in PLWH voices on the Council.
  - CM Flores commented that there is a lot of intimidation around the prevention aspect, he questions if PLWH voices fit in prevention.
  - The group discussed that with the new merged council, it may take people awhile to get onboard with a new system of care.
  - CM Scherich noted that she felt more comfortable before the Council merged. There are new people and she does not feel as familiar or interested in prevention. She also noted that there is a different culture with the former Prevention Council about not being out about their serostatus.

- CM Lee stated that he recognizes that dynamics can be challenging, and suggested having a space for unaffiliated consumers to discuss issues on the Council.
  - CS Molnar noted that the PLWH Advocacy work group is a space for HIV positive members to have a safe space to discuss topics. This happened successfully on the Care council, however the group has lost momentum since the merge and has only met twice this year due to lack of attendance.
  - CM Flores suggested altering the agenda with more exciting discussion topics to draw people in.
- The group discussed creating an ad hoc work group for PLWH Council members to discuss this questions.
  - CS Molnar will reach out to positive voices on the Council to ask them how they would like this meeting to go.

**11. Next Meeting Date & Agenda Items**

*The next Consumer and Community Affairs Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, September 6<sup>th</sup> 2017 at 25 Van Ness 8<sup>th</sup> floor Conference Room from 3-5 pm.*

**12. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 4:42 pm by Co-Chair Sutter.

**Community Engagement 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)

**August 2, 2017**

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