

HIV Community Planning Council
COUNCIL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
Tuesday, August 8, 2017
25 Van Ness, 8th Floor Conference Room
3:00-5:00 pm

Committee Members Present: Chuck Adams (Co-Chair), Jackson Bowman (Co-Chair), Ben Cabangun, Michael Discepola, David Gonzalez, Lee Jewell, Charles Siron, Linda Walubengo

Committee Members Absent: Matt Geltmaker [E], John Paul Soto [E]

Council Members Present:

Others Present: Bill Hirsch (ALRP), Kevin Hutchcroft (HHS), Jacob Moody (API), Mark Ryle (Project Open Hand), Lance Toma (API)

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

Minutes

1. Introductions

The meeting was called to order 3:02 pm by Co-Chair Adams. Everyone introduced themselves and quorum was established.

2. Review/Approve August 8th 2017 DRAFT Agenda – VOTE

The August 8th 2017 DRAFT Agenda was reviewed, and approved by consensus.

3. Review/Approve July 11th 2017 DRAFT Minutes – VOTE

The July 11th 2017 DRAFT Minutes were reviewed, and approved by consensus.

4. Announcements

- None.

5. Public Comment

- None.

6. HAPN Presentation Review

- The committee reviewed a presentation from Mark Ryle with the HIV/AIDS Provider Network.
- CM Bowman inquired about the line on the “Community-based Agencies” slide.
 - Lance responded that the line represents the cumulative percentage of all bars preceding it. It hits 100 because all of them equal 100%.
 - Mark noted that they will take the red line out to avoid confusion.
- CM Discepola inquired about HAPN’s perspective about storage lockers for people who are homeless and marginally housed.
 - Bill responded that he does not know about long term storage efforts, but there are rules on storage that the police are supposed to follow when they move or take down encampments. The Coalition on Homelessness has been working on making sure these rules are enforced.

There has been efforts through Getting to Zero to get lockers for people to store their medications.

- CS Molnar noted that this is an important presentation because the Council merged and some members may not be as familiar with HAPN and its relationship with the Council. He feels that the slide about backfilling is important to take your time with. He commented that HAPN should outline its advocacy successes. He noted that Getting to Zero has been a hot topic on the Council and wanted to make the presenters aware of that.
 - Mark commented that he will explain the history of HAPN's relationship with Getting to Zero.
- CS Molnar suggested including a slide that names HAPN's partner agencies.
- CM Jewell would like what the challenges are in the system of care from HAPNs perspective. He suggested including what gaps the network has identified. He felt that this information will be important because the prioritization and allocation Summit is coming up.
 - Bill noted that HAPN has not been taking stands on reallocating services, however they feel that there is a great unmet need in every category.
- CS Molnar suggested mentioning that the Council was able to increase the cost of doing business for Ryan White funded agencies two years ago.
- Co-Chair Bowman suggested mentioning HAPN's history and connection with GTZ and how long have you been working with HIV negative people.
- Co-Chair Cabangun inquired about the level of involvement that DPH has with HAPN.
 - Mark responded that HAPN leadership meets on a monthly basis with Tracey Packer and Co-Chair Goodwin. There is an effort to have communication. He encourages Council members to attend meetings.

7. Post-Merge Evaluation Discussion

- The committee will discuss the recent merge evaluation presentation.

#1. What do you feel about the information in the report?

- Co-Chair Walubengo enjoyed that people were transparent about their challenges with the Council. She noted that some of the comments felt harsh at times but we need to hear difficult things to make changes.
- Co-Chair Bowman felt that there was a lot of positive progress noted in the report. He expressed that the Council wants to be a problem-solving group and some of the tension that is alluded to is about not being able to solve problems and to dig into actual change. He feels that some of this may be left over from Prevention and exacerbated because the former Council went through a difficult situation with DPH. With the merge it felt like that the work that the Care Council did was real work and then it felt like we were doing the same as we did last year. The energy came from a group of people who want to work, it's frustrating to continue to spin our wheels.
 - CS Molnar inquired what this work might look like.
 - Co-Chair Bowman noted that flat funding doesn't lead to conversations. Care has built a stable system, however he feels that the Council still can be creative in some ways knowing that it most likely won't be with prioritization and allocation. He commented that Getting to Zero is working in ways that the Council is not. He suggested coming up with a clearer explanation of the purpose of this group.

#2. What would you like to do with the information?

- CM Jewell commented that the Council has fought to get to this place of stability through a lot of discord along the way. In an environment where funding is still an issue, the Council needs to look where we can still make an impact. He suggested forming an ad hoc committee to look at the trends

of the system of care that includes prevention. He questioned if the Council is really putting money in service categories that are optimizing the system of care.

- Co-Chair Cabangun noted that the report outlined that members are not feeling valued. The root is that people are questioning the purpose of the group.
- CM Discepola noted that the best way for him to stay engaged is to look at emerging trends and how that will shape our work in the future. He suggested having conversations about who is getting infected with HIV and to look at those subpopulations. He would like to discuss what our stake is in making statements about issues such as harm reduction, drug users in homeless shelters, storage lockers. He suggested having committees look at these different ideas.
 - CS Molnar noted that this committee will look at where are we at the recommendations of the Substance Use Work Group this fall.
- Co-Chair Walubengo commented that there has been a shift in attendance on the Council. She suggested that the Council can be more creative in order to make meetings more appealing.
- Co-Chair Bowman stated that he is connected to the boat rocking part of the former prevention council. There are groups like GTZ and HAPN who are happily working inside these systems, what's open for the Council is to be more radical on a local level. He noted that he consistently feels that he doesn't know why we're doing the work we do. He also noted that he is unsure if it is welcomed to be outspoken within this group. He feels that the Council can go beyond HIV and can address structural problems. He noted that he doesn't want to be tone deaf in terms of changing things when the Council has created a stable system.
 - Co-Chair Cabangun commented that the Council needs a strategic plan. The difference between the Council and GTZ and HAPN is that it is a community informed body that can focus on structural changes. He noted that the Council could take a year from its scheduled work to go out into the community and find out what it wants to do that is different from GTZ and HAPN.
 - CS Molnar noted that even though the system is stable, there can still be structural shifts, being systemic or service category related.
- CM Gonzalez suggested having a visioning or strategic meeting. The Council has its mandates but we can go beyond that.
- CM Discepola noted that the Council has a great relationship with DPH but being afraid to rock the boat because we don't want to effect that relationship is a problem. He suggested having visioning sessions to discuss what is not working in the system of care and prevention and or creating workgroups to move things forward.
- CM Lee commented that GTZ is about looking at a problem and fixing it. He feels that the Council should create a set of objectives that address gaps. Every presentation the Council receives should then address what the gaps are the group can discuss an action plan. He noted that the Council needs to start working with GTZ especially in a system of declining revenues where we should be smart about re-directing funds.
- **MOTION: Co-Chair Siron moves to convene a Strategic Planning Work Group.**
- **CM Lee seconds the motion.**
- Co-Chair Bowman commented that he feels that strategic planning should be done at the Full Council to engage the whole group.
 - The group discussed that the Strategic Planning Work Group will work on creating a strategic plan agenda for the full council.

- CM Discepolo suggested that this work group could discuss what is working and what isn't working that the Council wants to address. The top two topics chosen by the Full Council could then be what the work group focuses on that year.
- Co-Chair Bowman commented that he wants to be thoughtful of unaligned consumers who may not want the system of care to change.
- **VOTE: Motion passes. See column [1] for a vote breakdown.**
- Co-Chair Cabangun noted that Shelley's recommendations are not far reaching. He feels that smaller groups within committees could work on each recommendation:
 - Community Engagement: #1 Increase community voices, #3 Consider structural changes to enhance community involvement
 - Council Affairs: #5 Linking HCPC with GTZ
 - Membership: #4 discuss creation of fair and equal attendance policy
 - Steering: #2 Strategic Planning

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

- CM Discepolo commented that he felt the statement in the report around the attendance policy was not directed towards PLWH on the Council, he felt it was an overall engagement issue. He noted that some people have never raised their hand or spoken during meetings. He suggested that there could be times during Full Council where everyone would be given the opportunity to speak (round robin approach).
- Co-Chair Adams feels that appointed seats should also be required to attend committees. He felt that when providers were sitting at the table different perspectives and issues arose. He suggested having the Membership Committee review the attendance requirement policy. He also noted that there should be more dialogue about supporting the majority of the HIV population but also supporting people who are newly infected. He feels that having more folks on the committee level from prevention and care will make the Council feel less divided because everything in care is actually prevention. He noted that the Council has power being an advisory group, the Council could chose not to support things unless things change.
- The group requested that the Membership Committee review the meeting requirement policy.

8. Next Meeting Date & Agenda Item- VOTE

The next Council Affairs Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, September 12th, 2017 at 25 Van Ness 8th Floor Conference Room from 3-5 pm.

Parking Lot:

- System to monitor the Integrated Plan's objectives

10. Adjournment

- The meeting was adjourned at 4:57 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)

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roll [1] [2] [3] [4] [5] [6] [7] [8] [9]

1.	Chuck Adams	P	Y								
2.	Jackson Bowman	P	Y								
3.	Ben Cabangun	P	-								
4.	Michael Discepola	P	Y								
5.	Matt Geltmaker	P	Y								
6.	David Gonzalez	P	Y								
7.	Lee Jewell	P	Y								
8.	Charles Siron	P	Y								
9.	John Paul Soto	E	-								
10.	Linda Walubengo	P	Y								
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Ayes		8									
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Abstain											
Recusal											