

HIV Community Planning Council

COUNCIL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Tuesday, March 12th, 2024

Zoom

3:00-4:00pm

Committee Members Present: Chuck Adams, Bill Blum, Nga Le, T.J Lee-Miyaki, Manuel Vasquez, Thomas Knoble

Committee Members Absent: Matt Geltmaker [A], Irma Parada [LOA]

Others Present: Stephen Spano

Support Staff Present: Mark Molnar, Kira Perez

Minutes

1. Introductions and Welcome

The meeting was called to order at 3:05 pm by CM Le and everyone introduced themselves. Quorum was established.

2. Review/Approve March 12th 2024 DRAFT Agenda – VOTE

The March 12th, 2024 DRAFT Agenda was reviewed and approved by consensus.

3. Review/Approve February 13th 2024 DRAFT Minutes – VOTE

The February 13th, 2024 DRAFT Minutes was reviewed and approved by consensus.

4. Announcements

- CM Le provides a Marin County update announcing that they are suspending service indefinitely at their Spahr Center due to ongoing financial issues. They have been working on contacting clients with the contact information they have been provided for them, sending out emails and newsletters, and updating their website. They are continuing conversations about a possible merger and moving forward with a plan to ensure there are no gaps in care for clients.

5. Public Comment

- None

6. HCAP Update

- Stephen Spano reviews the Annual HCAP Report. He highlights HCAP services, a summary for the HCAP 2023-24 contract cycle, and discussed some of the successes and challenges that consumers face.
 - Stephen emphasized that he currently has 16 clients that are over 70 years old and speaks to the unique issues of these clients.
 - Questions/ Feedback

- CM Lee-Miyaki asks that when he noted in his presentation that there were no services rendered due to client disengagement, was that in a particular group/population or what was the reason?
 - Stephen answers that it could have to do with something like follow-through, so if a client comes in and signs paperwork but then doesn't come back, that is an example.
- CS Molnar asks (1) if Stephen has seen trends with the issues people experienced with benefits, why would people come to HCAP for help with benefits? (2) Are you part of conversations where consumers are attempting to have restraining orders against providers? (3) Have you had any challenges or had any connectivity with mental health re. Surveillance?
 - Stephen answers that his colleagues that practice in that area share information. Oftentimes, folks are showing up because they are getting referred to ALRP or someone doesn't know where to go and ends up there. He can then connect folks with a program that does benefits counseling.
 - Stephen clarifies that not necessarily, this time around there were not a lot of restraining orders against providers.
 - He notes that folks coming in with fears of surveillance are concerned and he makes sure to make them feel safe and comfortable discussing that fear. He often takes an angle where he is able to refer those folks to a mental health provider, unfortunately, those services are overwhelmed.
- CM Le asks if he has ever declined Ryan White services to clients or at what point do you draw the line if they continue to threaten staff?
 - He answers that the language is always very important, threaten doesn't necessarily mean violent. The service providers he works with usually have a high threshold for this kind of stuff. He has not seen an instance where a client was denied services as a result of being verbally abusive. In San Francisco, linking them to alternative options has always been the case when services are terminated.

7. Needs Assessment & COLA Report

- CS Perez reviews the Needs Assessment/ COLA Report presentation that will be presented during this month's Full Council meeting. She asks the group for feedback and if any changes need to be made to clarify information or provide background.

8. Next Meeting Date & Agenda Items – VOTE

The next Council Affairs Committee meeting April 9th, 2024, from 3:00 pm to 4:30 pm.

9. Adjournment

- Meeting adjourned at 4:09 pm by CM Le.

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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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1.	Chuck Adams	P	Y	Y							
2.	Bill Blum	P									
3	Matt Geltmaker	A	-	-							
4.	Nga Le	P	Y	Y							
5.	T.J. Lee-Miyaki	P	Y	Y							
6.	Irma Parada	LOA	-	-							
7.	Manuel Vasquez	P	Y	Y							
8.	Thomas Knoble	P	Y	Y							

Ayes		5	5							
Nayes		0	0							
Abstain		0	0							
Recusal		0	0							