

# HIV Community Planning Council

## COUNCIL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Tuesday, August 12<sup>th</sup>, 2025

Zoom

3:00-4:30pm

**Committee Members Present:** Chuck Adams, Anna Branzuela, Elyse Griffin, Nga Le, Helen Lin, Marco Montenegro, Jon Oskarsson, Irma Parada

**Committee Members Absent:** Bill Blum [A]

**Others Present:** Vilma Molina, Beth Neary

**Support Staff Present:** Mark Molnar, Kira Perez, Kat Tajgeer

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### *Minutes*

#### 1. Introductions and Welcome

The meeting was called to order at 3:04 pm by CM Adams and everyone introduced themselves. Quorum was established.

#### 2. Review/Approve August 12<sup>th</sup>, 2025 DRAFT Agenda – VOTE

The August 12<sup>th</sup>, 2025 DRAFT Agenda was reviewed and approved by consensus.

#### 3. Review/Approve July 8<sup>th</sup>, 2025 DRAFT Minutes – VOTE

The July 8<sup>th</sup>, 2025 DRAFT Minutes were reviewed and approved by consensus.

#### 4. Announcements

- None.

#### 5. Public Comment

- Beth Neary announces that HIV Health Services (HHS) has received funding notifications for Ryan White Part A (RWPA), Ryan White Part C (RWPC), and Ending the HIV Epidemic (EHE). She notes they were close to flat funded, with slight decreases for RWPA and RWPC that were not insignificant, but predictable. She notes these may be able to be covered locally by general funds. She adds there was a slight increase for EHE funding and concludes the funding awards were close to neutral in the end.

#### 6. HIV Care Connect Update – Vilma Molina and Beth Neary

- Vilma Molina introduces the AIDS Regional Information Evaluation System (ARIES) presentation and highlights that it is an analysis of the San Francisco Eligible Metropolitan Area (EMA) that includes data for all Ryan White parts, San Francisco Department of Public Health (SFDPH) HHS General Funds, and EHE funds for the 2024 calendar year. She reviews that SFDPH transitioned from ARIES to HIV Care Connect (HCC) in April of 2025. She reviews the facts on the data reporting including reporting period, funding sources, dates of data, and total EMA unduplicated client count (UDC). The data shows a total EMA-wide UDC count of 6,250. Additionally, she reviews the current gender data for the EMA.
- Beth Neary shares the EMA gender data from 2015-2024, noting that there have been shifts in numbers for male and transgender, likely due to better identification of transgender clients, mostly transgender female clients. She shares the EMA demographic information including race, age, current

living situation, and insurance status. She also shares the EMA antiretroviral therapy (ART) and viral load demographic information by race, age, and gender.

- Vilma reviews frequently asked questions and provides further detailed information.
  - CM Adams says the presentation was excellent.
  - CM Branzuela speaks to how helpful it is to see the information broken down by county.
  - CM Montenegro said it's eye-opening to see ART by race to see how high the percentages are. He speaks to John Aynsley's presentation noting that Aynsley quoted the City's viral suppression rate at around 86% or 87% and is intrigued by the disparity in the numbers.
    - Neary states that someone being prescribed ART doesn't necessarily mean they are med-adherent. Additionally, the way the field in ARIES works is unique in that you must enter a start date but don't need to enter an end date, which is a weakness of this field.
      - ❖ CM Montenegro highlights the correlation between housing instability and viral load suppression. He notes the data shows a higher rate of housing instability in San Mateo and Marin counties is greater than in San Francisco, but their rates of viral suppression looked good.
        - Neary speaks to the various ways housing status can be selected in ARIES and HCC, and notes that it's possible people in different counties are filling it out differently due to different perceptions of the housing situation by the person entering the data.
  - CM Oskarsson asks about the viral load suppression data and if someone's viral load was unknown in the last 12 months how would this data look different?
    - Neary speaks to the use of the STAR report in ARIES and how the information is filtered.
  - CM Le says for the slide on age for EMA, there's a dark blue for Marin County that doesn't exist and thinks it's the wrong color. She says there are also random numbers after the age range and asks if that is the sample size?
    - Neary says she will look into that and make changes.

## 7. STI Update – Mark Molnar

- CS Molnar previews the STI update on behalf of Stephanie Cohen, outlining the integrated, patient-centered approach being taken to reduce STI transmission. He highlights that San Francisco continues to have higher chlamydia, gonorrhea, and syphilis rates than the rest of California, the U.S., Los Angeles, and New York City, and reviewed priority populations most at risk. Data shows overall declines in STI incidence from 2019-2024, though disparities persist by race, ethnicity, and age, particularly among Black/African American, Pacific Islander, and Latine residents, as well as young women. Molnar also reviewed trends in syphilis and congenital syphilis, including rising female syphilis cases, and shared updates on STI prevention efforts such as doxy-PEP among MSM and trans women. The update concluded with mpox data, an epidemiology summary, PHD's plan to eliminate congenital syphilis, and key challenges including antimicrobial resistance, Bicillin shortages, and funding and healthcare access barriers.
  - Beth Neary asks what year the data was from on the slide where San Francisco had much higher STI rates?
    - CS Molnar notes it was 2019-2023 gonorrhea rates and 2023 syphilis rates.
      - ❖ Neary adds that this doesn't take into account the new, improved rates yet.

## 8. Next Meeting Date & Agenda Items – VOTE

The next Council Affairs Committee is scheduled for September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2025 from 3:00 – 4:30 pm.

## 9. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 4:06 pm by CM Adams.

### 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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1.	Chuck Adams (Co-Chair)	P	Y	Y							
2.	Bill Blum	A									
3.	Anna Branzuela	P	Y	Y							
4.	Elyse Griffin	P	Y	Y							
5.	Nga Le	P	Y	Y							
6.	Helen Lin (Co-Chair)	P	Y	Y							
7.	Marco Montenegro	P	Y	Y							
8.	Jon Oskarsson	P	Y	Y							
9.	Irma Parada	P	Y	Y							

<b>Ayes</b>		8	8								
<b>Nayes</b>		-	-								
<b>Abstain</b>		-	-								
<b>Recusal</b>		-	-								
<b>Total</b>	8	8	8								