

HIV Community Planning Council
PLWH ADVOCACY GROUP
Wednesday, October 19th, 2016
25 Van Ness, 8th floor conference room
San Francisco, CA
3:00-5:00 pm

Committee Members Present: Cesar Cadabes, Wade Flores, Ron Hernandez, T.J. Lee-Miyaki, Ken Pearce, Mick Robinson, Stacia Scherich

Committee Members Absent: Michael Discepola [E], Matthew Miller [E], Charles Siron [E: Proxy Ron Hernandez], Chip Supanich [E]

Others Present: Kevin Hutchcroft (HHS)

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

Minutes

1. Introductions

The meeting was called to order at pm 3:18 by Chair Hernandez. Everyone introduced themselves and quorum was established.

2. Review /Approve October 19th 2016 DRAFT Agenda – VOTE

The October 19th 2016 DRAFT Agenda was reviewed and approved by consensus.

3. Review /Approve July 20th 2016 DRAFT Minutes – VOTE

The July 20th 2016 DRAFT Minutes were reviewed and approved by consensus.

4. Announcements

- None.

5. Public Comment

- None.

6. Mission Statement - VOTE

- The group revisited the PLWH Advocacy Work Group’s mission statement “To provide a mechanism to ensure the empowerment and participation of people living with HIV, so that they may more effectively advocate for their interests and needs in the Ryan White planning process.”
- Chair Hernandez noted that at the last meeting this agenda item was tabled in order to have more input from group members. The conversation was around changing the mission statement to include prevention language and opening up the group to consumers of prevention services.
- CS Cone suggested removing “Ryan White” in the mission statement.
- CM Lee-Miyaki expressed that he would like to have the mission statement remain the same. This group has traditionally been a safe space for HIV positive members to discuss issues.
- **MOTION: CM Hernandez moves to approve the amended mission statement of the PLWH Advocacy Work Group. “To provide a mechanism to ensure the empowerment and participation of people**

living with HIV, so that they may more effectively advocate for their interests and needs in the planning process.”

- **CM Pearce seconds the motion.**
- **VOTE: Motion Passes. See column [1] for a vote breakdown.**
- CS Molnar noted that at the Ryan White conference, HRSA emphasized centralizing consumer voices.

7. Membership & Quorum- VOTE

- The group discussed membership and quorum requirements for the PLWH Advocacy Group.
- Chair Hernandez noted that the purpose of this agenda item is to understand who the members of this group are, and if all PLWH members of the Council are contacted about membership of this group.
- CS Cone responded that you have to be HIV positive to be a member of this group, but any Council member is welcome to attend. CS Cone reaches out to new HIV positive members to see if they would like to be members and re-asks members at the beginning of each calendar year.
- Chair Hernandez suggested the possibility of including all HIV positive members of the Council to be members of the group and achieving 1/3 of that number to meet quorum.
 - The group discussed that there are 21 positive members of the Council, which may make it difficult to achieve quorum.
 - The group currently has 11 members, and excused absences do not count towards quorum.
- CS Cone noted that she will reach out to positive Council members to see if they would still like to be part of this group.

8. Meeting Frequency- VOTE

- The group discussed how frequently they want to meet. In the past, the group has met on an as-needed basis.
- CS Molnar noted that 2/3 of the meetings have been cancelled because Co-Chairs have determined that there are no agenda items.
- CM Robinson inquired why there is a lack of agenda items.
 - CS Molnar responded that the group usually meets when there are things the group wants to weigh in on, or if there are larger scale initiatives.
 - CM Pearce noted that issues frequently come up (ADAP, Prop 61, Premium Assistance Program). These things could be missed if we are not meeting regularly. He suggested meeting every other month with the ability to call a special meeting or cancel if there is not enough on the agenda.
- CS Cone noted that the meeting room is reserved every month, so it is up to this group when they want to meet.
- CS Molnar noted that it seems like the group is leaning towards meeting every other month. The group can decide to cancel if need be. Prior to the meeting, Council staff will send an email to the group to see if there are issues that people would like to bring up. Every other month meetings can start in January of 2017.
- CM Pearce suggested the group can request presentations related to HIV.
 - CM Scherich suggested discussing the need for support groups for women.
 - CS Molnar noted that DPH can provide a brief presentation for support groups for women.
 - Kevin Hutchcroft noted that he can present on psychosocial support groups at the next meeting.
- The group wants to discuss: Pilot Project of Health Insurance Premium Payments /Emergency Financial Assistance, HIV positive Women’s Support Groups, Serodiscordant support groups and Injectable HIV medications.

9. LOA Policy- VOTE

- The group reviewed the Leave of Absence policy.
- Chair Hernandez noted that this is on the agenda because Co-Chair Siron wanted to review this policy with the group.
- The group discussed that many Council members ask for concurrent leaves due to health issues.
- CS Cone noted that the Leave of Absence policy was approved by the Full Council.

10. Conference Update

- The group received an update on the recent United States Conference on AIDS.
- CM Robinson attended the conference in Hollywood, Florida in mid-September. He was asked to attend the conference in order to be on the panel for the Last Men’s Standing film. He noted that HIV and Aging was put on the program for the first time. He enjoyed sessions on team building and community collaboration, trauma based care and Ryan White funding. He noted that there were many conversations about how ACA impacts budgeting. He stated that the Last Men Standing screening was successful with over 400 people in attendance.

11. Next Meeting Date & Agenda Items- VOTE

The next Membership Committee Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday January 18th 2016, 25 Van Ness, 3rd Floor Conference Room, SF CA from 3-5 pm.

Parking Lot:

- Pilot Project of Health Insurance Premium Payments /Emergency Financial Assistance
- HIV positive Women’s Support Groups
- Serodiscordant support groups
- Injectable HIV medications

12. Adjournment

- The Meeting was adjourned at 4:10 pm by Chair Hernandez.

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

1.	Cesar Cadabes	P	Y									
2.	Wade Flores	A	-									
3.	Ron Hernandez	P	Y									
4.	T.J. Lee	P	Y									

5.	Matthew Miller	E	-									
6.	Ken Pearce	P	Y									
7.	Mick Robinson	P	Y									
8.	Stacia Scherich	P	Y									
9.	Charles Siron [Proxy: Ron Hernandez]	E	Y									
10.	Chip Supanich	E	-									

Ayes		7										
Nays												
Abstain												