

HIV Community Planning Council
PLWH ADVOCACY GROUP
Wednesday, July 19, 2017
25 Van Ness, 8th floor conference room
San Francisco, CA
3:00-5:00 pm

Committee Members Present: Cesar Cadabes (Co-Chair), Ron Hernandez (Co-Chair)

Committee Members Absent: Wade Flores [E], Ken Pearce [E], Mick Robinson [E], Stacia Scherich [A], Mike Shriver [A], Charles Siron [E: Proxy Cesar Cadabes]

Others Present: Kevin Hutchcroft (HHS), John Edmond Abraham

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

Minutes

1. Introductions

The meeting was called to order at 3:16pm by Co-Chair Cadabes. Everyone introduced themselves and quorum was established.

2. Review /Approve July 19th 2017 DRAFT Agenda – VOTE

The June 21st 2017 DRAFT Agenda was reviewed and recommended by consensus.

3. Review /Approve January 18th 2017 DRAFT Minutes – VOTE

The January 18th 2017 DRAFT Minutes were reviewed and recommended by consensus.

4. Announcements

- CS Molnar announced the Summit will be on Tuesday October 3rd. The September Full Council has been cancelled.

5. Public Comment

- John Edmond Abraham commented that he is a long term survivor diagnosed in 1985 with AIDS. He is here today to start a conversation with the Council about doing a COLA about long term survivor seniors. He feels that as people age, they become invisible. He feels that too often long term survivors get lumped with those who are 50+, and the two groups have separate needs and experiences. He expressed that he often feels dismissed by agencies, especially dealing with people who are half his age. He feels that his life matters and it's important that he shares his experiences as a long term survivor with the Council. He stated that he is a person with AIDS and he deserves to be respected.
- CS Molnar clarified that John is asking the Council to look into a COLA that targets long term survivors who were diagnosed before protease inhibitors (mid 90s). He noted that the Community Engagement Committee already has a list of COLA targets for 2017 but this topic can be added as a potential COLA for next year.
- John Edmond Abraham noted that the only support group for long term survivor seniors is held at a coffee shop with no confidentiality.

6. Meeting Time - VOTE

- The group discussed whether to change the time of this meeting.
- Co-Chair Hernandez noted that the Membership Committee discussed the results of the meeting time poll. It did not indicate that non-aligned consumers prefer later meeting times.
- The group can discuss annually whether the meeting time is still working for this group.

7. Home Committee Policy- VOTE

- The group discussed whether to amend the home committee policy to include the PLWH Advocacy Group.
- CS Molnar noted that it was discussed at the Membership meeting that if this group becomes a home committee it may lessen consumer voices on the existing home committees.
- Co-Chair Hernandez noted that there is not enough on the agenda to have this group be a monthly meeting.
- Co-Chair Cadabes inquired how the attendance of this group was before the merge.
 - CS Molnar noted that the group met every two months and had a strong attendance. There was also a lot of hot button issues like the merge and ACA that the group wanted to discuss.
- The group discussed adding a question to the merge evaluation discussion:
 - 1. How do we support PLWH voices on the Council and how can we do this better?
- The group decided that what is discussed in the small groups about PLWH representation can be brought back to the group for discussion.

8. ACA Update

- The group received an update on the impact of changes to ACA on the HIV system of care.
- Kevin Hutchcroft announced that the Republican plan to replace the ACA has failed, the effort to repeal ACA has also failed. The Republican option to dismiss the subsidies is an issue and could make Obamacare truly die. However, Obamacare will not die on its own. The repeal which is over 10 years would cause 32 million people to lose their health insurance. Overall, we are sitting well compared to what could have happened.

9. ADAP

- The group discussed ADAP challenges.
- Kevin reported that there is a new release this week, with no big changes. ADAP will now be not huge flagging clients who were enrolled in temporary emergency access. They are also releasing dates on enrollment worker training.
- CS Molnar inquired if ADAP is increasing the amount of enrollment workers.
 - Kevin responded that there is no limit on enrollment workers. When an agency wants an enrollment worker, they send them my way and I let them know about the training.
- Co-Chair Hernandez asked if there was an update on HIV injectable medication.
 - Kevin responded that there might be something available by the end of the year. There are two phase three clinical trials. They are effective and safe. The concern about once a month injectable meds is that if you have side affects you will have the medicine in your body for a month.
- Co-Chair Hernandez asked who is eligible to be an enrollment worker.
 - Kevin noted that you need to be with an agency who is an ADAP approved agency to become an enrollment worker.
- John Edmond Abraham inquired if injectable medication will be funded by drug companies.
 - Kevin responded that there will be rebates provided by drug companies. However, the medication will be funded by ADAP through RWPB.

10. Merge Evaluation

- The group reviewed the recent post merge evaluation.
- Co-Chair Hernandez noted that the report mentions the Council’s role shifting from influential input to more cursory work. He was wondering if that came from a former Prevention member who feels that the Council’s role is not as influential.
 - CS Molnar noted that people from both former councils are voicing that concern. This shift was also discussed at Council Affairs, where people had challenges with the decision making process having true community input. The comment was about the feeling that the Council was not being heard by DPH in regards to decision making.
- Co-Chair Cadabes noted that those involved with the implementation of Getting to Zero are those that provide prevention and testing services. Is there an understanding that people involved in GTZ activities are funded through care and prevention?
 - CS Molnar noted that there is some understanding, however the tension is around GTZ funding GTZ members.
 - Co-Chair Cadabes noted that having an understanding of GTZ funds is important. Disparities that exist, such as African American and Latino men’s viral loads not decreasing at the same as other populations needs to be addressed. Can we have a role in addressing these disparities and linking the Council to GTZ?
 - CS Molnar noted that CM Shriver has been nominated as the GTZ representative, which is a great step in maintaining the Council’s voice in that conversation.
 - Co-Chair Cadabes noted he has been thinking about becoming a member, PLWH needs to be part of that equation.

11. Next Meeting Date & Agenda Items- VOTE

The next Membership Committee Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 20, 2017, 25 Van Ness, 8th Floor Conference Room, SF CA from 3-5 pm.

Parking Lot: Health Insurance Premium Payment Assistance, ADAP, Injectable HIV medications and Public Policy.

12. Adjournment

- The Meeting was adjourned at 4:48 pm by Co-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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1.	Cesar Cadabes (Co-Chair)	P									
2.	Wade Flores	E									
3.	Ron Hernandez (Co-Chair)	P									

6.	Ken Pearce	E										
7.	Mick Robinson	A										
8.	Stacia Scherich	A										
9.	Mike Shriver	A										
10.	Charles Siron	E										

Ayes											
Nayes											
Abstain											