

HIV Community Planning Council  
PLWH ADVOCACY GROUP  
Wednesday, September 20, 2017  
25 Van Ness, 6<sup>th</sup> floor conference room  
San Francisco, CA  
3:00-5:00 pm

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**Committee Members Present:** Wade Flores, Ron Hernandez (Co-Chair), Stacia Scherich

**Committee Members Absent:** Cesar Cadabes (Co-Chair) [E], Ken Pearce [LoA], Mick Robinson [A], Mike Shriver [E], Charles Siron [E]

**Others Present:** Kevin Hutchcroft (HHS)

**Support Staff Present:** Ali Cone, Liz Stumm

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### *Minutes*

**1. Introductions**

The meeting was called to order at 3:06 pm by Co-Chair Hernandez. Everyone introduced themselves and quorum was established.

**2. Review /Approve September 20<sup>th</sup>, 2017 DRAFT Agenda – VOTE**

The September 20<sup>th</sup> 2017 DRAFT Agenda was reviewed and approved by consensus.

**3. Review /Approve July 19<sup>th</sup> 2017 DRAFT Minutes – VOTE**

The July 19<sup>th</sup> 2017 DRAFT Minutes were reviewed and approved by consensus.

**4. Announcements**

- None.

**5. Public Comment**

- None.

**6. Council PLWH Event**

- The group discussed a possible Council PLWH event/forum.
- Co-Chair Hernandez suggested having a holiday get together. He inquired if the invitation should be open to just PLWH or the whole Council. He suggested having the event after the regularly scheduled PLWH meeting.
- CS Cone noted that this group can informally discuss the event with other PLWH members.
- CM Flores noted that the Council is losing PLWH members, he feels very disconnected. He feels that this is not the same Council he joined. The lack of interest of the PLWH work group may be due to the not as exciting agenda items.
- The group discussed that at the meeting before the event, the group can discuss the post-merge evaluation.
- CM Flores noted the he felt there was a comment in the merge report that stated that consumers don't get Council lingo, which was offensive to him.
  - Kevin Hutchcroft commented that it is respectful engagement to not use acronyms.

- CM Scherich suggested having the Steering Committee look at ways to honor Council members who have passed away.
- CM Scherich expressed that she feels like she doesn't belong at Full Council meetings and she still feels confused by the Getting to Zero collaboration. She noted that she doesn't know people at the meetings so it doesn't feel like the same atmosphere.
- The group discussed that the event is open to everyone but a celebration of PLWH members.

## 7. ACA Update

- The group received an update on the impact of changes to ACA on the HIV system of care.
- Kevin Hutchcroft reported
- He declared the Republican effort dead and gone at last meeting, but there is still a possible repeal known as the Cassidy-Graham bill. The bill has to be done by the end of the month or else it will need 60 votes instead of 50 votes. The bill loosens some of the requirements for the essential benefits package that leaves it up to the States. It's hard to imagine that it would pass because they would be turning a lot of money to the States, where some could choose to adopt a single payer program with that money.
- Senators Graham and Murray are working on another bill that would fix what most everyone agrees is wrong such as continuing subsidies. As far as repeal and replace they have this month to do that.

## 8. ADAP

- The group discussed ADAP challenges.
- Kevin Hutchcroft reported:
- The ADAP system has improved. The State took the portal in-house, which is called the ADAP enrollment system (AES). The big challenge is adding PrEP to ADAP in the State of California, specifically adding an appropriation that will include Truvada.
- CM Flores inquired if Truvada is covered as an AIDS drug.
  - Kevin noted that Truvada is covered as an AIDS drug but not as a pre-exposure prophylaxis. They are still working on the level of training enrollment workers for this and the method reimbursement for this. It is supposed to come out in the beginning of spring of next year.
- Co-Chair Hernandez inquired if the State is still going to use a contracting to manage the contract process.
  - Kevin commented that the State still has Magellan and PAI for OAHIPP as contractors. They said it would be a year give or take and there is no to a plan of what to do after that.
- Co-Chair Hernandez inquired about the Premium insurance out of pocket plan.
  - Kevin responded that it is still in place and they are supposed to expand it to private insurers. He is not sure on the timetable is for that.
  - Co-Chair Hernandez noted that he heard that when people are on SS but and reach a certain amount of income they are obligated to have an out of pocket through some of their doctors' visits.
    - Kevin responded that he doesn't know about doctor visits but for copays for medications would be an out of pocket expense.

## 9. Resource Allocation - VOTE

- The group voted on funding scenarios for Ryan white resource allocation.
- **Increased Funding: In the event of increased funding, 50% of the increase will be allocated towards Food and 50% of the increase will be allocated towards Emergency Housing.**
- **Flat Funding: If funding remains at the current level, service category resource allocation will remain level across all categories.**

- **Decreased Funding:** In the event of decreased funding, for the first 10% of reductions, allocations for services that are covered under California’s essential health benefits package will be reduced proportionately. If further reduced allocation is required, reductions will occur proportionately across all service categories.
- Kevin noted that HHS has talked about looking into bulk purchasing of Ensure or liquid nutritional supplements. Unfortunately, they do not offer bulk discounts. HHS is not set up to distribute in bulk. CHEP buys condoms in bulk with a discount which they are able to do due to their large staff.
- The group discussed that SROs often have community kitchens but they are not always clean and safe places.
- CS Cone commented that there is a chance there could be an increase in funding. If there is a decrease then it first would be applied first to those that are in the essential health benefits package.
- **VOTE: Motion passes. See column [1] for a vote breakdown.**

**10. Next Meeting Date & Agenda Items- VOTE**

*The next PLWH Advocacy Work Group meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 15, 2017, 25 Van Ness, 8<sup>th</sup> Floor Conference Room, SF CA from 3-5 pm.*

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

**11. Adjournment**

- The Meeting was adjourned at 4:34 pm by Co-Chair Hernandez.

**PLWH Advocacy Group**

**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)

**September 20, 2017**

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

1.	<b>Cesar Cadabes (Co-Chair)</b>	E	-										
2.	<b>Wade Flores</b>	P	Y										
3.	<b>Ron Hernandez (Co-Chair)</b>	P	Y										
4.	<b>Ken Pearce</b>	LoA	-										
5.	<b>Mick Robinson</b>	A	-										
6.	<b>Stacia Scherich</b>	P	Y										
7.	<b>Mike Shriver</b>	E	-										
8.	<b>Charles Siron</b>	E	-										


<b>Ayes</b>										
<b>Nayes</b>										
<b>Abstain</b>										