

HIV Community Planning Council
PLWH ADVOCACY GROUP
Wednesday, February 21, 2018
25 Van Ness, 8th floor conference room
San Francisco, CA
3:00-5:00 pm

Committee Members Present: Ron Hernandez (Co-Chair), Cassandra Roberts

Council Members Present:

Committee Members Absent: Orin Allen [A], Cesar Cadabes [A], Billie Cooper [A], Wade Flores [A], Dominique Johnson [E], Ken Pearce [E], Stacia Scherich [A], Mike Shriver [A], Charles Siron [E], Mick Robinson [A]

Others Present: Kevin Hutchcroft (HHS)

Support Staff Present: Melina Clark, Ali Cone, Dave Jordan

Minutes

1. Introductions

The meeting was called to order at 4:07 pm by Co-Chair Hernandez. Everyone introduced themselves and quorum was not established.

2. Review /Approve November 15th, 2017 DRAFT Agenda – VOTE

The November 15th 2017 DRAFT Agenda was reviewed and recommended to be approved by consensus.

3. Review /Approve September 20th 2017 DRAFT Minutes – VOTE

The September 20th 2017 DRAFT Minutes were reviewed and recommended to be approved by consensus.

4. Announcements

- None.

5. Public Comment

- None.

6. ACA Update

- Kevin Hutchcroft reported on the impact of changes to ACA on the HIV system of care:
- There are currently many efforts underway to undermine ACA.
 - A recent executive order allows for short term insurance plans that don't have to abide by ACA guidelines.
 - ACA allowed for temporary plans, but only for 3 months (such as in between jobs). This new bill would allow temporary plans to go on for a year, and have the possibility of being renewed.
 - There was also a repeal of the Independent Payment Advisory Board, which had the explicit task of achieving savings in Medicare spending without affecting quality of coverage.
 - Some states (such as Kansas, Indiana) are trying to get waivers to provide coverage for “bare bones” plans that don't meet the threshold established by ACA.

- The governor of Idaho has stated that they will forgo getting a waiver and simply ignore the law, allowing insurance providers to offer “bare bones” plans.
 - The administration has also cut off payments to insurance companies for providing coverage to low income folks.
- All of these efforts to undermine ACA will be played out in courts. Both waivers and executive orders can be reversed.
- Despite these efforts, ACA is actually more popular than it’s ever been.
 - 2.5 million new people enrolled during the enrollment period, despite the fact that President Trump cut outreach funding by 90% and cut the enrollment period in half. This represents durable support.
 - If Democrats were to gain a majority one house of congress, it will be virtually impossible to repeal ACA.

7. ADAP

- Kevin Hutchcroft reported on ADAP:
 - The major news is the addition of PrEP Assistance Program (AP). It follows the same enrollment infrastructure and eligibility criteria as ADAP. The only difference is that it’s for “HIV vulnerable” folks rather than HIV positive.

8. PrEP

- The group received a training on PrEP and its uses from Co-Chair Guzman.
 - Despite low attendance, the group decided to continue with the PrEP presentation today as planned.
- CM Roberts commented that she is glad that PLWH can be sexually active thanks to PrEP. She is looking forward to communicating relevant information about PrEP to her youth group in San Mateo.
- CS Jordan commented on consumer fear that PrEP will lead to a potential STI boom. This should be ameliorated by the fact that PrEP users are required to have an STI screening every three months as part of their CDC-mandated doctor’s visits.
 - Co-Chair Guzman added that PrEP is more effective than condoms in preventing HIV: PrEP is 99.9% effective while condoms are 80% effective.
- CM Hernandez inquired about PrEP outreach efforts directed towards sex workers and prison inmates.
 - Co-Chair Guzman responded that St. James, Glide, 6th St Harm Reduction Center and the Homeless Youth Alliance are all having conversations about PrEP with their highest risk clients.
- Co-Chair Guzman asked the Committee if they think he should bring a clinician along for a PrEP 2.0 presentation.
 - CM Hernandez suggested doing a repeat of this presentation and then bringing this up again.
- The committee decided to send out a survey to PLWH Advocacy Group members about when they should hold the next meeting. They hope this will encourage attendance.
 - Council Staff will also send out a copy of the PrEP presentation to PLWH work group members.

9. Next Meeting Date & Agenda Items- VOTE

The next PLWH Advocacy Work Group meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 21st, 2018, 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.

10. Adjournment

- The Meeting was adjourned at 4:52 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)

February 21st, 2018

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2.	Cesar Cadabes (Co-Chair)	A										
3.	Billie Cooper	A										
4.	Wade Flores	A										
5.	Ron Hernandez (Co-Chair)	P										
6.	Dominique Johnson*	E										
7.	Ken Pearce	E										
8.	Stacia Scherich	A										
9.	Mike Shriver	A										
10.	Charles Siron	E										
11.	Mick Robinson	E										
12.	Cassandra Roberts	P										

Ayes												
Nayes												

Abstain

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