

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

Committee Members Present: Cesar Cadabes (Committee Co-Chair), Billie Cooper, Ron Hernandez (Committee Co-Chair), Dominique Johnson, Ken Pearce, Mike Shriver (Council Co-Chair),

Council Members Present: Jose-Luis Guzman (Government Co-Chair)

Committee Members Absent: Orin Allen [A], Wade Flores [A], Charles Siron [LoA], Mick Robinson [LoA]

Others Present: Michael Alexander

Support Staff Present: Melina Clark, Ali Cone

Minutes

1. Introductions

The meeting was called to order at 4:07 pm by Co-Chair Hernandez. Everyone introduced themselves and quorum was established.

2. Review /Approve March 21st, 2018 DRAFT Agenda – VOTE

The March 21st 2018 DRAFT Agenda was reviewed and approved by consensus.

3. Review/Approve February 21st 2018 DRAFT Minutes- VOTE

The February 21st 2018 DRAFT Minutes were reviewed, and approved by consensus.

4. Review /Approve November 15th 2017 DRAFT Minutes – VOTE

The November 15th 2017 DRAFT Minutes were reviewed, and approved by consensus.

5. Announcements

- Co-Chair Guzman announced that he's taken a position at CBHS. He'll be leaving CHEP and role with council in April. He'll be managing programs around substance use disorders for adults and older adults.
- Co-Chair Shriver announced that the Steering Retreat will be April 13th from 10am-4pm. Anyone is welcome to attend and he encourages someone from this group to go.
- CM Johnson expressed her concern for the homeless population of SF, including those that have HIV/AIDS. She would like to meet with the mayor to discuss these issues.

6. Public Comment

- None.

7. Impact of Immigration Policies

- The group decided to table this discussion until the next meeting.

8. ACA Update

- The group decided to table this discussion until the next meeting.

9. ADAP

- The group decided to table this discussion until the next meeting.

10. PrEP

- The group received a training on PrEP and its uses from Co-Chair Guzman.
- CM Cooper inquired about STI statistics of folks who are taking PrEP.
 - Co-Chair Guzman replied: Part of taking PrEP requires STD testing every 2 months, including adherence counseling. The uptick in STIs after Prep is partially due to the fact that people are getting tested way more often, which is good news.
- Co-Chair Guzman clarified that PrEP is actually the generic name for a prophylactic intervention, but the drug itself that prevents HIV infection is called Truvada.
- Co-Chair Guzman noted an outlier case in Canada where someone who was taking PrEP was infected with HIV.
 - CM Cadabes asked if the person who got infected was partnered with someone undetectable.
 - Co-Chair Shriver responded that that partner had a very high viral load.
 - Co-Chair Guzman added that there are thousands of people taking PrEP who have not gotten HIV. There haven't been any failures locally. When PrEP is taken as prescribed, it is 99% effective in preventing HIV, while condoms are only about 80% effective.
- CM Pearce expressed concern about financial barriers folks may face in access to PrEP.
 - Co-Chair Guzman noted that the only financial problem we saw was for the Covered California Bronze plan.
 - Co-Chair Shriver added that they developed PrEP-AP specifically for folks under this plan.
- CM Pearce inquired if PrEP is accessible to folks under the age of 18.
 - Co-Chair Guzman responded that there are resources for these youth to get tested and access PrEP.
 - CM Cooper expressed concern about the possibility of youth under 18 contracting STIs, as well as the lack of parental consent required to access sexual health services.
 - Co-Chair Shriver expressed his support for youth being able to access sexual health services regardless of parental support, as a way of giving agency to individuals as well as supporting overall sexual health. He wants adolescents to be as safe and healthy as possible.
- Michael Alexander inquired if one can take prep with methadone.
 - Co-Chair Guzman responded yes, absolutely. This may even improve adherence because many people on methadone take it as part of DOT (Directly Observed Treatment).
- CM Cooper expressed concern about folks who have mental health challenges and their access to PrEP.
 - Co-Chair Guzman responded that he looks forward to bringing this conversation to the table at his new job at CBHS.
- CM Hernandez inquired if there will be a PrEP 2.0 presentation.
 - Co-Chair Guzman responded that if folks still have questions, or want to continue to conversation, he'd be happy to do a PrEP 2.0 presentation. He inquired if it would be helpful to bring a clinician in for said presentation.
 - The Committee decided to table this conversation until the next meeting, in order to gauge interest from folks who aren't present today.

11. Next Meeting Date & Agenda Items- VOTE

The next PLWH Advocacy Work Group meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 18th 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.

12. Adjournment

- The Meeting was adjourned at 4:58 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.	Orin Allen	A											
2.	Cesar Cadabes (Co-Chair)	P											
3.	Billie Cooper	P											
4.	Wade Flores	A											
5.	Ron Hernandez (Co-Chair)	P											
6.	Dominique Johnson	P											
7.	Ken Pearce	P											
8.	Mike Shriver	P											
9.	Charles Siron	L											
10.	Mick Robinson	L											
12.	Cassandra Roberts	E											

Ayes									
Nayes									
Abstain									