

HIV Community Planning Council
PLWH ADVOCACY GROUP
Wednesday, January 30, 2019
25 Van Ness, 8th floor conference room
San Francisco, CA
3:00-5:00 pm

Committee Members Present: Ron Hernandez, Ken Pearce, Mike Shriver, Charles Siron

Council Members Present:

Committee Members Absent: Orin Allen [A], Cesar Cadabes [E], Billie Cooper [A], Wade Flores [A], Dominique Johnson [E], Cassandra Roberts [E]

Others Present: Kevin Hutchcroft (HHS)

Support Staff Present: Melina Clark, Dave Jordan, Mark Molnar

Minutes

1. Introductions

The meeting was called to order at 4:07 pm by CM Shriver. Everyone introduced themselves and quorum was established.

- The group went around and discussed their reasons for being part of PLWH Advocacy group.

2. Review/Approve January 30th, 2019 Agenda – VOTE

The January 30th 2019 DRAFT Agenda was reviewed and recommended to be approved by consensus.

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

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

4. Announcements

- CM Pearce noted that it's been difficult to get this group together partially because of health issues. He recalled his own experience of health challenges related to HIV and aging. He advocated for being aware of the issues facing HIV + folks. Some folks may also not be able to attend because they are working for the greater cause of HIV.
- CM Shriver noted that Wednesday February 6th from 10am-12pm, the Board of Supervisors Budget and Finance Committee will be holding a meeting. They will be taking about re-directing funds related to Prop C. There is a critical gap in services that needs to be addressed.
- CS Jordan added that next week's Community Engagement meeting we'll be determining this year's Needs Assessment and COLA targets. He encouraged folks to attend.

5. Public Comment

- Mr. Abraham expressed frustration with the past cancelled PLWH meetings. He wants to find a way to encourage folks to attend meetings regularly. He also expressed dissatisfaction with the membership application process.
- C.J. Peoples commented that he is here to see what this group does. He's in a place in life where he's using a lot of services and wants to bring his voice to the table.

6. Future of the PLWH Work Group- VOTE

- The group discussed its perspectives on existence and purpose of the work group. There was a general consensus that the group should continue to exist— folks discussed in more details the future of the group.
- CM Pearce added that this group is not an official committee of the Council, meaning that attendance at this group doesn't go toward the attendance requirement for the Council.
- CM Hernandez commented that a lot of the information at Full Council is not accessible to everyone. Many folks don't have the education or work background to fully comprehend what goes on during the Full Council meetings. He hopes this group could be a place to dissect that information further, and make it more accessible to everyone. For him, the frequency of the meetings is less important than how many people actually come to the meetings.
- CS Jordan commented that by and large the people he spoke to, for those who weren't attending, everyone felt like it was important to have representation. A common question was how often the group should meet. Some PLWH members expressed having a PLWH group is important, but they felt like they didn't need to be there, because they felt they were represented as individuals at Full Council and committees. Others voiced that since some folks are less comfortable speaking in Full Council, this could be a place for them to share their voice. About half the people who said the group should continue also said they likely wouldn't come to the meetings.
- CS Molnar recalled when he was on the council as a member. Jack Newbie, who was the director at the time, came up with the idea of not having an official meeting- it would be a group of PLWH folks who would get together and discuss their experiences as PLWH. It was controversial, but did serve as a way to re-start the group.
- CM Shriver commented that given the COEs this year, and integration, this group could be really important for the year. If we develop a quarterly agenda, and develop recommendations based on these meetings, we could have an impact. PLWH have a policy role to play in the council's deliberations.
- CM Pearce commented that we need to have enough representation at this meeting to have a balance of perspectives and ideas. He likes the idea of including a social component to engage folks, as well as policy-driven agendas.
- CM Siron expressed support for keeping this group going. Maybe it's time for the PLWH group to introduce themselves to the board of supervisors. He supports meetings happening every 3 months and bringing food to the meetings. He wants to do as much as he can to support this group and the council.
- CM Shriver suggested having social time built into quarterly meetings-- perhaps the last half hour could be a social.
- CM Pearce asked if we can make the recommendation to Steering to have those meetings count towards attendance.
 - CS Molnar clarified that if you missed your regular committee, you could make up for this with attendance to PLWH meeting.
- **MOTION: CM Hernandez moves to have 4 meetings per year, ideally quarterly, of the PLWH group. These meetings will be 90 minutes long, topic-oriented and related to the Planning Council agenda. The PLWH group will take responsibility for agenda development and recruitment. Staff will be responsible for supporting the meeting itself. The last 30 minutes will be a social for just PLWH folks. For those who come to the meetings, they will receive a committee/meeting credit for the meeting.**
- **CM Siron seconds the motion.**

- Public Comment: Mr. Abraham voiced frustration with the motion, because it excludes long term survivors of AIDS. It is hard to only have 3 minutes for public comment. This means there are less opportunities for the public to have input at the meetings.
- **MOTION PASSES: See column (1) for vote breakdown.**
- CM Siron thanked planning council members for attending today. He volunteers his time to attend meetings while living with AIDS and speaking for his community.
- **MOTION: CM Pearce moves that quorum for PLWH group will be achieved with a minimum of 4 people in attendance.**
- **CM Siron seconds the motion.**
- **MOTION PASSES: See column (2) for vote breakdown.**

7. Elect Group Co-Chairs-VOTE

- The group nominated and elected work group Co-Chairs.
- **MOTION: CM Shriver nominates himself to be co-chair.**
- **CM Pearce seconds the nomination.**
- **MOTION PASSES: See column (3) for vote breakdown.**
- **MOTION: CM Siron nominates CM Siron to be co-chair.**
- **CM Hernandez seconds the nomination.**
- **MOTION PASSES: See column (4) for vote breakdown.**

8. Meeting Schedule- VOTE

- The group discussed meeting date, time and frequency.
- CM Shriver suggest that we have meetings in March, June and early September (post NA, pre-summit).
- CS Molnar asked Kevin Hutchcroft about the COEs. Can HHS engage with this group without conflict of interest?
 - Kevin Hutchcroft said it'd be okay.
- The group brainstormed possible ideas for the year's meetings:
 - March:
 - Possible COE discussion
 - State regarding ADAP
 - GTZs 5-year plan
 - PrEP
 - U=U
 - September:
 - Summit premiere?
- The group decided to determine their next meeting date according to a doodle poll. Council staff will be sending an email with more details.

9. Ongoing Business of the Work Group- VOTE

- The group discussed areas of focus for the PLWH work group.
 - Folks agreed that this agenda item was encompassed with dialogue from the last two items.

10. Next Meeting Date & Agenda Items- VOTE

The next PLWH Advocacy Work Group meeting is scheduled for March 2019, exact date and time TBD.

Parking Lot:
-COE, State/ADAP/PrEP, GTZ, Pre-Summit (NA, Epi)

11. Adjournment

- The Meeting was adjourned at 4:58 pm by Co-Chair Shriver.

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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.	Orin Allen	A	-	-	-	-						
2.	Cesar Cadabes (Co-Chair)	E	-	-	-	-						
3.	Billie Cooper	A	-	-	-	-						
4.	Wade Flores	LoA	-	-	-	-						
5.	Ron Hernandez (Co-Chair)	P	Y	Y	Y	Y						
6.	Dominique Johnson	A	-	-	-	-						
7.	Ken Pearce	P	Y	Y	Y	Y						
8.	Mike Shriver	P	Y	Y	Y	Y						
9.	Charles Siron	P	Y	Y	Y	Y						
10.	Cassandra Roberts	A	-	-	-	-						

Ayes												
Nays												

Abstain

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