Minutes

1. **Introductions**
   The meeting was called to order at 3:09pm by Co-Chair Guzman. Everyone introduced themselves and quorum was established.

2. **Review/Approve July 20th, 2017 DRAFT Agenda – VOTE**
   The July 20th 2017 DRAFT Agenda was reviewed and approved by consensus.

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

4. **Announcements**
   - None.

5. **Public Comment**
   - None.

6. **CHEP and HIV Health Services Update**
   - Co-Chair Goodwin reported:
     - We got our Part A award, there was a $25,000 reduction for our EMA. It would have been a $100,000 cut but we had $73,000 left unspent from carry forward last year which was rolled over.
     - The site visit in June was cancelled. It looks like they will reschedule for a visit in October.
     - There are a couple Quality Management trainings coming up.
     - The State Office of Aids Ryan White Part B is having a conference in Los Angeles from August 28th-30th. This will be during the August Full Council meeting, so many Council members will not be there.
     - We submitted the 75% core services waiver.

   - Co-Chair Guzman reported:
     - We got our FOA from the CDC, it is a joint funding announcement for prevention and surveillance.
     - We’ve brought back the Harm Reduction Training Institute. We will be offering harm reduction trainings to DPH and DPH-funded agencies and staff. There will be two trainings in August:
- Harm Reduction Overview: 08/7/17 from 9:00-5:00 at 25 Van Ness on the 6th floor.
- Trauma and Substance Use: 8/21/17 from 8:30-4:30 at 25 Van Ness on the 6th floor.

- CM Harkin noted at the provider meeting, Tracey mentioned that prevention was taking a 1 million dollar hit.
  - Co-Chair Guzman stated that the group will discuss this more in the presentation, but there will be 1 to 1.5 million cut spread between prevention and surveillance.

7. Committee and Work Group Reports- VOTE

- Community Engagement Committee Update:
  - CS Stumm reported:
    - The group received an HCAP report. Bill Hirsch reported that Gina Gemello is stepping down from her role as staff attorney. Jeremy Tsuchitani-Watson will be taking over full time starting in August.
    - The group discussed the potential of doing the former and current sex worker COLA with both HIV positive and negative participants.

- Council Affairs Update:
  - CM Bowman reported:
    - CM Geltmaker announced to the group that the CDC’s FOA did not mention San Mateo and Marin as part of San Francisco. He is concerned that if San Mateo and Marin go back to Sacramento there will be less funding due to the admin fee. He wanted the Council to be aware of this issue and to advocate to keep San Mateo and Marin part of San Francisco.
    - The group went through the FOA presentation. The original presentation had 3 parts which was confusing, so we decided to make it two different presentations. The 5 year prevention plan discussion will occur after the Summit.

- Membership Committee Update
  - CM Bargetto reported:
    - The group reviewed the demographic report, nothing has changed since last month. There is still a need to bring more consumers onboard.
    - We interviewed an applicant and he is an African American consumer. He was recommended by the committee and the Full Council will vote on his membership at the next meeting. We also reviewed an application of another unaligned consumer who the group will interview next month.
    - CM Flores noted that she knows someone who would fit into the youth category who is interested in joining the Council.
    - The group discussed thanks and recognition. There will be recognition from the Co-Chairs at the point of renewal and resigning Council members will receive a letter from the Mayor and Co-Chairs.
    - CM Pearce noted that he is asking to going on a leave of absence for the next four months.

- PLWH Advocacy Work Group
  - CS Molnar reported:
    - The group discussed potentially changing the meeting time of the group and becoming a home committee to aid with unaligned consumer recruitment and retention. The group decided to keep the meeting time as is, and to not have the group be a standing committee, due to the potential of losing consumer voices at existing home committees.
    - The group received an ADAP update and reviewed the merge evaluation. The question “How is the Council involving PLWH voices and how we can do better?” will be added to the merge evaluation discussion.
    - The group will meet in September to review resource allocation scenarios.
- CM Pearce commented that he mentioned the AEF HIPP program to his support group and people were not aware. Two members were able to apply and get funding. He noted that the word about the program needs to continue to go out.
- A member of the public suggested a COLA for long term survivor seniors who were diagnosed before protease inhibitors.

- Needs Assessment Work Group
  - CS Jordan reported:
    - There has been a lot of movement in the last two weeks. One focus group took place at the Kinney yesterday, another Kinney focus group will take place next week in the stabilization program. He has scheduled a focus group with Larkin at ACAC, one with San Mateo and is working to schedule one in Marin. There is ongoing drop-in at Lutheran and Shanti.
    - The next workgroup meeting will be on August 15th at 11am. The group will go over the results and come up with recommendations.
    - Co-Chair Walubengo noted that the needs assessment is a great way to advertise the Council.
      - CS Jordan noted that he is always on the lookout for potential council members during the needs assessments and COLAs.
    - The group discussed that the Council has never had a member younger than 18.

8. Meeting Evaluation
   - CS Stumm reported on the May Full Council meeting evaluations.
   - The overall rating was a 9.1. Most of the comments were around Shelley Facente’s merge evaluation report. Members were excited to continue the conversation in small groups.

9. CDC FOA Presentation Review - VOTE
   - The group reviewed updates on a presentation to the HCPC.
   - CM Harkin requested that harm reduction should be specifically addressed in comprehensive prevention services with PLWH.
     - Co-Chair Guzman noted the harm reduction falls under the risk reduction umbrella.
   - CM Harkin commented that it is important to note that most of the syringe access partners also work with people who smoke drugs. There are crack kits provided at syringe access sites. When we have fentanyl/crack overdoses the word is spread through needle exchanges. At needle exchanges the main focus is syringe access but many poly drug users access those sites. Non-injection and injection drug use are both drivers of HIV.
     - Co-Chair Guzman noted that this part of the presentation is only addressing what is currently being funded, not future plans.
   - CS Molnar requested that the presentation list drivers.
   - CM Harkin noted that cluster analysis is molecular data, when you test positive your RNA is kept which some jurisdictions were fearful that it could lead to targeted criminalization. He noted that this is rare is our EMA, but laws in other jurisdictions are more severe. He noted that another concern was that people won’t test because their molecular data will be stored.
     - Co-Chair Guzman noted that clusters are very rare for the Bay Area, most likely due to the high level of tourism. Molecular surveillance is not much different than partner services, which the CDC has done for a long time.
     - CM Gonzalez noted that there is concern that molecular data can be used against individuals based on their immigration status. The Council should have a deeper conversation about how to support HIV positive immigrants in other states. This could potentially affect folks re-engaging in care or testing.
CM Thomas commented that San Francisco and CA have a number of HIV anti-criminalization laws on the ground. It is worth thinking about what San Francisco can do in the larger context rather than how many HIV tests we get.

Co-Chair Cabangun suggested putting together a statement in support of other jurisdictions to address cluster analysis.

The group discussed that social network testing and partner services is not a new concept and has never gone away.

CM Bowman inquired if you opt out of something, would you receive less funding.

Co-Chair Guzman noted that he is unsure that we have asked that question. You have to show justification for why you are opting out of something.

CM Thomas inquired about what the main contenders are for the demo projects.

Co-Chair Guzman responded that health disparities are at the top of the list (by race, housing status, substance use). We are still in the formative stages, we want to use this demo project to address health disparities we see in the community. We will present this further in August when we ask for the letter of support.

CM Thomas asked if the Council should be weighing in now, in terms of demo project priorities.

Co-Chair Guzman noted that he will address this at the end of the presentation.

CM Pearce inquired if the decrease in prevention funding factors in losing San Mateo and Marin.

Co-Chair Guzman responded that yes, this has been factored into the loss. Every jurisdiction except Los Angeles received a cut.

CM Bowman inquired if traditionally funding cuts have been closer to the floor or ceiling.

Co-Chair Guzman responded that cuts have been historically awarded close to the ceiling. No one knew what the funding levels were, the department is still in shock. We’ve had step down decreases every year and have been backfilled by the city. The CDC has changed their funding formula this year which is based on the number of people living with diagnosed HIV whose most recent address was in SF as of 2014.

CM Thomas noted that the change in formula is ironic because people used to be counted where they were diagnosed and now people are moving out of the city because of the housing crisis.

CM Pearce requested numbers from the old formula v. new formula.

The group discussed bringing this conversation to committees to get feedback on the FOA.

The group reviewed the discussion questions: (1) What has been effective in preventing HIV in the last 6 years and (2) What are some gaps or areas of improvement that DPH should be looking at?

CM Shriver suggested framing the questions with data in terms of effective prevention. Data around where the disparities are happening.

CM Thomas noted that having the council talk about what has been effective is not as useful as looking at the data to address disparities.

CM Gonzalez suggested that the discussion questions be more palatable for all Council members. How should we frame this to make it more digestible?

10. HCPC Meeting Agenda- VOTE

The Committee reviewed the agenda for the July 24th Full Council meeting.

The group added the Membership update to the agenda.

Next month: Letter of concurrence and letter of support and will have the HAPN presentation.

The group discussed that the merge evaluation will occur at the committee level.

11. Next Meeting Dates & Agenda Items- VOTE
• The next Steering Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Thursday August 17th 2017 at 25 Van Ness 8th floor Conference Room from 3:00-5:00 pm.

12. Adjournment
The meeting was adjourned at 4:58 pm by Co-Chair Cabangun.

Steering Committee
HIV Community Planning Council
Roll Call: P=Present; A=Absent; E=Excused; L=Leave of Absence
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