

HIV Community Planning Council

STEERING COMMITTEE

Thursday, August 19th, 2021

Zoom Meeting

3:00-4:30 pm

Committee Members Present: Chuck Adams (Co-Chair), Thomas Knoble (Gov't Co-Chair), Irma Parada (Co-Chair), Richard Sullivan (Co-Chair), Derrick Mapp (Co-Chair), David Gonzalez (Co-Chair), Ken Pearce, Elaine Flores

Committee Members Absent: Mike Shriver [A], Charles Siron [A], Ceasar Cadabes [A], Paul Harkin [A], Kevin Hutchcroft (E)

Others Present: None.

Support Staff Present: Kira Perez Angeles, Mark Molnar

Minutes

1. Introductions

The meeting was called to order at 3:05 pm by CM Gonzalez. Everyone introduced themselves and quorum was established.

2. Review/Approve August 19th 2021 DRAFT Agenda – VOTE

The August 19th 2021 DRAFT Agenda was reviewed and approved by consensus.

3. Review/Approve July 22nd 2021 DRAFT Minutes – VOTE

The July 22nd 2021 DRAFT Minutes were reviewed and approved by consensus.

4. Announcements

- CS Molnar updated that Summit will take place during the regularly scheduled September meeting, which will be 2 & ½ hours with no needs assessment presentation. The needs assessment presentation will be tentatively moved to be presented in January.
- CM Adams updated that with everything going on with the RCFCI's, there would be 10 folks that would essentially be out on the streets, but with much discussion Stephen Spano was able to get all 10 of those folks on vouchers now. From the changes occurring, they don't expect to have anyone out on the street.

5. Public Comment

- None.

6. CHEP and HHS Updates - VOTE

- CHEP Update – CM Knoble
 - Cancelled this month's training for HIV counselors due to delta variant covid case surge. Due to covid, number of staff have been out. Booster shot expected to keep them busy in terms of planning and preparing. In regards to covid work, the department is no longer doing contact tracing and covid work in the same capacity as it previously was.
 - CHILI is now working with a company that is a community-health initiative with some of the ending the epidemic funds and an updated is expected to come back to the full council in the near future.
 - Question from CM Mapp – Are there thoughts for an on-going response team at DPH?

- CM Knoble answered that there has been approximately 10 million dollars put out to the community for COVID work for the next 12 months.
 - Question from CM Pearce – Are we still doing contact tracing for the delta variant?
 - CM Knoble answered no because they are moving their efforts to getting folks vaccinated. They are working with programs to make sure if people do test positive they have food and a place to stay in order to lessen the spread. Right to Recovery (RR) Funds in order to help people stay home and not travel for work and can be accessed by undocumented folks.
- HHS Update – CM Blum
 - CM Blum updated the group on access to the booster, qualifications, and guidance as to how to get the third booster. They self-attest to it and anyone who self-attests can essentially get the booster. In 3 months, everyone should begin getting the third booster.
 - CS Molnar informs the group that he can send out the official guidance from DPH but no other guidance has been officially put out so he cannot send anything else out.
 - CM Mapp asks about what the resolution is?
 - CS Molnar states that he will send out the letter that DPH has sent out and encourages CM Pearce to send out any information he may want to share regarding the availability of the third dose.

7. Committee and Work Group Reports – VOTE

- Community Engagement Committee Update – CM Sullivan
 - Stephen Spano is working on drafting a letter of support for the issues with the transitional care facilities. Spano updated the group during this meeting about how subsidies need to be clearly defined and the progression of these issues. Needs Assessment has begun with outreach to service providers and gifts cards having been purchased. Possible secondary COLA populations were discussed, among those were substance abuse, but the group is waiting on Laura Thomas for more input. Housing COLA will focus on LSS related services with a substance-use component.
- Council Affairs Committee Update - CM Gonzalez
 - CM Gonzalez updated the group that during this meeting they went over Carry Forward allocation which everyone will be voting on today. A request from one of the council members to get an update as to what sort of police work is happening right now with DPH.
 - CM Adams added on that they also reviewed the ARIES presentation.
- Membership Committee Update – CS Molnar
 - Group went over demographic report, discussed a notice of attendance to be sent to CM Knoble, and discussed a letter of probation to be sent to CM Allen. CM Sutter resigned and the Carry Forward Allocation recommendations were reviewed. Decided to put in-person meetings on hold.
- Work Groups Update (PLWH) – *did not meet*
- Return to In-Person Meetings Update
 - Put in-person meeting discussion on hold for now.

8. Carry-Forward Allocation – VOTE

- Recommendation for the total Carry Forward funds of \$252,004 to be used for Emergency Financial Assistance Grants with a specific allocation to seniors and the remaining portion going to Client Incentive Vouchers.
- Question from CM Pearce- What is the status of the vouchers that we currently have?
 - CS Molnar replied that he will make sure to note that and have an answer by the next meeting.

Motion: To accept the HHS recommendations as written. Passed by consensus, see column (1) for breakdown.

9. Letter to DPH – VOTE

- CS Molnar highlighted the issues with RCFCIs and how most have been addressed and solved, but the issues is that this happened from the first place. CS Molnar shared the letter that was drafted.
- Question from Pearce – what is the summary of the letter?
 - CS Molnar answered that the letter addresses the issues with RCFCIs in terms of honoring best practices and making sure that no clients would be left homeless or placed in an inappropriate house.
- All agreed to have CM Gonzalez and CM Parada sign off and send to appropriate folks to have them view the letter.

10. Meeting Evaluation

- CS Molnar reviewed the June full council meeting evaluation. Meeting ran efficiently and rated an overall 9.6 out of 10.
- Evaluations highlighted the need for a break and the meeting rated a 9.8 out of 10.

11. Full Council Agenda

- CS Molnar reviews FC agenda for August 23rd and presentations for that meeting.
 - CS Molnar mentioned that we can allot more time for discussion on booster shots where he can move his HRSA presentation to the beginning of summit.
 - CM Pearce highlighted the booster shot process and qualifications. Process for this shot is looking similar to the beginning of the rollout for the first vaccine, not as orderly or easily accessible.
 - Question from CM Flores – Is everyone supposed to get the booster shot?
 - CM Pearce let the group know that the president announced that everyone is to get the booster and it is recommended/ helpful.
 - Question from CM Knoble – what are our options in terms of how to spread this information?
 - CM Gonzalez answered that the avenue Kaiser is taking is prioritizing folks with a compromised immune system and folks with high viral loads. Staff has been increased in order to address appointments for a third booster.
 - CM Pearce highlights that folks who don't meet the Kaiser prioritization should be given information about where else to get the booster.

12. Next Meeting Dates & Agenda Items

The date of the next Steering Committee meeting is scheduled for September 23rd 2021 from 3:00-4:30 pm via Zoom. The group will discuss moving this meeting to September 23rd 2021.

13. Adjournment

- The meeting was adjourned at 4:29 pm by CM Gonzalez.

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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)

Date: August 19, 2021	[roll]	[1]	[2]	[3]	[4]	[5]	[6]	[7]	[8]
1. Chuck Adams (CA)	P	Y							
2. Cesar Cadabes (Membership)	A	-							
3. Elaine Flores (Membership)	P	Y							
4. David Gonzalez (CA) (At-Large)	P	Y							
5. Kevin Hutchcroft(Council Co-Chair)/Thomas Knobbe (Council Co-Chair)	E/P	-/B							
6. Paul Harkin (At-Large)	A	-							
7. Derrick Mapp (CE)	P	Y							
8. Irma Parada (Council Co-Chair)	P	Y							
9. Ken Pearce (At-Large)	P	Y							
10. Mike Shriver (Council Co-Chair)	A	-							
11. Charles Siron (At-Large)	A	-							
12. Richard Sullivan (CE)	P	Y							
Juba Kalamka	A	-							
Bill Blum	P	Y							
Ayes		8							
Nayes									
Abstentions		1							
Total		9							