

# HIV Community Planning Council

## STEERING COMMITTEE

Thursday, March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2022

Zoom Meeting

3:00-4:00 pm

**Committee Members Present:** David Gonzalez, Richard Sullivan, Ken Pearce, Thomas Knoble, Chuck Adams, Irma Parada

**Committee Members Absent:** Mike Shriver [E], Cesar Cadabes [E], Elaine Flores [E], Kevin Hutchcroft [E], Derrick Mapp [A], Paul Harkin [A]

**Others Present:** Bill Hirsh, Bill Blum

**Support Staff Present:** Kira Perez Angeles, Mark Molnar, Melina Clark, David Jordan

### *Minutes*

#### **1. Introductions**

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

#### **2. Review/Approve March 17<sup>th</sup> 2022 DRAFT Agenda – VOTE**

The March 17<sup>th</sup> 2022 DRAFT Agenda was reviewed and approved by consensus.

#### **3. Review/Approve February 17<sup>th</sup> 2021 DRAFT Minutes – VOTE**

The February 17<sup>th</sup> 2021 DRAFT Minutes were reviewed and approved by consensus.

#### **4. Announcements**

- CS Clark reminded everyone to submit their 700 forms.
- CS Molnar reminded everyone to send their proof of vaccination.

#### **5. Public Comment**

- Bill Hirsh let everyone know about a rally on the 21<sup>st</sup> trying to focus on people in the system of HIV care.

#### **6. CHEP and HHS Updates - VOTE**

- CHEP Update – CM Knoble
  - The mask mandate shifted significantly last week where masks are now reduced and proof of vaccination is no longer required.
  - They are still having folks activated so they are a bit spread thin currently.
- HHS Update – CM Blum
  - During Full Council, he will discuss what is happening with COVID-19 locally and funding surrounding that. There will be an in-depth talk about this during full council.

#### **7. Committee and Work Group Reports – VOTE**

- Community Engagement Committee Update – CM Sullivan
  - CM Sullivan informed everyone that during this meeting, they had two guests come and speak about issues they feel have not been addressed. There will be a motion next month to vote on this issue. CS Clark presented on the findings from the community forum, highlight lack of access to technology, feelings of isolation, and technology being hard to understand sometimes.

- Council Affairs Committee Update - CM Adams
  - CM Adams updated the group that they thoroughly discussed in-person meetings and the HCAP report.
- Membership Committee Update – CS Molnar
  - CS Molnar updated the group about folks leaving the council and reviewed one exit interview. They discussed the low numbers of recruitment, ultimately noting how this is a shared responsibility for everyone to recruit members.
- Work Groups Update (PLWH) – *did not meet*
  - CS Molnar lets everyone know that there will be a tie and date scheduled for this group to meet and who shows up, shows up and that will be indicative of whether this group should continue or not.
- Return to In-Person Meetings Update
  - CS Molnar informed everyone that membership agreed to return to in-person meetings, while Council Affairs has not decided yet. 25 Van Ness is a DPH building so the mask mandate does not apply, meaning that council members and folks will have to wear masks. Next month will be the first in-person Steering meeting. CS Molnar asks the question to the group whether they want to have food or not?
    - CM Pearce asks where did the idea of a 2-hour meeting come from?
      - a. CS Molnar answers that he proposes this idea due to the lack or inclusion of food.
    - CM Sullivan suggests starting out with a 2-hour meeting and getting folks back used to the idea of dinner.
      - a. CM Gonzalez and CM Parada seconds this idea. CM Parada highlights the issue of reduced transportation so taking a 2-hour meeting might be a good idea to consider as well as including other voices.
    - CM Blum shared that what they would do is offering to-go meals for folks.
      - a. CM Pearce thinks this is a good idea but mentions that there might be a loss if we try to cram things in.
    - CM Knoble suggests setting an expectation of a 3 hour meeting and hoping to keep it shorter.
      - a. CS Molnar clarifies that they won't lose the money if they do not use it and says that box lunches are doable.
    - CS Jordan asks if there are people who haven't been part of this conversation and should we agendaize time in Full Council for this topic. He notes that Europe is currently having to deal with a new strain, so we should keep in mind that in-person might be temporary.
  - The group decided that to-go meals would be best and CS Molnar will send out a doodle for folks to vote on whether they would like a 2 hr, 2.5 hr, or 3 hr meeting.

## 8. Budget Advocacy – VOTE

- Bill Hirsh reviews the HAPN document and the items on the list:
  - Backfilling any federal cuts to HIV services
  - 3% cost of doing business increase
  - Ask of \$2-\$3 million dollars for the HIV Safety prevention net
  - Ask of
  - Ask of \$1,000,000 to address LTS mental health concerns
  - Ask of \$1,000,000 to increase programs especially for a more intense case management program
  - Ask of \$1-\$2 million to support that launch of overdose prevention services

**Motion: CM Sullivan motioned to support this document.**

**Second: CM Adams seconded.**

**9. Membership Update**

- CS Clark shared with the group the demographic report where she highlights in which areas the council is under in. She notes the recent departures of members and whether they are service providers, consumers, or government appointees.
  - CM Sullivan asks what an unaffiliated consumer means?
    - CS Clark explained that you are someone living with HIV utilizing services and not affiliated with an organization that is receiving funds from Ryan White.
  - CM Parada asks what folks think is the reason as to why recruitment is so hard?
    - CS Clark explains that engaging with the community would usually come from conducting Needs Assessment/ COLA and since the pandemic began, that has been difficult. All networking has really reduced in the last couple of years.
    - CS Jordan adds that many of the people that they would normally be recruiting from have been slammed with work. Youth has always been a challenge and they usually settle for service provider youth to fill that category.

**10. Full Council Agenda**

- CS Molnar reviewed the Full Council agenda for March 28<sup>th</sup>.

**11. Next Meeting Dates & Agenda Items**

*The date of the next Steering Committee meeting is scheduled for April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2022 from 3:00-4:30 pm at 25 Van Ness.*

**12. Adjournment**

- The meeting was adjourned at 4:35 pm by CM Parada.

**Steering Committee**

**HIV Community Planning Council**

Roll Call: **P**=Present; **A**=Absent; **E**=Excused; **L**=Leave of Absence

Votes: **Y**=Yes; **N**=No; **B**=Abstain; **R**=Recused (deduct from quorum)

<b>Date: March 17, 2022</b>	[roll]	[1]	[2]	[3]	[4]	[5]	[6]	[7]	[8]
1. Chuck Adams (CA)	P	Y							
2. Cesar Cadabes (Membership)	E	-							
3. Elaine Flores (Membership)	E	-							
4. David Gonzalez (CA) (At-Large)	P	Y							
5. Kevin Hutchcroft(Council Co-Chair)/Thomas Knoble (Council Co-Chair)	E/P	-/B							
6. Paul Harkin (At-Large)	A	-							
7. Derrick Mapp (CE)	A	-							

8. Irma Parada (Council Co-Chair)	P	Y							
9. Ken Pearce (At-Large)	P	Y							
10. Richard Sullivan (CE)	P	Y							
Ayes									
Nays									
Abstentions									
Total									