

HIV Community Planning Council

STEERING COMMITTEE

Thursday, March 19th, 2026

Zoom

3:00-4:30 pm

Committee Members Present: Chuck Adams, Bill Blum, Ron Hernandez, Lee Jewell, Thomas Knoble, Irma Parada

Committee Members Absent: Anna Branzuela [A], Zachary Davenport [LOA], Elaine Flores [A], Derrick Mapp [A]

Others Present: John Aynsley, Natalie Basha

Support Staff Present: Mark Molnar, Kira Perez, Kat Téllez

Minutes

1. Introductions

The meeting was called to order at 3:03 pm by CM Knoble. Everyone introduced themselves and quorum was established.

2. Review/Approve March 19th, 2026 DRAFT Agendas – VOTE

The March 19th, 2026 DRAFT Agendas were reviewed and approved by consensus.

3. Review/Approve February 19th, 2026 DRAFT Minutes – VOTE

The February 19th, 2026 DRAFT Minutes were reviewed and approved by consensus.

4. Announcements

- None.

5. Public Comment

- None.

6. Committee and Work Group Reports – VOTE

- Community Engagement Committee Update –
 - CS Perez updated the group that the Committee reviewed the HCAP update from Stephen Spano. The Committee also discussed a potential COLA target and will vote on it at next month's meeting. Additionally, the Committee reviewed the draft COLA 2025 presentation.
- Council Affairs Committee Update –
 - CM Adams updated the group that the Committee reviewed two presentations, the annual HCAP Report from Stephen Spano and the COLA 2025 presentation from CS Perez.
- Membership Committee Update –
 - CM Hernandez updated the group that the Committee reviewed an application and will be doing an in-person interview at next month's meeting, pending the applicant attending this month's Full Council meeting. CM Hernandez also stated that CM Sullivan will be stepping down from his role as Council Co-Chair and there will be a co-chair election at this month's Full Council meeting. He noted that this co-chair seat is specifically for HIV+ consumers of services.

- ◆ CM Knoble asked if the co-chair position necessitates an unaligned HIV+ consumer of services?
 - a. CS Molnar stated the by-laws and job description do not specify, so they do not need to be unaligned.

1. Meeting Evaluation

- CS Perez shares the results from the last Full Council meeting, and the average rating was 9.6.

2. Funding Scenarios – VOTE

- CS Molnar shared the HIV Health Services (HHS) request regarding allocation of potential reduction to HIV General Fund (GF) for community-based organizations (CBOs). He noted that HHS is requesting HCPC input in the event of a reduction of HIV GF for CBOs for the upcoming fiscal year starting July 1, 2026 by voting whether these cuts should be allocated proportionately across both Ryan White Part A (RWPA) and GF funded programs or just those that are GF funded. He reviewed additional background information about the proposed allocation.
- CM Blum added that “The One, Big, Beautiful Bill” healthcare reform has created issues with the local, GF budget and, although the local budget is growing, it is not growing fast enough to meet the ongoing current budget in place. The mayor is directing all departments in the City and County of San Francisco for cuts. CM Blum noted that HHS would like guidance from the HCPC on how to apply the potential cuts, adding that the Council typically advises on RWPA funds and HHS would like them to weigh in on GF. He reviews the two options proposed and the Committee discussed them.
- CS Molnar shared the HHS 2026 Reduction Estimates of what the potential cuts would look like for both scenarios and John Aynsley provided further clarification.
 - CM Jewell asked if these scenarios are part of the HRSA reallocation of Ryan White funds?
 - ◆ CM Blum said this is not being driven by the new formula change. It is addressing the local cuts to General Funds.
 - CM Hernandez asked if Ryan White is payer of last resort, why are we going to burden it by dividing it up and sharing the burden?
 - ◆ CM Blum provided further information about the history of cuts to Ryan White funds being backfilled with GF dollars.
 - a. CS Molnar provided further clarification.

Motion: CM Jewell moves to respond to potential General Fund reductions by proportionally reducing both General Fund and Ryan White Part A service categories.

Second: CM Parada seconds this motion.

Motion passes through a roll call vote, refer to column (3).

3. Full Council Agenda

- CS Perez shares and reviews the Full Council agenda for March 23rd, 2026.

4. Next Meeting Dates & Agenda Items – VOTE

The date of the next Steering Committee meeting is scheduled for April 16th, 2026 from 3:00 – 4:30 pm via Zoom.

5. Adjournment

- The meeting was adjourned at 4:11 pm by CM Knoble.

Steering Committee

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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: March 19, 2026	[roll]	[1]	[2]	[3]	[4]	[5]	[6]	[7]	[8]
1. Chuck Adams (CA Co-Chair)	P	Y	Y	Y					
2. Bill Blum	P								
3. Anna Branzuela (CA Co-Chair)	A	-	-	-					
4. Zachary Davenport (Council Co-Chair)	LOA	-	-	-					
5. Elaine Flores (Mem Co-Chair)	A	-	-	-					
6. Ron Hernandez (Mem Co-Chair)	P	Y	Y	Y					
7. Lee Jewell (CE Co-Chair)	P	Y	Y	Y					
8. Thomas Knoble (Council Co-Chair)	P	Y	Y	B					
9. Derrick Mapp (CE Co-Chair)	A	-	-	-					
10. Irma Parada (Council Co-Chair)	P	Y	Y	Y					
Ayes		5	5	4					
Nays		0	0	0					
Abstentions		0	0	1					
Recusals		0	0	0					
Total		5	5	5					