

HIV Community Planning Council
HOMELESS WORK GROUP
Tuesday, March 5th, 2019
25 Van Ness, 8th floor conference room
San Francisco, CA
12:30-2:30 pm

Committee Members Present: Margot Antonetty, Bill Blum, Dean Goodwin, Paul Harkin, Mike Discepola, Irma Parada, Darpun Sachdev, Charles Siron

Council Members Present:

Committee Members Absent:

Others Present: Courtney Mulhern-Pearson

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

Minutes

1. Introductions

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

2. Review/Approve March 5th, 2019 Agenda – VOTE

The March 5th 2019 DRAFT Agenda was reviewed and recommended to be approved by consensus.

- CM Antonetty suggested electing Co-Chairs after discussing the scope of work and timeline, and asked if CS Molnar would facilitate the meeting until then.
 - CS Molnar agreed to facilitate until the Co-Chairs are elected.

3. Announcements

- None.

4. Public Comment

- None.

5. Scope of Work

- CS Molnar gave some background on the history and scope of the group.
 - CM Goodwin added that we should look at this group as two-fold: first we can look at pieces of information and what our charge should be, then bring that to the council as an update, followed by a deeper dive afterwards.
- CS Molnar reviewed the motion from Steering:
 - *CM Bowman moves to form a workgroup around disparities and the homeless population and HIV.*
 - CM Discepola spoke to what precipitated the motion. The viral suppression rate for people on the street is low. It seems there are barriers from a city policy perspective. This workgroup is about brainstorming what we want to talk about, get more information about and what things do we want to make statements to DPH about.
- The group brainstormed ideas for what they'd like to accomplish here.
- CS Molnar reiterated a rough outline from the group:

- Identify specific challenges the target population is facing
- Brainstorm and discuss possible solutions
- Put all of that into a set of policy recommendations that would go to full council for review. That would then go to the powers that be, or perhaps form another work group.
- CM Discepola added that he would like to support the good progress that the city has made. What are things that make people vulnerable to homelessness?
- CS Molnar noted that we should talk about membership of the group. Work groups are flexible in that they can include non-council members. The group needs to establish membership in order to determine quorum for future meetings. Members of the public are always welcome to attend any meeting, and co-chairs can determine their level of engagement. They would not be a voting member but they can give their own thoughts and recommendations.
 - CS Molnar asked folks who would like to be a part of this group in order to develop the roster. He will also reach out to folks who responded to the doodle.

6. Timeline

- The group discussed a possible timeline.
- CS Molnar noted that the timeline is a two-part process. First would be identifying the challenges that are within the Council's scope of work to address. Next would be to evaluate how we can support the decrease of those challenges through a policy statement.
- CM Siron noted that this group could start with the minimum amount, and then extend if needed.
 - The group decided to have 5 additional meetings for a total of 6 months. More meetings can be scheduled as needed. The meetings will happen once per month.
- CM Discepola asked about council staff's bandwidth and commitment to the group.
 - CS Molnar noted that council staff can do organizational and logistical tasks, and do minor reaching out to folks for information. They unfortunately do not have the bandwidth for literature searches.
- CM Sachdev noted that we should consider what is realistic for us to accomplish in this timeline. What can we change now in the programs we fund? It could be good to focus on that for 5 months and think about implementation challenges, etc... With Project OPT-IN, issues that come up are workforce, cultural competency, staffing, locations for belongings, etc... Those issues make it harder for us to serve this population.
- Courtney advocated for having clear parameters for the scope of work. How will this group interact with other homeless working groups around the city?
 - CM Antonetty noted that this group is coming from the HIV component.
 - CM Parada added that there's a workgroup through the Mission Station where the homeless coalition is present.
- CS Molnar asked if the scope of work will be about recommendations for policy changes, or rather about things we currently have purview over? Or both?
- CM Discepola noted that the original intent would be to apply political pressure on the city, to highlight some of the ways in which policy (e.g.) sweeps are destabilizing the population, including those who have or are at risk for HIV. There are other options such as sanctioned encampments, that the city has not talked about at all. There won't be adequate housing for years.
- CM Goodwin suggested making a list of topics to discuss at the next meeting. 5 meetings will go by very fast.
- CM Antonetty noted it could be helpful to have a mission statement or goal.
- The group narrowed down a topic list for future meetings.
 - Lockers/storage
 - Sweeps/sanctioned encampment models

- Health access points
- Barriers to care, focusing on mental health and substance use
- Barriers to meds
- CM Goodwin suggested: the goal will be to look at addressing disparities around viral load suppression, as well as contributing issues like barriers to medication, loosing medication (lockers), police sweeps, points of access, etc...
- Courtney suggested that the goal be to improve health outcomes for people living with or at risk for HIV.
- The group decided that the mission of the group will be to *improve health outcomes for homeless and marginally housed individuals living with or at risk for contracting HIV*. The goal of the work group is to *address disparities, maintenance of care, and viral suppression rates*.

7. Co-Chair Election-VOTE

- The group nominated and elected work group Co-Chairs.
- **MOTION: To approve the nominations of CM Discepola, CM Harkin and CM Sachdev as Co-Chairs of this Committee.**
 - CM Discepola nominates CM Harkin as Co-Chair. CM Harkin accepts the nomination.
 - CM Siron seconds the nomination.
 - CM Harkin nominates CM Discepola as Co-Chair. CM Discepola accepts the nomination.
 - CM Goodwin seconds the nomination.
 - CM Harkin nominates CM Sachdev as Co-Chair. CM Sachdev accepts the nomination.
 - CM Parada seconds the nomination.
- **MOTION PASSES.**

8. Next Meeting Date & Agenda Items- VOTE

The next PLWH Advocacy Work Group meeting is TBD.

- The group came up with two options.
 - 1st Tuesday 3-5pm.
 - 1st Monday 1-3pm.
 - Between now and the next meeting, the co-chairs and council staff will narrow down an exact date.

9. 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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| 2. | Bill Blum | P | | | | | | | | | |

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| 3. | Mike Discepola | P | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 4. | Dean Goodwin | P | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 4. | Paul Harkin | P | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 5. | Irma Parada | P | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 6. | Darpun Sachdev | P | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 7. | Charles Siron | P | | | | | | | | | | | |
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