



HIV HEALTH SERVICES PLANNING COUNCIL

FULL COUNCIL MEETING

San Francisco AIDS Foundation

1035 Market Street, 3rd Floor

San Francisco, CA

Monday, April 25, 2016

4:30 - 7:30 PM

HIV Health Services Planning Council Members Present: Chuck Adams, Billie Cooper, Elaine Flores, Wade Flores, Timothy Foster, Cicily Emerson, Matt Geltmaker, Ron Hernandez, Bruce Ito, Lee Jewell, Matthew Miller, Mick Robinson, Ken Pearce, Stacia Scherich, Don Soto, Chip Supanich (Co-Chair), Eric Sutter (Co-Chair) Linda Walubengo (Co-Chair)

Members Absent: Margot Antonetty [A], Liz Hall [E], Carol Hudson [E], Cathy Newell [E: Proxy Matt Geltmaker], Charles Siron [E: Proxy Chip Supanich], Channing-Celeste Wayne [A]

Others Present: Joe Ramirez Forcier, Gina Gemello, Walter Gomez, Dean Goodwin, Bill Hirsch, Ken Hornby, Kevin Hutchcroft, Kevin Lee, Beth Neary, Amanda Newstetter, Susan Scheer, Octavio Vallejo

Support Staff Present: Ali Cone, Dave Jordan, Mark Molnar, Liz Stumm

Minutes

1. Call to Order and Roll Call. Introduction of Members of the Public.

The meeting was called to order at 4:37 pm by Co-Chair Sutter. Roll was called and quorum was established.

2. Review and Approve April 28th, 2016 DRAFT Agenda – VOTE

The April 28th, 2016 DRAFT Agenda was reviewed and approved by consensus.

3. Review and Approve February 22nd 2016 DRAFT Minutes – VOTE

The Feb 22nd 2016 DRAFT Minutes were reviewed and approved by consensus.

4. Announcements

- CM Geltmaker noted that the California Planning Group had a meeting this month in Sacramento, where they discussed Getting to Zero.
- CM Ito announced that there will be an HIV AIDS Legislative update on Wednesday, April 27th from 6:30-9:00 pm. CM Jewell will be a speaker at the event.

5. Public Comment

- CS Molnar noted that he received an email from Michael Petrelis, who asked him to read the email to the Council. "I am in need of urgent dental services, as I have mentioned at recent meetings. Long story short, I believe there is a pressing need to put dental care especially for ageing PWAs on the council's agenda. Currently, the contract with the University of the Pacific is set up more to take care of training dental students first then the needs of PWAs. Every appointment requires up to four-hours in a chair and that is not for actual care but a lot of stressful and redundant info-gathering. As my dental needs have changed and I am looking at extensive work that may involve a full upper denture, it's putting much stress on my immune system just thinking about these many half-days sitting in an uncomfortable chair. After months of engaging with Dr. Mark Abzug at UOP, I am frustrated that delivery of care seems to have been setup by HIV negative bureaucrats for their convenience and that there is no specialty clinic, or discussion about one, for PWAs such as myself. Last week, in addition to my primary doctor and proctologist and urologist and bariatric clinic appts, blood draws, various other health related appts for vision and hearing matters, I added the plastic surgery clinic at UCSF to my team. Oy, balancing appts and such with them is quite a challenge. Adding half-day appts at UOP is requiring a lot of my immune

system. Why, with so many millions of govt dollars flowing here for dental care, do we lack a dedicate funding stream to either UOP or private dentists or other clinics to provide needed attention that avoid half-day consultations? This is a question I want to address with the council regardless of previous such discussions. I think there is much more UOP can and should doing putting PWAs first.”

6. Council Staff Update

- CS Molnar announced that our friend and Council Member, Bill Ledford has passed away.
- The Council observed a moment of silence to honor Bill Ledford.
- There will be a memorial tomorrow honoring Bill at 730 Polk St. at 4:30.
- We will turn in membership applications this Friday, all appointments will be approved by June for the merged Council.

7. Council Co-Chair Update

- Co-Chair Supanich wanted to welcome the newly approved Council members.
- This Thursday, April 28th is the Joint Leadership Work Group from 4:00-6:00.
- The PLWH Work Group will be meeting on May 18th from 3:00-5:00. The group will be reviewing the merge and be visited by a consultant of the Integrated Plan Work Group to get insight from PLWH.

8. HIV Health Services Update

- Dean Goodwin reported on SFDPH HSS:
- Ryan White Part A full award/funding is still pending.
- We have had several grantor site visits from the State OA for (Part B, C and D, and both SPNS projects).
- We have hired Joseph Cecere to replace Celinda’s position, he will be starting in May.
- Some of HHS is being trained on i2i tracking which pulls client level medical data from the EMA’s utilized by all DPH and SFGH outpatient clinics.
- The Transgender Best Practices Guide has been updated and reprinted.
- Upcoming Trainings: HIV 101 on May 18th, HIV & Aging in June and the Transgender Best Practice will be scheduled soon.
- The resource guides have been distributed. The Spanish language version has been translated and is in its final review stages.
- There is a new campus at SFGH opening soon. Tours for clients are being offered on Fridays at 10am and 12pm.
- Dean would like to recognize that this is our last meeting as HHSPC. It has been a joy and pleasure to serve on the Council. The dedication of Council Members helps drive the work we do.

9. Public Policy Update

- CM Jewell reported:
- April 15th is the deadline for Congress to pass the budget resolution. The appropriations deadline is in September.
- Fiscal fights: Conservatives in the House are fighting the sequestration set aside, speeding caps increased by \$30 billion.
- The Republican leadership is working hard to find \$30 billion in cuts to offset the top line increase. Democrats say most of the cuts will impact the poor and they are threatening a filibuster.
- CAEAR is working to preserve the gains in the last budget and argue for increases.
- Ryan White allies are questioning why we need RW with ACA. CAEAR will have to continue advocating for the need of Ryan White.

10. CDPH Office of AIDS Update

- CS Molnar reported for Liz Hall:
- The OA hosted a stakeholder meeting on April 11th, to receive a broad community input into the development of the CA Integrated Plan.
- The OA submitted the 2015 Annual Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program Services Reports.
- The OA changed the due date of the final invoices for the HIV Care Program and Minority AIDS Initiative contracts (May 16, 2016).
- Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS: The OA submitted the HOPWA Annual Plan to the State HCD. The Plan describes the intended use of federal funds administered by the State for various housing programs.
- Data to care implication: The HIV Surveillance Section and Prevention Branch have initiated a pilot project where lists of patients who are out of care based on surveillance data will be shared with 5 counties to initiate linkage to and re-engagement in care activities.
- Syringe Exchange Programs: The ban on the use of federal funds to support syringe exchange programs was lifted.
- California Planning Group: An in-person CPG meeting was held in Sacramento this month. Presentations on lessons learned from the HIV outbreak in Indiana and the syphilis outbreak in Fresno.

11. By-Laws Change

- CS Molnar announced that HHSPC By-laws will be reviewed and updated at a joint meeting of the HHSPC and the HPPC on May 23, 2016.

12. Membership Update-VOTE

- The Council reviewed Kenneth Hornby's membership application.
- **MOTION: To approve the membership application of Kenneth Hornby.**
- **VOTE: Motion Passes, see column [1] for a vote breakdown.**

13. Eligibility Criteria and Severe Need/Special Populations Definition-VOTE

- The Council reviewed the updated eligibility criteria and current severe need/special population's definition.
- **MOTION: To accept the Eligibility Criteria and Severe Need/Special Populations Definition as written.**
- **VOTE: Motion Passes, see column [2] for a vote break down.**

14. UCSF Study on HIV & Employment

- Walter Gomez presented on Vocational Rehabilitation among HIV+ People in San Francisco:
- People living with HIV are highly susceptible to face employment problems, which is associated with declining physical health.
- There was 108 participants in the program with high rates of syndemic conditions.
- Over time, there was significant reductions in perceived barriers to employment; carrier and personal barriers.
- Barrier removal was most pronounced among those not on SSI/SSDI at baseline.
 - Co-Chair Supanich noted that many people who are aging with HIV experience comorbidities. Are there work place accommodations for people with disabilities?
 - Walter Gomez responded that triage them and offer support to access accommodations. Did not have too many accounts of that.
 - CM Miller commented that for every \$1 you make a certain amount is taken out of SSI. Why should I break my body further to make less than minimum wage?

- W. Gomez noted that this speaks to the fact that a lot of people have motivation but the conditions are not worth it. Most people in the study were college educated and have had work experience.
- Council Members related their positive and negative experiences with the DOR.
- W. Gomez commented that many participants experienced social stigma, anticipating that they will be told that they are not disabled. The question of who is deserving of the benefits has become internalized.
- CM Cooper inquired about hiring PLWH at big-chain stores in the city.
- Joe Ramirez Forcier responded that PRC has career fairs, and they are in communication with large retailers who have hired clients in the past.

15. Break

16. MSM Progression on the HIV Care Continuum:

- Susan Scheer presented on the HIV Epidemiology Report 2014 Progress along the HIV Care Cascade:
- Routinely collected surveillance data provides a population-based data source to measure the success of the HIV prevention and care programs.
- Significant progress in SF; declining HIV cases and HIV-related deaths, improvements in HIV care indicators such as HIV status awareness, earlier HIV diagnosis and treatment initiation, linkage and engagement in care and time to viral suppression.
- New diagnoses are disproportionately affecting people of color and MSM.
- Timely linkage to care, retention and viral suppression are less likely among women and transwomen, African Americans and Latinos, and PWID. Homeless persons are less likely to be on treatment.
 - The Council discussed
 - Dean Goodwin noted that Susan's data is presented for the Part A grant information. She does an amazing job of pulling the data together.

17. HCAP Annual Report

- Gina Gemello presented on the HIV Consumer Advocacy Project's Annual Report:
- HCAP assists people living with HIV/AIDS who experience difficulty accessing services from Ryan White-funded programs located in San Francisco, San Mateo and Marin Counties, as well as from agencies funded by the San Francisco Department of Public Health's HIV Health Services.
- HCAP clients sought assistance across the spectrum of service categories, with the majority of cases in the housing, "request for assistance", case management, and primary medical care categories.
- HCAP conducts outreach to both consumers and service providers. During the 2015-16 year, HCAP conducted 24 outreach presentations.
 - CM Jewell noted that this Council funds HCAP's work which is so important for clients.
 - The Council thanked Gina for the work she does to advocate for Ryan White consumers.

18. Next Meeting Date & Agenda Items

The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for Monday, May 23rd at 25 Van Ness, 6th Floor, from 4:30 to 7:30.

19. Adjournment

- Meeting adjourned at 7:22 by Co-Chair Sutter.

Full Council Meeting

HIV Health Services 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)

April 25, 2016

roll [1] [2] [3] [4] [5] [6] [7] [8] [9] [10]

1.	Chuck Adams	P	Y	Y									
2.	Margot Antonetty	A	-	-									
3.	Billie Cooper	P	Y	Y									
4.	Cicity Emerson	P	Y	Y									
5.	Elaine Flores	P	Y	Y									
6.	Wade Flores	P	Y	Y									
7.	Timothy Foster	P	Y	Y									
8.	Matt Geltmaker	P	Y	Y									
9.	Ron Hernandez	P	Y	Y									
	Liz Hall	E	-	-									
10.	Carol Hudson	E	-	-									
11.	Bruce Ito	P	Y	Y									
12.	Lee Jewell	P	Y	Y									
13.	T.J. Lee	E	-	-									
14.	Matthew Miller	P	Y	Y									
15.	Catherine Newell	E	-	-									
16.	Ken Pearce	P	Y	-									
17.	Mick Robinson	P	Y	Y									
18.	Stacia Scherich	P	-	-									
19.	Charles Siron [Proxy: Chip Supanich]	E	Y	Y									
20.	Donald Soto	P	Y	Y									
21.	Chip Supanich	P	Y	Y									
22.	Eric Sutter	P	Y	Y									
23.	Linda Walubengo	P	Y	Y									
24.	Channing-Celeste Wayne	A	-	-									

Ayes		18	17										
Nays													