

HIV Community Planning Council  
FULL COUNCIL MEETING  
Monday June 26<sup>th</sup>, 2017  
25 Van Ness, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor Conference Room  
San Francisco, CA  
3:30-6:30 pm

**HIV Community Planning Council Members Present:** Margot Antonetty, Chuck Adams, Bill Blum, Ben Cabangun (Co-Chair), Cesar Cadabes, Billie Cooper, Zachary Davenport, Michael Discepola, Matt Geltmaker, Dean Goodwin (Co-Chair), Jose Luis Guzman (Co-Chair), Paul Harkin, Bruce Ito, Lee Jewell, Darryl Lampkin, Kevin Lee, Ken Pearce, Darpun Sachdev, Stacia Scherich, Michael Shriver, Charles Siron, Gwen Smith, Don Soto, Eric Sutter, Laura Thomas, Linda Walubengo (Co-Chair)

**HIV Community Planning Council Members Absent:** Jack Bowman [A], Ed Chitty [A], Cicily Emerson [A], Elaine Flores [A], Wade Flores [A], Ron Hernandez [E], Liz Hall [A], T.J. Lee-Miyaki [A], Jessie Murphy [A], Mick Robinson [E]

**Others Present:** Andy Chu (AEF), Barbara Green- Ajufo (CAPS), Bill Hirsch (ALRP), Courtney Mulhern-Pearson (SFAF), Serena Ngo (POC), Tachakoyn Saelee

**HHS Staff Present:** Joseph Cercere, Kevin Hutchcroft, Beth Neary

**CHEP Staff Present:** Nyisha Underwood

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

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***Minutes***

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

The meeting was called to order at 3:43 pm by Co-Chair Siron. Roll was called and quorum was established.

**2. Review and Approve June 26, 2017 DRAFT Agenda – VOTE**

The June 26, 2017 DRAFT Agenda was reviewed and approved by consensus.

**3. Review and Approve May 22, 2017 DRAFT Minutes – VOTE**

The May 22, 2017 Minutes were reviewed amended and approved by consensus.

**4. Announcements**

- Bill Hirsch gave an update on the city budget process. There is good news for HIV funding, the Mayor did not request any cuts to the health department. The federal budget is still unknown around cuts to prevention, care and HOPWA, however we believe HIV services will be intact for this budget year. The City approved a budget on Friday, there was a lot of advocacy to get more resources for the homelessness population. 2 million was granted to funding housing subsidies for seniors and adults with disabilities.

**5. Public Comment**

- None.

**6. Council Staff Update**

- CS Stumm announced that the overall rating for the May Council meeting was a 9.0. Council members enjoyed the presentations and facilitation. There were comments around wanting more time for discussion, which the Council will be trying with small group discussions after the merge presentation.

## 7. CHEP and HHS Update

- Co-Chair Goodwin announced:
- RWPA FY17: Still awaiting the receipt of our full Ryan White Part A grant. We began the new Part A fiscal year on March 1<sup>st</sup> with an interim award based on last year's funding amount.
- RWPA Comprehensive Site Visit: Our RWPA site visit was scheduled for this week (6/26-6/28) has been cancelled and will be rescheduled for late this summer.
- Upcoming Quality Management Trainings:
  - July 14<sup>th</sup>- Group Leadership in Community Work: Tools and Skills for Group Leaders
  - August 3<sup>rd</sup>- Avoiding Burnout
  - August 4<sup>th</sup>- Group Work Consultation: Focusing on Challenging Aspects of Group Leadership via Case Studies
- ARIES Training: On 6/26 ARIES staff held a training for HHS providers to help them understand various reports and data fix it analysis and to better prepare for their site visits.
  
- Co-Chair Guzman announced:
- We are still waiting the CDC to release the HIV Prevention and Surveillance FOA. Once it is released we will be coming to the Council to present as part of the application process.
- Safe Injection Task Force: SF Board of Supervisors enacted a resolution charging the Dept. of Public Health with convening a Safe Injection Services Task Force whose goal is to develop recommendation on the operation of safe injection services in SF. The 2<sup>nd</sup> task force meeting will be held on July 21 from 9am-11am. This is a public meeting so everyone is welcome to attend.
- End Hep C SF Prevalence Estimate: The Research and Surveillance team of End Hep SF released the first ever prevalence estimate of HCV in SF. We have learned that we have had great success treating San Franciscans for HCV in the years since DAAs became available, and will continue to pursue the goal of HCV elimination in SF.

## 8. HIPP Services Presentation

- Andy Chu and Lee Harington from AIDS Emergency Fund presented on a project funded by Ryan White carry forward dollars.
- Kevin Hutchcroft noted that in the fall of 2015 the Council asked HHS to identify a provider that would provide health insurance premium payments locally. To address the problem of clients had to make payments for their insurance which can be a severe hardship. In the spring of 2016, HHS approached an agency that had been providing emergency financial assistance services and learned that this agency had already been making health insurance premium payments in limited numbers. The Council voted to create a pilot program with carry forward funds to address this problem. The State then formalized a policy for its HIPP program that ensured a binder payment if a client enrolled in Covered CA and OAHIPP within 48 hours.
- CM Pearce questioned if we have gotten the word out to those who traditionally wouldn't go to AEF. The aging population is now eligible for Medicare and we can use these resources to pay for the Medigap program. Those that are fortunate enough to already be in system of care know about this program but how do we get this out to populations who have not used it in the past. Helping with Medigap coverage would save a considerable amount of money.
  - Andy responded that there are MUNI/bus campaigns through PRC that is sponsored by Getting to Zero dollars. The ads have information on how to contact counselors at PRC and that the program will help with copay costs and copay premiums. For the average person who is not accustomed to DPH services, they may not think that this program is for them. In order to be eligible you need to make \$30,000 or under and the program does not require disability status. If

clients have an unaffordable policy, which many low income people do it is very difficult to pay for your policy and have much left to live on. We need an earlier intervention to catch people as soon as they start working and before they qualify for GA.

- CM Pearce suggests spending some of the leftover dollars to market to the community and to make sure that providers and COEs are informed about the program.
- Andy noted that providers know about the program but the clients we want to reach are not in the public health system.
- CM Discepolo noted that this program seems to be able to help people who have an employer based insurance to pay for premiums. The State Office of AIDS is rolling out an employment premium program next year. Can this program pick up those premiums?
  - Andy noted that yes, this program picks up premiums for employer sponsored plans.
- CM Sachdev inquired about the impressions you have gotten through the marketing campaign so far.
  - Andy responded that Tran our legal director tallies referrals to the program from the marketing campaign. He will get in touch with her about this information.

#### 9. Prioritization and Allocation Summit Date/September Meeting - VOTE

- The Council voted on the date of the Prioritization and Allocation Summit.
- The Steering Committee chose Tuesday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> for the Summit date. It will most likely take place from 10:00am-4:00pm. The group also discussed cancelling the September 25<sup>th</sup> Full Council meeting because it falls so close to the Summit.
- **MOTION: To have the Prioritization & Allocation Summit Date on October 3<sup>rd</sup> 2017, with the September Full Council meeting cancelled.**
- **VOTE: Motion passes. See column [1] for a vote breakdown.**

#### 10. Public Policy Update

- CM Jewell reported:
- CAEAR Policy Call: The President's FY18 budget cuts deep into discretionary spending. There are few Republicans willing to stand up and support him. It was noted that the budget includes Ryan White re-authorization which targets funding to where HIV disproportionately affected communities, esp. African Americans.
- The Senate Health Care Repeal and Replace Bill: Leader McConnell noted that a gap cannot be bridged before the August recess. Only 8% of Senators want the bill passed, however Republican Senators can only lose 2 of their members on this, with Vice President Mike Pence providing a vote.
- House and Senate committee members will hold a hearing to question HHS Secretary Tom Price. The programs that are up for renewal: Medicare extenders, home visits, teaching health centers GME, among others.
- American Health Care Act: On June 22<sup>nd</sup>, the Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell released a 142 page draft version of the AHCA for Senate review and discussion prior to scheduling a Senate vote. With all the Democrats expected to vote no, Senator McConnell can only lose two Republican Senators in order to pass and send the bill to the Conference Committee. The Majority leader wants the vote to take place.

#### 11. HCPC Evaluation

- The Council will receive a report from Shelley Facente regarding the post-merge HIV Community Planning Council.
- CM Pearce noted that within the Council there are three separate groups: unaffiliated consumers, mandated seats and everyone else. How can the Council be smaller if there is a group that doesn't have to come to any sub-committees (mandated seats) and unaffiliated consumers who have an unlimited number of excused absences because of health? He noted that it would be difficult to get anything done.

He questioned if Shelley has a way to focus on things beyond our control but are feeding a large part of the problem.

- Shelley responded she does not have an answer at this time but pointing this out is the first step. The rules are different for the three groups, which create challenges when having everyone in the same room and on the same page. It is important to make sure that everyone is on the same page about the expectation of participation. If people don't feel that their input is valued, they won't participate. A common theme when speaking to Council members was that things feel unbalanced.
- CM Cooper commented that she feels that there is not enough discussion about the lack of people of color on the Council.
  - CM Pearce noted that this topic is brought up at every Membership meeting. We are aware of this and want to be a diverse group.
  - CS Jordan commented that there are three African Americans in the pipeline for membership. Our membership should reflect the demographics of the epidemic in San Francisco.
- CM Scherich commented on the fair but firm attendance policy. She noted that it is difficult for HIV positive members to predict their health. She feels that their needs to be more of an understanding and respect for PLWH.
  - Shelley clarified that the comment around fair but firm attendance policy was more about members who never show up or speak during meetings and less about up and down attendance due to health. She noted that this conversation was respectful of PLWH members.
- Co-Chair Goodwin thanked everyone who responded and noted that there is a lot of helpful information that will assist with the Council's growth. He noted that next month the Council will break into small groups to discuss what we want to do with this information.
- CM Pearce commented that he hopes members do not take comments in the report personally. This evaluation will be a tool to make the Council better.
- CM Blum noted that the take away from this evaluation was that structurally we are pioneers. He noted that this group should take its time reviewing this material, we are the second group figuring out the merge process. There are a lot of other places we can go that are innovating and he is excited to be part of this group.

**12. Next Meeting Date- VOTE**

*The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for Monday, June 24<sup>th</sup> 2017 at 25 Van Ness, 6<sup>th</sup> floor conference room, from 3:30 to 6:30.*

**13. Adjournment**

- Meeting adjourned at 6:26 pm by Co-Chair Siron.

**Full Council Meeting  
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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)

<b>Date: June 26, 2017</b>	[roll]	[1]	[2]	[3]	[4]	[5]	[6]	[7]	[8]	[9]	[10]
<b>Chuck Adams</b>	P	Y									
Margot Antonetty	P	Y									

<b>Richard Bargetto</b>	P	Y																	
<b>Bill Blum</b>	P	Y																	
Jackson Bowman	A	-																	
Ben Cabangun (Co-Chair)	P	Y																	
<b>Cesar Cadabes</b>	P	Y																	
<b>Ed Chitty</b>	A	-																	
<b>Billie Cooper</b>	P	A																	
Zachary Davenport	P	-																	
<b>Michael Discepola</b>	P	N																	
Cicily Emerson	A	-																	
Elaine Flores	A	-																	
<b>Wade Flores</b>	A	-																	
Timothy Foster	P	Y																	
<b>Matt Geltmaker</b>	P	Y																	
David Gonzalez	A	-																	
Dean Goodwin (Co-Chair) Jose Luis Guzman (Co-Chair)	P/P	Y																	
Liz Hall	A	-																	
Paul Harkin	P	Y																	
<b>Ron Hernandez</b>	E	-																	
Bruce Ito	P	Y																	
<b>Lee Jewell</b>	P	Y																	
<b>Darryl Lampkin</b>	P	Y																	
Kevin Lee	P	Y																	
<b>T.J. Lee-Miyaki</b>	A	-																	
Jessie Murphy	A	-																	
Irma Parada	P	Y																	
<b>Ken Pearce</b>	P	Y																	
<b>Mick Robinson</b>	E	-																	
Darpun Sachdev	P	Y																	

<b>Stacia Scherich</b>	P	-										
<b>Mike Shriver</b>	P	-										
<b>Charles Siron (Co-Chair)</b>	P	Y										
Gwen Smith	P	Y										
Donald Soto	P	Y										
Eric Sutter	P	Y										
Laura Thomas	P	Y										
Linda Walubengo (Co-Chair)	P	Y										
	Ayes	23										
	Nays	1										
	Abstain	1										
	Recusal											
	Total	25										