

HIV Community Planning Council

STEERING COMMITTEE

Thursday, April 16, 2020

Zoom Meeting

3:00-5:00 pm

Committee Members Present: Chuck Adams, Ben Cabangun, Ed Chitty, Elaine Flores, David Gonzalez, Thomas Knoble, Ken Pearce, Mike Shriver, Laura Thomas

Committee Members Absent: Paul Harkin [E], Eric Sutter [E]

Council Members Present: Lee Jewell, T.J. Lee-Miyaki,

Others Present: Shelley Facente, Hanna Hjord (DPH)

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

Minutes

1. Introductions

The meeting was called to order at 3:02 pm by CS Molnar. Everyone introduced themselves and quorum was established.

2. Review/Approve April 16th 2020 DRAFT Agenda – VOTE

The April 16th 2020 DRAFT Agenda was reviewed and approved by consensus.

3. Council Member Check-In

- Council members present at the meeting checked in about how they are doing during these difficult times.

4. Announcements

- CM Cabangun announced they are searching for a director of aging for the SF AIDS foundation. He will forward an announcement to CS Clark.
- CM Pearce announced that One Medical is doing COVID testing for anyone who has concerns. The site is on California street.
- CM Jewell noted that congress is not expected to go back until early May, which could be pushed back. Not a lot of movement on the Senate side, but house is moving. He will update when he hears more.

5. Public Comment

- None.

6. CHEP and HIV Health Services Update

- CM Knoble reported on CHEP:
 - They are on delay around putting out the RFPs.
 - A lot of the CHEP branches have been pulled into the activation.
 - They are starting to go beyond DPH and go to city employees.
 - The mayor announced that CBOs with contracts will continue to get paid, even if they don't have their deliverables.
 - CBOs with contracts ending in June have been informed that the contracts will be renewed for another year.

- Kevin Hutchcroft reported on HHS:
 - HHS has sent out numerous email blasts to folks, including links to COVID-19 information, shelter in place guidelines and continuity of payments for providers.
 - 3 of 9 HHS staff are working on only COVID activities.
 - HHS received 448k award in RWPA funding.
 - HHS also received their full RWPA grant for 2021.
 - 226k in unexpanded general funds were given to Emergency Financial Assistance. This is about a 72% increase for that period. Additional one-time emergency funds were also granted to the food category.
 - Quality Management Trainings are on hold for now. They are looking into virtual options.

7. ETHE Community Engagement

- CHEP staff discussed community engagement efforts for End the HIV Epidemic funding.
- Shelley Facente spoke to the ETHE stakeholder survey. It went to about 650 people from 22 different agencies, with a range of responses from frontline and high level staff.
 - They asked: Given what we're trying to do with ETHE, what's the participation level that you'd feel comfortable with?
 - More than half of folks said they could attend zoom meetings on occasion. Smaller percentage (about 75 folks) said they are too busy.
- They wanted to get a straw poll feeling of what feels doable, and what they can plan to work on in the future.
- CM Knoble spoke to engaging community with technology.
- Shelley asked the group what they see as the HCPC's role in all this. How can HCPC and GTZ work together on the same issue?
 - The group did a round robin response.
 - CM Thomas spoke to having joint meetings with GTZ

8. Letter re. ADAP—VOTE

- Council members discussed a letter to SOA requesting flexibility around ADAP requirements.
 - CM Gonzalez noted that CDPH heard us. People are getting their needs met.
 - Things are going well. Sounds like they heard the concerns and a letter isn't necessary at this time.

9. HIV and COVID-19

- CM Sachdev was no longer available to present. This agenda item will be review next month.

10. Emergency HIV funding

- CM Hutchcroft requested discussing priorities, goals and suggestions.
 - The award amount is 488k. This won't cover the provider cost needs of our community.
 - The Part A reduction has been reduced almost as much as this award.
- CM Cabangun noted we've been advocating for funding for more PPE, cleaning supplies, cleaning of provider sites. Subsidizing transit options for clients and staff (public transit has been reduced). A lot of clients rely on our services for their daily meals. Funds for meals and basic needs would be good.
- CM Thomas spoke to funding that went through HOPWA. Do you know anything about the HOPWA funds and how they're being used?
 - CM Knoble noted that folks at MSC south have access to a hotel room for 2 weeks.

- CM Lee-Miyaki added that the mayor put a lot of money aside for hotel rooms, but they are sitting empty. They need to lower the threshold for clients to be able to get into the hotel rooms.
- CM Sullivan expressed support for incorporating support systems into the hotel housing options.
- CM Thomas added that now is not the time to be eliminating any services for people living with HIV. Are there restrictions in the funding for backfilling other cuts?
 - CM Hutchcroft responded: it must be used for additional impact expenses related to COVID 19. It would be logical to spend it on heavily impacted parts of the service continuum, such as food delivery, housing, psychosocial support.
- CM Pearce spoke to outreach to folks that are sheltering in place such as long-term survivors.
- CM Parada spoke to the needs of incarcerated folks.
- The group spoke to this year’s potential for backfilling, when the city has already spent a lot of money.

11. Next Meeting Dates & Agenda Items- VOTE

- The next Steering Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Thursday, May 21, 2020 at 25 Van Ness 8th floor Conference Room from 3:00-5:00 pm.

12. Adjournment

- The meeting was adjourned at 4:30pm by CS Molnar.

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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: April 16, 2020	[roll]	[1]	[2]	[3]	[4]	[5]	[6]	[7]	[8]
1. Chuck Adams (CA)	P								
2. Ben Cabangun (CE)	P								
3. Ed Chitty (Membership)	P								
4. Elaine Flores (Membership)	P								
5. David Gonzalez (At-Large)	P								
6. Kevin Hutchcroft(Council Co-Chair)/Thomas Knoble (Council Co-Chair)	P/P								
7. Paul Harkin (At-Large)	E								
8. Irma Parada (Council Co-Chair)	P								
9. Ken Pearce (At-Large)	P								
10. Mike Shriver (Council Co-Chair)	LoA								

11. Charles Siron (At-Large)	LoA								
12. Eric Sutter (CE)	E								
Ayes	8	5	8						
Nayes		2							
Abstentions		1							
Total	8	8	8						