

HIV Community Planning Council  
COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE  
Wednesday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2022  
Zoom Meeting  
3:00-4:30 pm

**Committee Members Present:** David Gonzalez, Lee Jewell, Derrick Mapp, Richard Sullivan, Laura Thomas

**Committee Members Absent:** Juba Kalamka [LOA]

**Others Present:** Stephen Spano, Bill Hirsh, Beth Neary, Thomas Knoble

**Support Staff Present:** Kira Perez, Mark Molnar, David Jordan

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### ***Minutes***

#### **1. Introductions and Welcome**

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

#### **2. Review/Approve August 3<sup>rd</sup> 2022 DRAFT Agenda – VOTE**

The August 3<sup>rd</sup> 2022 DRAFT Agenda were reviewed and approved by consensus.

#### **3. Review/Approve July 6<sup>th</sup> 2022 DRAFT Minutes – VOTE**

The July 6<sup>th</sup> 2022 DRAFT Minutes was reviewed and approved by consensus.

#### **4. Announcements**

- CS Molnar reminded everyone that this month's meetings will continue to be via Zoom.

#### **5. Public Comment**

- None.

#### **6. Increased Funding Scenario – VOTE**

- CS Molnar discussed the increased funding scenarios. Per Steering's requests, there are three paths for everyone to choose from.
  - The first path would be to focus on discreet service categories, so pick and choose.
  - The second path is to create new project which would require a more extensive conversations with HHS.
  - The third path is to just proportionally split amongst all categories.
- Beth Neary noted that the third option isn't necessarily easier for the department but they are supportive of the option.
- CM Sullivan asked if the third option is the one that effects people's pay level?
  - CS Molnar answered that the third option makes it more equitable for everyone to have "it".
  - CM Sullivan also agreed that they like the third option as well.
- CM Gonzalez asked if we were to choose the first option, how long would that possibly take?
  - CS Molnar answered that anyone choosing the first option would be able to use a logical model and explain why they are choosing certain services.
  - CM Gonzalez also agreed with the third option.
- Bill Hirsh discussed how beneficial the third option would be. Bill used Stephen Spano as an example to explain that this funding could help his position along with many others.

**Motion: CM Jewell proposed to choose the third option as the path for this funding scenario.**

**Second: CM Mapp seconded this motion.**

**The motion passes through consensus, refer to column (1).**

**7. HCAP Report**

- Stephen Spano discusses a case that did not make it into his report, but was just closed out. This case involves someone who misrepresented themselves as a therapist and became involved in the client’s personal life. Spano highlights how traumatic this was for the client who has already had difficulty getting mental health services and emphasizes the need for more available mental health services. Almost every mental health provider has a long waiting list.
- Beth Neary asks if this client is still not connected to mental health services?
  - Spano answers they are not currently connected to any mental health services. It is not within HCAP’s purview to sue, what he can do is refer this client. In this case, the client is undocumented and is monolingual. The client has communicated that this case is not one where they see the system supporting them in.
- CM Knoble asks if anyone else is feeling lost as to what they are supposed to do when they hear these kinds of cases?
  - CM Jewell answers that they really aren’t “supposed” to do anything because this is supposed to just be an update. So they are just receiving an update where they are trying to see where client trends are going.
  - Beth Neary adds that they as an agency get a special report on these kinds of cases so they will most likely be talking with Stephen Spano again and investigating behind the scenes.
  - CM Mapp added that it would be nice to get an update on this case.

**8. Needs Assessment Update/COLA Targets**

- CS Perez updated the group that right now they are focusing on outreach since that will be the primary obstacle moving forward due to the results of the pandemic. There is less opportunity to have in-person focus groups or face to face interviews since the worry now is Monkeypox and people are still weary due to COVID.
- CS Jordan added that our next COLA focus group is the linkage center, but they are still continuing to look at it.

**9. Next Meeting Date & Agenda Items – VOTE**

*The next Community Engagement Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 7<sup>th</sup>, 2022.*

**10. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 4:10 pm by CM Sullivan.

**Community Engagement Committee**

**HIV Community 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)

**August 3, 2022**

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1.	David Gonzalez	P	Y									
2.	Lee Jewell	P	Y									
3.	Juba Kalamka	LOA	-									

4.	Derrick Mapp (Co-Chair)	P	Y									
5.	Richard Sullivan (Co-Chair)	P	Y									
6.	Laura Thomas	P	Y									
7.	Thomas Knoble	P	B									

<b>Ayes</b>											
<b>Nays</b>											
<b>Abstain</b>											
<b>Recusal</b>											
<b>Total</b>											