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HIV Community Planning Council
COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE
Wednesday, March 2nd, 2022
Zoom Meeting
3:00-4:30 pm

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Committee Members Present: Ben Cabangun, Derrick Mapp, Lee Jewell, T.J. Lee-Miyaki, Laura Thomas

Committee Members Absent: Juba Kalamka [A], Richard Sullivan [E]

Others Present: Stephen Spano, Beth Neary, Hank Trout, Harry Breaux, Mickey Qui, Thomas Knoble

Support Staff Present: David Jordan, Melina Clark, Kira Perez Angeles, Mark Molnar

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Minutes

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1. **Introductions and Welcome**
   The meeting was called to order at 3:03 pm by CM Mapp. Everyone introduced themselves and quorum was established.

2. **Review/Approve March 2nd 2022 DRAFT Agenda – VOTE**
   The March 2nd 2022 DRAFT Agenda were reviewed and approved by consensus.

3. **Review/Approve February 2nd 2022 DRAFT Minutes – VOTE**
   The February 2nd 2022 DRAFT Minutes was reviewed and approved by consensus.

4. **Announcements**
   - CM Mapp noted the Back-to-HIV rally email that was sent out earlier today and encouraged members to attend the rally.

5. **Public Comment**
   - Harry Breaux and Hank Trout spoke to the group about the declining rates of HIV testing, emphasizing the increasing costs of living such as rent. They are asking the group to do more to address the HIV Homeless community such as outreach and resources available to those folks. They ask that the city don't continue to ignore the issues at hand and reinstates the attention these issues once had as changes occur such as funding.
     - CM Thomas mentions that we ask DPH to give us a more specific presentation for the funds that were added to the budget last year as to provide more clarity. CM Thomas proposes a motion to pass so that we may ask DPH for this. The group decided to agendize this motion for next month's meeting so that the group may vote on it.

6. **HCAP Report**
   - Stephan Spano informed the group that he is trying to keep his eyes on dental services and monitor that.
   - The group reviewed the HCAP Report shared via the screen.

7. **Needs Assessment Update/COLA Targets**
   - CS Clark presented a document with the findings of the community forum to the group and emphasized the goal of today is to leave the meeting with a set target group.
     - Findings:
       - There were a lot of technological difficulties that were highlighted and noted as a common problem both from consumers and providers.
       - The inherit inequity involved in demanding that services only be accessed through technology that only some people have access to.

- Isolation and reduced social contact during the pandemic and zoom not being a good substitute for meetings.
- With this information the group can decide on specific recommendations to move forward with.
  - o Conclusion:
    - Folks with mobility challenges might benefit from the ability to have virtual appointments. This option had not been widely available until after the pandemic began. Agencies with various clients might think about the benefits that could come from setting up a designated room with the technology/applications that would be needed for a client to have a virtual appointment.
    - CS Jordan added that he was trying to think about all the issues and how they could be connected and what that could potentially mean. The goal is to have concrete recommendations. These findings will also be presented at full council later this month.
- CM Cabangun suggested using the recommendation of assigning a room for clients to use for virtual appointments.
- CM Mapp explains how difficult it is to sometimes join virtual meetings, especially if a client had a disability. He recommends offering technological support for folks for these reasons.
- Beth Neary suggests some things that they do to help folks is offer best practices guidelines to help ease the complications of virtual meetings. She also offers the idea of hiring a trainer to teach folks on a specific area of interest where issues may be prevailing.
- The group decided on the Needs Assessment's focus to be on the trans community for this year.

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

The next Community Engagement Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 6th, 2022 via Zoom.

9. **Adjournment**
   The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 pm by CM Mapp.

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)

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1. Ben Cabangun	P										
2. Lee Jewell	P										
3. Juba Kalamka	LOA										
4. Derrick Mapp (Co-Chair)	P										
5. T.J. Lee-Miyaki	P										
6. Richard Sullivan (Co-Chair)	E										

7. Laura Thomas	P									

Ayes									
Nayes									
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