

HIV Community Planning Council
COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE
Wednesday, October 2nd, 2024
Zoom Meeting
3:00-4:30 pm

Committee Members Present: Franco Chevalier, Derrick Mapp, Richard Sullivan, Laura Thomas

Committee Members Absent: Ed Chitty [E], Jesus Guillen [A], Reina Hernandez [LOA], Lee Jewell [A], Juba Kalamka [A], Thomas Knoble [A], Charles Siron [LOA]

Others Present: Maria Lacayo, Stephen Spano

Support Staff Present: Mark Molnar, Kira Perez

Minutes

1. Introductions and Welcome

The meeting was called to order at 3:06 pm by CM Sullivan. Everyone introduced themselves and quorum was established.

2. Review/Approve October 2nd, 2024 DRAFT Agenda – VOTE

The October 2nd, 2024 DRAFT Agenda was reviewed and approved.

3. Review/Approve September 4th, 2024 DRAFT Minutes – VOTE

The September 4th, 2024 DRAFT Minutes were reviewed and approved.

4. Announcements

- Stephen Spano announces that he will be out of town during the November 6th, 2024 Community Engagement meeting.
 - CS Molnar notes that Spano's HCAP report is a big agenda item and proposes moving the meeting a week later to November 13th, 2024.
 - ❖ The group agrees to move November's meeting to Wednesday, November 13th, 2024.

5. Public Comment

- None.

6. HCAP Report

- Stephen Spano shares this month's HCAP report. He provides an update on a case he presented previously regarding a client using a Housing Choice Voucher who has experienced delays accessing housing and there have been concerns about the voucher expiring before the client is able to obtain housing. They have continued to encounter obstacles in obtaining a unit for the client, but Spano notes the client is well connected and they will continue to provide support.
- Spano highlights another case in which a client had their pain medication dosage lowered during a period of incarceration. Upon reentry, the client's primary care physician continued to prescribe only the lower dose. Spano notes they are continuing to do what they can to advocate for the client.
 - CM Thomas asks if this client is able to connect with another primary care provider for pain management.
 - ❖ Spano says it's unclear if the client doesn't like the provider because they don't like the provider, or if it's because they are unable to get their needs met with the current provider.

- CM Thomas Opioid Use Disorder getting the client in with an expert in pain management and addiction medicine might help them get their needs met while also keeping them as safe as possible.

7. Needs Assessment/ COLA Update

- CS Perez updates the group that there are currently a total of 31 participants for the Needs Assessment. There have been three focus groups held – one with Black Brothers Esteem, one with Shanti Project, and one with the Black Health Center of Excellence. She notes the focus groups had a low turnout, which she believes is supported by what participants shared during the focus groups. She says there have been quite a few 1:1 phone interviews that have been completed and notes that folks seemed to have a preference for that.
 - CS Molnar asks if CS Perez can preview the Needs Assessment presentation at next month’s Community Engagement meeting.
 - ❖ CS Perez confirms that she can.
 - CM Mapp speaks to the hesitancy they’ve experienced with the community wanting to engage in conversation about these topics. He says they are working to put together a group by the end of the month and asks if it would be possible to include those participants in the Needs Assessment.
 - ❖ CS Perez notes it would be great to have more participants in the Needs Assessment.
- CS Perez updates the group that outreach for the COLA began last month. She reached out to Larkin Street Youth Services but was told that they don’t have an HIV specific support group. She notes that Instituto Familiar de la Raza does have an HIV support group and she is working with them to get a focus group scheduled.

8. Next Meeting Date & Agenda Items – VOTE

The next Community Engagement Committee meeting will be scheduled for November 13th, 2024 via Zoom.

9. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 3:41 pm by CM Sullivan.

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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)

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1.	Franco Chevalier	P	Y	Y								
2.	Ed Chitty	E	-	-								
3.	Jesus Guillen	A	-	-								
4.	Reina Hernandez	LOA	-	-								
5.	Lee Jewell	A	-	-								
6.	Juba Kalamka	A	-	-								

7.	Thomas Knoble	A	-	-								
8.	Derrick Mapp (Co-Chair)	P	Y	Y								
9.	Charles Siron	LOA	-	-								
10.	Richard Sullivan (Co-Chair)	P	Y	Y								
11.	Laura Thomas	P	Y	Y								



Ayes		4	4									
Nays		0	0									
Abstain		0	0									
Recusal		0	0									
Total		4	4									