

HIV Community Planning Council
COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE
Wednesday, September 4th, 2024
Zoom Meeting
3:00-4:30 pm

Committee Members Present: Ed Chitty, Thomas Knoble, T.J. Lee-Miyaki, Derrick Mapp, Richard Sullivan, Laura Thomas

Committee Members Absent: Franco Chevalier [E], Jesus Guillen [E], Reina Hernandez [LOA], Lee Jewell [E], Juba Kalamka [LOA], Charles Siron [LOA]

Others Present: Maria Lacayo, Stephen Spano

Support Staff Present: Mark Molnar, Kira Perez, Kat Tajgeer

Minutes

1. Introductions and Welcome

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

2. Review/Approve September 4th, 2024 DRAFT Agenda – VOTE

The September 4th, 2024 DRAFT Agenda was reviewed and approved.

3. Review/Approve August 7th, 2024 DRAFT Minutes – VOTE

The August 7th, 2024 DRAFT Minutes were reviewed and approved.

4. Announcements

- CS Molnar announces that September's Full Council will be the Prioritization and Allocation meeting, which will be about three hours in length.

5. Public Comment

- None.

6. Resource Allocation – VOTE

- CS Molnar reviews the Resource Allocation motions on the floor, starting with the flat funding scenario. CS Molnar notes there is already a motion on the floor so this does not need to be moved or seconded, and will be done via a roll call vote.
 - Flat Funding: If funding remains at the current level, service category resource allocation will remain level across all categories.

Motion to approve the flat funding scenario passes through roll call vote, refer to column (3).

- CS Molnar reviews the increased funding scenario. He notes there was an update from last year's increased funding motion so that it could parallel the decreased funding motion.
 - Increased Funding: If increased funding occurs, service category allocation will be increased proportionally across all service categories not covered under California's essential health benefits package.

Motion to approve the increased funding scenario passes through roll call vote, refer to column (4).

- CS Molnar reviews the decreased funding scenario.
 - Decreased Funding: In the event of decreased funding, for the first 10% of reductions, allocation for services that are covered under California's essential health benefits package will be reduced proportionally. If further reduced allocation is required, reductions will occur proportionally across all service categories.

Motion to approve the decreased funding scenario passes through roll call vote, refer to column (5).

7. HCAP Report

- Stephen Spano this month’s HCAP report is comprised of data from June through August, due to him being out of office for the past few months.
- Spano highlights a case where a combination of support services can help a client work through a legal issue. The client was defending an unlawful detainer action and he highlights the various supports and coordination were needed in this case.
- Spano highlights another housing related case the client was issued a housing choice voucher, but encountered many issues. He outlines the timeline between when the client receives the voucher and when they are able to secure housing, and notes the difficulties and complexities it takes to make it happen. He highlights the amount of coordination it took between him, additional legal services, and medical case management to get this done.
- Spano highlights another case in which they have worked on mediation between a client and a service provider, but the service provider has now involved their own legal counsel in the matter. He discusses that it is unethical for him to communicate with the service provider knowing that they’re represented by Counsel. They note it’s also then asking for mediation that is not court ordered while there is also potential litigation on the horizon. They note in these situations they often move towards court ordered mediation or a mandatory settlement conference and the client must be supported by legal counsel at that point.
 - CM Mapp asks what Spano does for clients that are having issues with non-Ryan White funded service providers that are impacting the stability of their lives.
 - ❖ Spano notes if his services aren’t rendered useless by a legal process, he’ll always offer them. He discusses the scope and extent of the services he is able to provide.
- Spano highlights a case in which a client was referred by their psychosocial support service provider to help with a grievance the client had with another non-HIV service provider.

8. Needs Assessment/ COLA Update

- CS Perez updates the group that there was a focus group completed last month. She is working to schedule another focus group and is hopeful to work with the Rafiki Coalition to get that scheduled. She notes recruitment and outreach are still ongoing. Currently, there are a total of 29 participants for the Needs Assessment.
- CS Perez notes that she is beginning to do outreach for the COLA, which will focus on youth.
 - CM Knoble asks for the criteria for determining youth.
 - ❖ CS Perez notes that it is for folks 18 to 24 years old.

9. Next Meeting Date & Agenda Items – VOTE

The next Community Engagement Committee meeting will be scheduled for October 2nd, 2024 via Zoom.

10. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 3:51 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	E										
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2.	Ed Chitty	P	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y					
3.	Jesus Guillen	E										
4.	Reina Hernandez	LOA										
5.	Lee Jewell	E	-	-	-	-	-					
6.	Juba Kalamka	LOA	-	-	-	-	-					
7.	Thomas Knoble	P	A	A	A	B	B					
8.	Derrick Mapp (Co-Chair)	P	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y					
9.	Charles Siron	LOA	-	-	-	-	-					
10.	Richard Sullivan (Co-Chair)	P	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y					
11.	Laura Thomas	P	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y					
12.	T.J. Lee-Miyaki	P	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y					

Ayes		5	5	5	6	6				
Nayes		0	0	0	0	0				
Abstain		0	0	0	1	1				
Recusal		0	0	0	0	0				
Total		5	5	5	6	6				