

HIV Community Planning Council
COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE
Wednesday, August 6th, 2025
Zoom Meeting
3:00-4:30 pm

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

Committee Members Absent: Franco Chevalier [A], Jesus Guillen [A], Reina Hernandez [A], Thomas Knoble [A], Charles Siron [E], Richard Sullivan [A]

Others Present: Beth Neary, Stephen Spano

Support Staff Present: Mark Molnar, Kat Tajgeer

Minutes

1. Introductions and Welcome

The meeting was called to order at 3:11 pm by CS Molnar. Everyone introduced themselves and quorum was not established.

2. Review/Approve August 6th, 2025 DRAFT Agenda – VOTE

Due to lack of quorum, the August 6th, 2025 DRAFT Agenda will be reviewed and approved at the next meeting.

3. Review/Approve July 2nd, 2025 DRAFT Minutes – VOTE

Due to lack of quorum, the July 2nd, 2025 DRAFT Minutes will be reviewed and approved at the next meeting.

4. Announcements

- None.

5. Public Comment

- Beth Neary notes that HHS has received all funding notices for Ryan White Part A, Ryan White Part C, and Ending the HIV Epidemic (EHE). She notes they were fairly consistent with what was to be expected.

6. HCAP Report

- Stephen Spano shares this month's HCAP report and highlights a few cases. The first case she highlights is one regarding a client in a long-term care facility who has received indications that the facility intends to discharge them. She notes that it appears the definitions that Medi-Cal is using for eligibility are changing. Spano has not received those eligibility requirements yet, but they are working with the ombudsman to get them. Spano highlights that this issue should be discussed by the Committee because as folks age skilled nursing facilities are very valuable resources and if folks can't access those services and they need a significant level of care there isn't a step down for in-home support. Spano provides an update on two cases in which clients were terminated by their dental care provider and shares that they both have been accepted back into the program. He shares another client success regarding a client who has been progressing well in their residential substance use program and will potentially be moving into independent housing with the support of a shallow subsidy.
 - CM Mapp asks for first case presented, might there be a need for an in-service around skilled nursing facilities and the changes that are happening?
 - ❖ Spano says they are unsure what type of in-service would be helpful. He shares more about the client and speaks to the help the client needs with activities of daily living, but that doesn't necessarily necessitate needing a skilled nursing facility level of care.

- CM Pecoraro discusses having issues with In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS) and would like to discuss this topic more since it does seem like a gap in coverage.
 - ❖ Spano says it has been the topic of conversation on some of the HCAP reports, but they don't currently have any cases involving IHSS. She adds that she's been collaborating with John Frochtzwajg from San Francisco AIDS Foundation and they have had multiple meetings with Health and Human Services to discuss these issues.

7. Needs Assessment/COLA Update – VOTE

- CS Molnar shares a Needs Assessment update, noting the target population is those living with HIV who are 65+ years old, and shares there have been thirty participants. He adds that there are two focus groups coming up, one scheduled for Thursday, August 7th and Wednesday, August 20th. He adds that the Needs Assessment presentation, which was slated to be presented at August's Full Council meeting, will likely be moved to November to allow time to gather feedback from more participants. He asks committee members if they know of anyone who would be appropriate for the Needs Assessment to please refer them to CS Perez and CS Tajgeer.
 - CM Lee-Miyaki asks if there is a flyer for the Needs Assessment that can be shared with him.
 - ❖ CS Molnar confirms and asks CS Tajgeer to send the flyer to all Community Engagement members.
- CS Molnar shares a COLA update noting that the group will be voting on a new target population, which currently looks like it will be immigrants. However, due to previous conversations around how to maintain participants safety and protect their identity and status, the COLA may be completed by talking to providers of these services instead.

8. Next Meeting Date & Agenda Items – VOTE

The next Community Engagement Committee meeting will be scheduled for September 3rd, 2025 via Zoom.

9. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 3:42 pm 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)

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1.	Franco Chevalier (Co-Chair)	A										
2.	Jesus Guillen	A										
3.	Reina Hernandez	A										
4.	Lee Jewell	P										
5.	Thomas Knoble	A										
6.	T.J. Lee-Miyaki	P										
7.	Derrick Mapp	P										
8.	Nikos Pecoraro	P										

