

90HIV Community Planning Council
COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE
Wednesday, September 3rd, 2025
Zoom Meeting
3:00-4:30 pm

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

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

Others Present: Stephen Spano

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

Minutes

1. Introductions and Welcome

The meeting was called to order at 3:07 pm by CM Chevalier. Everyone introduced themselves and quorum was established.

2. Review/Approve September 3rd, 2025 DRAFT Agenda – VOTE

The September 3rd, 2025 DRAFT Agenda was reviewed and approved by consensus.

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

The August 6th, 2025 DRAFT Agenda was reviewed and approved by consensus.

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

The July 2nd, 2025 DRAFT Minutes DRAFT Agenda was reviewed and approved by consensus.

5. Review/Approve August 6th, 2025 DRAFT Minutes – VOTE

The September 3rd, 2025 DRAFT Agenda was reviewed and approved by consensus.

6. Announcements

- None.

7. Public Comment

- None.

8. HCAP Report

- Stephen Spano shares this month's HCAP report and highlights a few cases. He highlights a soft trend in food services referrals going up and notes there are more challenges for clients to meet basic needs. The first case they highlight is one regarding a client reporting that they were being denied housing services based on their immigration status. Spano says they were able to reach out to the Mayor's Office of Housing and Community Development (MOHCD) to obtain more information, and the indirect advocacy seemed to resolve the issue for the client. The next case she highlights is one regarding money management and that it highlights a gap in services. Her client has HIV associated dementia which is causing housing insecurity for the client. The client is too young for Aging Services, and ineligible for HIV services due to their income. Spano highlights there is a gap in services for people with a moderate income. Spano highlights a recent success with a client who was moved due to a relapse in residential substance use treatment. Spano touches on the various advocacy that was done on behalf of the client and Spano reports the client has been reconnected to services.
 - CM Mapp asks, given the new policy around substance use, would it be possible for Spano to keep the Committee abreast of these situations where folks may relapse and are at risk of losing their housing as a result? Mapp also highlights that as folks age they will start relying on services that aren't solely Ryan White-funded and asks what kind of advocacy Spano would be able to do if the concern was outside of a Ryan White-funded program?

- ❖ Spano highlights that HCAP is not immune to the same challenges that service providers experience and contracts don't cover the entirety of HCAP expenses. They agree that long-term survivors are going to likely have to look to other sources for services—hopefully the Department of Disability and Aging Services (DAS). Spano has advocated to get funding from DAS to mirror what HCAP does.
 - CM Thomas speaks to the idea of approaching DAS around funding this and notes her colleagues are also thinking about how to get additional funding in the HIV housing space.

9. Resource Allocation – VOTE

- CS Molnar reviews the Resource Allocation Funding Scenarios for increased, flat, and decreased funding.
 - **Increased Funding:** If increased funding occurs, service category resource allocation will be increased proportionally across all service categories not covered under California's essential health benefits package.

Motion: CM Thomas moves to recommend the approval of the increased funding scenario.

Second: CM Lee-Miyaki seconds this motion.

Motion passes through a roll call vote, refer to column (5).

- **Flat Funding:** If funding remains at the current level, service category resource allocation will remain level across all categories.

Motion: CM Jewell moves to recommend the approval of the flat funding scenario.

Second: CM Thomas seconds this motion.

Motion passes through a roll call vote, refer to column (6).

- **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 proportionately. If further reduced allocation is required, reductions will occur proportionately across all service categories.

Motion: CM Lee-Miyaki moves to recommend the approval of the decreased funding scenario.

Second: CM Mapp seconds this motion.

Motion passes through a roll call vote, refer to column (7).

10. Needs Assessment/COLA Update – VOTE

- CS Perez updates the group that the Needs Assessment is currently at 52 participants and council staff will be presenting at this month's Full Council meeting. She adds that they are still taking participants and have a few more people scheduled but will be showcasing the draft presentation at Council Affairs.
 - CS Molnar thanks council staff for their work on the Needs Assessment. He adds that it seems they are back on track to having Needs Assessments presented prior to the resource and allocation meetings in September. He also invites any Community Engagement Committee members to join the Council Affairs meeting for the Needs Assessment preview.
- CS Perez says the new, proposed COLA target is to focus on the undocumented community. She spoke with CM Montenegro, and they discussed a way to host a focus group in-person.
 - CM Chevalier asks if the support group is targeted at a specific subpopulation or just general undocumented support group?
 - ❖ CS Perez says it's for people living with HIV (PLWH) who are undocumented.
 - CM Chevalier asks if there is a way for them to work with ALRP to see if they have any eligible clients.
 - i. Spano says they'd need to speak with the ALRP immigration attorney about that. They asks CS Perez to send an email outlining what's needed.

- CM Knoble says undocumented is pretty broad language, but there is bias in the Spanish-speaking experience. They want to clarify if the specific language of the target population and asks if it is monolingual, undocumented Spanish speaking folks or immigrants?
 - ❖ CS Molnar says it's focus group specific.
- CM Lee-Miyaki suggests this target population as a broader one for the next Needs Assessment.
- CM Thomas says they absolutely want to hear from folks in these communities about what their needs are. She is worried about labeling anything with immigration status and is wary of being in a position of collecting any of that information. She suggests shifting focus to immigrant experience.
 - ❖ CM Mapp seconds CM Thomas's point. He says if we want to move forward with undocumented folks it would be best to do so through interviewing providers, not undocumented folks.
- CM Jewell wonders if we might want to review language and bring it back to this Committee after reviewing.
- CS Molnar seconds CM Thomas's point and suggests focusing on the immigrant experience versus collecting information on immigration status.
- CM Chevalier suggests reaching out to providers to obtain this information, too.
 - CS Perez clarifies language for the COLA and says the target population would be PLWH who have immigrant experience.

Motion: CM Lee-Miyaki moves to approve people living with HIV who have immigrant experience as the COLA target population.

Second: CM Jewell seconds this motion.

Motion passes through consensus, refer to column (8).

11. Next Meeting Date & Agenda Items – VOTE

The next Community Engagement Committee meeting will be scheduled for October 1st, 2025 via Zoom.

12. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 4:09 pm by CM Chevalier.

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

8.	Nikos Pecoraro	P										
9.	Charles Siron	E	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
10.	Richard Sullivan (Co-Chair)	E	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
11.	Laura Thomas	P	A	A	A	A	Y	Y	Y	Y		

Ayes		5	5	5	5	6	6	6	6		
Nayes		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Abstain		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Recusal		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Total	7	5	5	5	5	6	6	6	6		