

HIV Community Planning Council  
**COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE**  
Wednesday, January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2026  
Zoom Meeting  
3:00-4:30 pm

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

**Committee Members Absent:** Erwin Barrios [E], Franco Chevalier [LOA], Jesus Guillen [A], Charles Siron [E], Richard Sullivan [E]

**Others Present:** Beth Neary, Stephen Spano

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

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### ***Minutes***

#### **1. Introductions and Welcome**

The meeting was called to order at 3:08 pm by CS Perez. Everyone introduced themselves and quorum was established.

#### **2. Review/Approve January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2026 DRAFT Agenda – VOTE**

The January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2026 DRAFT Agenda was reviewed and approved by consensus.

#### **3. Review/Approve November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2025 DRAFT Minutes – VOTE**

The November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2025 DRAFT Minutes were reviewed and approved by consensus.

#### **4. Announcements**

- CM Lee-Miyaki asks if any council members are planning to attend the congressional debate at UC Law.
  - CM Thomas says she is planning to do the livestream option.
    - ❖ CM Lee-Miyaki notes that he received an email stating that his ticket was changed to virtual only.
- CM Knoble acknowledges the incident that took place at Ward 86 and recognizes the tragedy and its impact across the field.
  - The group discussed the recent incident at Ward 86 and acknowledged the impact it has had on providers, patients, and the broader HIV community. Concerns were raised about potential provider leaves of absence and the resulting effects on access to care, particularly as new safety and security measures may create additional barriers for some clients, including unhoused clients. The group emphasized the importance of centering consumer voices and monitoring whether service disruptions emerge, noting that access challenges have been a repeat finding in previous Needs Assessments and COLAs without addressing those challenges. The group discussed that DPH and UCSF have set up an incident command structure and multiple investigations are underway. The group agreed that the Council should receive updates through future Director's Reports from CM Blum and CM Knoble. The Council should consider taking action if gaps in care or access become apparent.

#### **5. Public Comment**

- None.

#### **6. HCAP Report**

- Stephen Spano shares this month's HCAP report and highlights a few cases. The first case they highlight is a client who was hospitalized at Kaiser and is now requiring skilled nursing facility (SNF) level of care for rehabilitation. The client's sister contacted HCAP to obtain advice on what the client's options were. Spano was told by a case manager at Kaiser that the SNF in the City the client

was looking at were not having success getting their referrals approved. Currently, it seems the client has been relocated to a long-term care facility outside the HIV system of care. Spano felt it was important to highlight this case to the Committee so they were aware of the issue, and to obtain more information about why these referrals would be stalled.

- Beth Neary offers to speak offline about this case. She adds that there might be a referral issue since Kaiser is a private insurance.
- Spano highlights another case regarding a client with a traumatic brain injury (TBI) and had found a provider to work with who specialized in TBIs. The client obtained a referral, but it had not been effectuated and Spano was having a difficult time reaching the service provider to get a status update on the referral. In the meantime, the client has obtained a referral to an alternative service provider.

## 7. Needs Assessment/COLA Update – VOTE

- CS Perez shares that they advertised a COLA focus group in December for cisgender women living with or at risk for HIV, but there was no interest. She said they will attempt to re-advertise for a new date in January. She adds that council staff will soon begin outreach for the second COLA target and the Needs Assessment.

## 8. Co-Chair Elections – VOTE

- CS Perez opens the floor for co-chair nominations. The group discussed nominees and nominated CM Jewell and CM Mapp, both of whom accepted the nominations.

**Motion:** CM Lee-Miyaki nominates CM Jewell as co-chair of the Committee for the year.

**Second:** CM Jewell seconds this motion.

*Motion passes through consensus, refer to column (3).*

**Motion:** CM Mapp nominates himself as co-chair of the Committee for the year.

**Second:** CM Lee-Miyaki seconds this motion.

*Motion passes through consensus, refer to column (4).*

## 9. Next Meeting Date & Agenda Items – VOTE

*The next Community Engagement Committee meeting will be scheduled for February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2026 via Zoom.*

## 10. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 4:00pm by CS Perez.

### Community Engagement Committee

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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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roll [1] [2] [3] [4] [5] [6] [7] [8] [9] [10]

1.	Erwin Barrios	E	-	-	-	-					
2.	Franco Chevalier (Co-Chair)	LOA	-	-	-	-					
3.	Jesus Guillen	A	-	-	-	-					
4.	Lee Jewell	P	Y	Y	Y	Y					
5.	Thomas Knoble	P	Y	Y	A	A					
6.	T. J. Lee-Miyaki	P	Y	Y	Y	Y					

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

<b>Ayes</b>	5	5	4	4						
<b>Nayes</b>	-	-	-	-						
<b>Abstain</b>	-	-	-	-						
<b>Recusal</b>	-	-	-	-						
<b>Total</b>	5	5	5	4	4					