

HIV Community Planning Council  
COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Wednesday, May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2026

Zoom Meeting

3:00-4:00 pm

**Committee Members Present:** Erwin Barrios, Jesus Guillen, Lee Jewell, Johnny Rodriguez, Richard Sullivan

**Committee Members Absent:** Franco Chevalier [LOA], Thomas Knoble [E], T. J. Lee-Miyaki [A], Derrick Mapp [E], Charles Siron [E], Laura Thomas [E]

**Others Present:** Natalie Basha, Stephen Spano

**Support Staff Present:** Kira Perez, Kat Téllez

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## *Minutes*

### 1. Introductions and Welcome

The meeting was called to order at 3:12 pm by CM Jewell. Everyone introduced themselves and quorum was established.

### 2. Review/Approve May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2026 DRAFT Agenda – VOTE

The May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2026 DRAFT Agenda was reviewed and approved by consensus.

### 3. Review/Approve March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2026 DRAFT Minutes – VOTE

The March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2026 DRAFT Minutes were reviewed and approved by consensus.

### 4. Announcements

- None.

### 5. Public Comment

- None.

### 6. HCAP Report

- Stephen Spano shared the HCAP report and noted that the report covers April and May. The first case they highlighted is one involving a client who previously received support for their emotional support animal who passed away and requested support in getting a new support animal. The service provider's policy is to allow six months for a new support animal, but the client had not been connected to services in three years. HCAP requested an exception, but the service provider was unable to accommodate the request. Spano highlighted this case to show the need for these types of services.
- Spano highlighted a dental services case regarding a client who felt they had been terminated unfairly, but that that service provider was the only one who could retreat their root canal. HCAP advocated on behalf of the client, but the service provider is unwilling to provide any services beyond extraction of the tooth. HCAP is still in the process of this case and will update as it progresses.
- The last case Spano highlighted is one involving a client who is experiencing many major life changes and was in need of mental health services. HCAP provided a referral to mental health and was informed that wait times are currently very short, approximately 2 weeks.
  - CM Jewell asked if Spano knows about the Liberation Institute, which offers low-cost services for mental health?
    - ❖ Spano said they are unfamiliar with it.

### 7. Reunion Project Results

- The Reunion Project Results were postponed to the next Community Engagement meeting.

### 8. COLA Target – VOTE

- The COLA Target vote was postponed to the next Community Engagement meeting.

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

The next Community Engagement Committee meeting will be scheduled for June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2026 via Zoom.

**10. Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned at 3:29pm by CM Jewell.

**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)

**May 6, 2026**

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1.	Erwin Barrios	P										
2.	Franco Chevalier	LOA										
3.	Jesus Guillen	P										
4.	Lee Jewell (Co-Chair)	P										
5.	Thomas Knoble	E										
6.	T. J. Lee-Miyaki	A										
7.	Derrick Mapp (Co-Chair)	E										
8.	Charles Siron	E										
9.	Richard Sullivan	P										
10.	Laura Thomas	E										
11.	Johnny Rodriguez	P										

<b>Ayes</b>												
<b>Nays</b>												
<b>Abstain</b>												
<b>Recusal</b>												
<b>Total</b>	5											