

HIV Community Planning Council

FULL COUNCIL MEETING

Monday January 25th, 2021

Zoom Meeting

4:00-6:00 pm

HIV Community Planning Council Members Present: Chuck Adams, Orin Allen, Alexandria Andrews, Bill Blum, Jackson Bowman, Ben Cabangun, Ed Chitty, Billie Cooper, Cicily Emerson, Elaine Flores, Matt Geltmaker, David Gonzalez (Co-Chair), Kevin Hutchcroft, Ron Hernandez, Bruce Ito, Thomas Knoble (Co-Chair), Lily Krutel, T.J. Lee-Miyaki, Helen Lin, Derrick Mapp, Antwan Matthews, Jessie Murphy, Ney Nascimento, John Paul Soto, Richard Sullivan, Eric Sutter, Laura Thomas

HIV Community Planning Council Members Absent: Cesar Cadabes [A], Paul Harkin [E], Lee Jewell [A], Juba Kalamaka [E], Irma Parada (Co-Chair) [E], Ken Pearce [E], Mike Shriver [LoA], Charles Siron [E], Gwen Smith [E]

Others Present: Katy Allred (MERP), Barbara Green-Ajufo (UCSF), Bill Hirsh (ALRP), Tara Raoufi (Jansenn), Jorge Sanchez (DPH), Stephen Spano (ALRP), Wanda Vasquez (Jansenn), Natalie Thoreson

DPH Staff Present: Beth Neary (HHS)

Support Staff Present: Melina Clark, Ali Cone, Valarie Etukudo, Dave Jordan, Mark Molnar

Minutes

1. Call Meeting to Order and Roll Call. Introduction of Public. Co-Chair Welcome.

The meeting was called to order at 4:06 pm by CM Knoble. Roll was called and quorum was established.

2. Review and Approve January 25th 2021 DRAFT Agenda – VOTE

The January 25th 2021 DRAFT Agenda was reviewed and approved by consensus.

3. Review and Approve November 30th DRAFT Minutes – VOTE

The November 30th 2020 DRAFT Minutes were reviewed and approved by consensus.

4. Announcements

- Stephen Spano announced that ALRP is making an effort to outreach to service providers and they can do this remotely. Please contact Stephen if there's any interest.
- Natalie Thoreson issued an apology for unintentionally not recognizing the HIV/AIDS epidemic those are facing during her training in November.

5. Public Comment

- Bill Hirsh – in the process of identifying the budget proposal.

6. General Updates

The Council will receive updates from GTZ (Paul Harkin), CPG (Kevin Hutchcroft), CAEAR (R. Lee Jewell), CHEP (Thomas Knoble), and HHS (Kevin Hutchcroft).

- CPG Update – Kevin Hutchcroft
 - No significant updates
- HHS Update – Kevin Hutchcroft
 - One staff member is part time activated for COVID-19. The primary care has recruited DPH employees to support with COVID-19 vaccination distributions.
 - HHS received a partial reward for Ryan White Part A funding and were approved for the 75/25 Waiver which allows at least 75% majority of the reward to be spent on care services.
 - RFP for Rental Subsidies was released in December and incumbent provider will continue their services.
 - HHS online trainings held: Motivational Interviewing and Understanding the Cycle of Oppression.
- CHEP – Thomas Knoble
 - Most staff have been activated for COVID-19 work.
 - In December CHEP hosted HIV test counselor trainings.
 - CHEP has been active in hotels to support with overdose prevention.
- CS Clark – Will send out calendar invites for all committee meetings and the full council meetings.

7. COVID-19 Update – Dr. John Szumowski

The Council will receive an update on the coronavirus vaccine and the logistics of vaccine dispersal.

- People with HIV and people without HIV have similar incidences and severity of COVID-19. There isn't much information on those with detectable viral loads so they may have a greater risk for severity. And, there isn't convincing evidence that antiretrovirals have significant impact on SARS-CoV-2.
- Treatment recommendations for those with HIV and those without HIV are similar.
- As a person with HIV it's important to continue with your HIV therapy without interruptions and be mindful of general health measures such as: quitting smoking, maintaining healthy weight, control your blood sugar if you're diabetic, making sure you're up to date on your vaccinations, etc.
- Dr. Szumowski reviewed how mRNA vaccines work.
- Pfizer and Moderna are mRNA vaccines that are highly effective approximately 95% efficacy. People have reported symptoms that are mild to moderate and resolve. Oxford/Astrazeneca is an adenoviral vector vaccine with approximately 70% efficacy.
- Allergic reactions have been reported but rarely
- HIV specific data is limited at the moment but it's possible the vaccine protection is reduced in persons with very low CD4 counts.

- Dr. Szumowski reviewed outstanding questions regarding the COVID-19 vaccine.
- Q&A:
 - CM Cooper – would like to know about protection for those in nursing homes, the un-housed populations. And once you have the vaccine can you still transmit the virus? How do we get information about the number of Black and Brown populations included in vaccination trials?
 - Dr. Szumowski – it's still recommended to wear a mask once you get the vaccines. As for nursing homes, it's his understanding that those at nursing homes should be receiving vaccinations but isn't sure what the individual facilities plans are. In terms of representation in vaccination studies it's not where it should be but it's better relative to other studies.
 - CM Sullivan – are those living with HIV have similar infection rates to those without HIV?
 - Dr. Szumowski, yes.
 - CM Matthews – do you have recommendations for strategies in reaching the black community to encourage getting vaccinations.
 - Dr. Szumowski – support from within the community will be valuable as well as providing accessibility.

8. COLA Report – Melina Clark

The Council will receive a report on the 2020 COLA targeting Portuguese-speaking consumers of services.

- Presentation title: *2020 COLA Result: People Who Speak Portuguese*
- COLA: Limitations
 - A very impactful limitation was COVID-19 because surveys had to be completed online rather than in person.
- Prioritization Exercise
 - The score on represented on the slides are showing how clients ranked priorities
- COLA Qualitative Data
 - Mental Health
 - Stigma in the Brazilian Community
 - Immigration status
 - Language Capacity
 - Other themes – Job Placement and Psychosocial Support Services
- CM Nascimento
 - When working on this project noted the importance and need for services in their primary language because as medical conditions get more complicated, some have a difficult time understanding and communicating with their providers.
 - For work development, CM Nascimento thinks that the Portuguese community faces various issues and feels that through the responses people are hoping for more professional development opportunities and support for the transition when they move to the U.S.

- CM Nascimento felt how much the community needs help in mental health services and thinks one of the challenges faced is not having enough services in Portuguese.

9. Needs Assessment Report – David Jordan

The Council will receive a report on the 2020 Needs Assessment targeting Youth.

- Presentation title: *Needs Assessment (HIV+ Transitional Aged Youth 2020)*
- There was a COVID-19 limitation for this assessment.
- Background and Methodology
- Below is a summary of assessment questions asked, but not limited to those listed below.
 - What is your age? What is your gender identity? How long have you been living with HIV? Are you engaged in medical care and if yes, when was your last primary medical care visit? Are you using HIV meds/antiretroviral therapy? What best describes your living situation?
- Service Category Prioritization
 - Highest score in Mental Health Care
- Q&A:
 - What is ACAC?
 - CS Jordan – ACAC is a service provision that includes housing, in house medical support, and other benefits and services and are able to have support once clients age out of this system. Specific to HIV positive youth.

10. Small Groups

Council members will consider the following within break-out sessions:

- Reflect upon 2020 in terms of council work, HIV Care & Prevention, and consumer challenges
- Discuss the impact of coronavirus vaccine dispersal on HIV affected and infected communities
- Brainstorm goals for the work of the HCPC in 2021

11. Next Meeting Date & Adjournment

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 22nd 2021, 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm.

Full Council Meeting

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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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Chuck Adams	P										

Orin Allen	P										
Alexandria Andrews	P										
Bill Blum	P										
Jackson Bowman	P										
Ben Cabangun	P										
Cesar Cadabes	A										
Ed Chitty	P										
Billie Cooper	P										
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Elaine Flores	P										
Matt Geltmaker	P										
David Gonzalez	P										
Kevin Hutchcroft (Co-Chair)/ Thomas Knoble (Co-Chair)	P/P										
Paul Harkin	E										
Ron Hernandez	P										
Bruce Ito	P										
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Juba Kalamka	E										
Lily Krutel	P										
Helen Lin	E										
Derrick Mapp	P										
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T.J. Lee-Miyaki	P										
Jessie Murphy	P										
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Ken Pearce	E										
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Charles Siron	E										

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