

HIV Community Planning Council

FULL COUNCIL MEETING

April 25th, 2022

25 Van Ness

4:00-6:30 pm

HIV Community Planning Council Members Present: Chuck Adams, Bill Blum, Ben Cabangun, Ed Chitty, Elaine Flores, Matt Geltmaker, David Gonzalez, Ron Hernandez, Lee Jewell, Thomas Knoble, Helen Lin, Derrick Mapp, Ken Pearce, Gwen Smith, John Paul Soto, Richard Sullivan, Laura Thomas

HIV Community Planning Council Members Absent: Cesar Cadabes [E], Billie Cooper [A], Zachary Davenport [A], Kevin Hutchcroft [LOA], Paul Harkin [E], Juba Kalamka [A], T.J. Lee-Miyaki [LOA], Nga Le [E], Irma Parada [LOA]

Others Present: Bill Hirsh, Judy Martin, Pedro Felix, Sue Walburg-Smith, Nicola Cooley, Eileen Loughran

DPH Staff Present: Beth Neary

Support Staff Present: Kira Perez Angeles, David 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 4:05 pm by CM Knoble. Roll was called and quorum was established.

2. Review and Approve April 25th 2022 DRAFT Agenda – VOTE

The April 25th 2022 DRAFT Agenda was reviewed and approved by consensus.

3. Review and Approve March 28th 2022 DRAFT Minutes – VOTE

The March 28th 2022 DRAFT Minutes were reviewed and approved by consensus.

4. Announcements

- None.

5. Public Comment

- Bill Hirsh announced that the board of supervisors will hold a meeting in Wednesday, May 4th to advocate for initiatives they have identified as a priority for the city to fund.

6. Staff Announcements

- CS Molnar announced that he has now moved into a senior directing position and CS Jordan will now be taking the lead. CS Cone will no longer be with the council.

7. General Updates

- CAEAR Coalition – CM Jewell
 - House lawmakers are expected to markup subcommittee spending bills in June, working to finalize a bipartisan spending package by the start of fiscal year 2023 on October 1. However, partisan battles ahead of the midterm elections could derail that timeline.
- HHS – CM Blum

- California has over 8 ½ million cases of COVID-19 with San Francisco reporting 126,181 cases of COVID-19.
- Ryan White funding has not yet been issued but HHS has received partial RWPA awards and EHE award.
- HHS will be finding new staff to fill new positions.
- CHEP & CPG – CM Knoble
 - There is an HIV & Aging committee that is working on a survey which will be sent out in the near future. Once that is done, they will hold some type of seminar to figure out how to address those issues.
- SOA – CM Kent
 - A new person has joined their team and a short bio has been provided in the OA Voice. OA's part b HIV care program updated its renewal process to change the process.
- ADAP – Steven
 - As of today, there are 27,000 ADAP client 196 enrollments. In the coming weeks, ADAP will focus on Project Cornerstone to improve health and wellbeing of HIV clients.
- ETE – CM Sullivan
 - They will be presenting at their next meeting with jail house services. They went over the blueprint for the CHLI program.

8. Substance User Update

- CM Blum prefaced the presentation to inform the group about the programs that are funded through the general fund. CS Blum also reviewed the behavioral services that people can access through the SF DPH system of care in addition to RWP or HIV targeted general funded services.
- Dr. Judy Martin presents on the range of services offered by SUD (Substance Use Disorder), Mental Health San Francisco, statistics regarding overdose, and overdose response initiatives.
 - The average transitional housing stay, under the Residential SUD treatment, is 7 months, proving a need for more beds. There is an emphasis on continuing the treatment.
 - Overdose deaths has increased dramatically since 2018, mostly driven by fentanyl. With Tenderloin and SOMA being the hotspots.
 - Some initiatives include harm reduction, syringe and safe-use supplies, naloxone, etc.
- Questions
 - CM Pearce asks can we incorporate safe smoking into the safe injection sites? Is there a reason people don't like the drug they can take in place of fentanyl?
 - Martin answered that yes, they have incorporated safe smoking. They cannot really pinpoint the reason the use numbers are so low for the drug in place of fentanyl, but she guesses because of its effects and timing of the drug when mixed with other substances.
 - CM Thomas asks what do we need to do in order to hold people consistently in treatment? How do we figure out how to get more naloxone to programs?
 - Martin answers that most of the people who are asked to go into treatment just don't want to and don't see the point of it. There are steps that people need to take to get in and some places are not friendly. If people do not have a place to live, how can they do that if they don't know where they will be the next day.

- Eileen Loughran answered that there is a disconnect between the department filling these orders and the group in charge of distributing them which leads to confusion and prevents the distribution group from giving out more than what their current “limit” is.
- CM Pearce asks for more information regarding what the hold back is about getting more buprenorphine?
 - Martin answers that pharmacies have to go through hoops to get enough since they can only hold so many. They are given a quota and they run out. They are currently trying to raise the cap.

9. Break

10. Substance User Health Panel

- Three guests explain what their division/ department do to address substance use.
 - CS Molnar asks what programs each one has to address this issue?
 - CM Thomas mentions a new drug testing program where they have an infrared machine which would be able to give people more information regarding what is in their substances.
 - Loughran adds that they are trying to get naloxone into the community to help combat this issue of drug abuse.
 - CM Knoble adds that they want to add overdose to the funding that they have so they can address this issue more appropriately.
 - CS Molnar asks why harm reduction is centralized to this conversation and why we treat this issue?
 - CM Thomas answers that they are trying to reduce the risk to themselves similar to the way people are wearing masks due to COVID-19. Their goal is about addressing stigma, reducing potential risks, and addressing this issue knowing these people are oftentimes overlooked.
 - CS Molnar asks what are the challenges we are currently facing even in a city with resources and funding?
 - CM Thomas states that at their organization and many others, they are short staffed, leading to people getting overworked and burnt out and as a result people tend to leave, making this a cycle. Harm reduction/ syringe access programs are not getting enough funding making them short staffed and underfunded. The city’s habit to lean on police to address homelessness, drug use, etc. makes things worse rather than solving the issue.
 - CM Knoble adds that the racial equity issue has been amplified. They state that people who are homeless are the target of the frustration of the city’s various problems.
 - CM Pearce asks if they link immediately to PrEP?
 - CM Knoble answers that it depends on what the person actually needs.
 - CM Thomas answers that it is available but they see less demand for that versus being able to provide someone with safe syringes.

11. Next Meeting Date & Adjournment

- Meeting adjourned by CS Molnar at 6:31 pm.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 23rd 2022 at 4:00 pm, in the 6th floor room at 25 Van Ness.

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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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| Bill Blum | P | | | | | | | | | | |
| Ben Cabangun | P | | | | | | | | | | |
| Cesar Cadabes | E | | | | | | | | | | |
| Ed Chitty | P | | | | | | | | | | |
| Billie Cooper | A | | | | | | | | | | |
| Zachary Davenport | A | | | | | | | | | | |
| Elaine Flores | P | | | | | | | | | | |
| Matt Geltmaker | P | | | | | | | | | | |
| David Gonzalez | P | | | | | | | | | | |
| Kevin Hutchcroft (Co-Chair)/ Thomas Knoble (Co-Chair) | LOA/ P | | | | | | | | | | |
| Paul Harkin | E | | | | | | | | | | |
| Ron Hernandez | P | | | | | | | | | | |
| Lee Jewell | P | | | | | | | | | | |
| Juba Kalamka | A | | | | | | | | | | |
| Derrick Mapp | P | | | | | | | | | | |
| T.J. Lee-Miyaki | LOA | | | | | | | | | | |
| Helen Lin | P | | | | | | | | | | |
| Irma Parada | LOA | | | | | | | | | | |
| Ken Pearce | P | | | | | | | | | | |
| Gwen Smith | P | | | | | | | | | | |
| John Paul Soto | P | | | | | | | | | | |
| Richard Sullivan | P | | | | | | | | | | |

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