

HIV Community Planning Council

FULL COUNCIL MEETING

January 24th, 2022

Zoom Meeting

4:00-6:00 pm

HIV Community Planning Council Members Present: Chuck Adams, Bill Blum, Jackson Bowman, Ben Cabangun, Cesar Cadabes, Ed Chitty, Zacaahry Davenport, Elaine Flores, Matt Geltmaker, David Gonzalez, Kevin Hutchcroft, Thomas Knoble, Paul Harkin, Ron Hernandez, Bruce Ito, Lee Jewell, Juba Kalamka, Derrick Mapp, T.J. Lee-Miyaki, Jessie Murphy, Ken Pearce, John Paul Soto, Richard Sullivan, Laura Thomas, Nga Le

HIV Community Planning Council Members Absent: Billie Cooper [E], Helen Lin [E], Irma Parada [E], Mike Shriver [E], Charles Siron [E], Gwen Smith [E]

Others Present: Barbara Green-Ajufo, Bill Hirsh, Stephen Spano, Beth Neary, Tara Raouifi

DPH Staff Present: Nikki Gracey

Support Staff Present: Kira Perez Angeles, Mark Molnar, Melina Clark, Ali Cone, David Jordan

Minutes

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

The meeting was called to order at 4:04 pm by CM Gonzalez. Roll was called and quorum was established.

2. Review and Approve January 24th 2022 DRAFT Agenda – VOTE

The January 24th 2022 DRAFT Agenda was reviewed and approved by consensus.

3. Review and Approve November 29th 2021 DRAFT Minutes – VOTE

The November 29th 2021 DRAFT Minutes were reviewed and approved by consensus.

4. Announcements

- None.

5. Public Comment

- Barbara Green-Ajufo thanked council members for their participation in the survey she had sent out in November. The survey will be re-sent out via email.

6. General Updated

- CAEAR Coalition – CM Jewell
 - Democrats are calling on appropriation negotiations as federal deadline approaches. The meeting marks a long month deadlock. Democrats rebuke republican's ultimatums and are pushing them to provide a top line spending number.
 - CM Blum let the group know that they won't have awards for Ryan White Part A (RWPA) or EHE.
- HHS – CM Hutchcroft
 - CM Hutchcroft informs everyone that the number of COVID-19 hospitalizations in San Francisco was 261. 82% of San Francisco residents are fully vaccinated and boosted. HHS

has received a partial RWPA award for fiscal year 2022-2023. The total award will most likely not be known until after Congress passes the appropriate bill. A couple of HHS staff were activated to work in the Tenderloin Emergency Response center.

- CHEP & CPG – CM Thomas
 - The department has opened a linkage center in the Tenderloin for people needing access to services where a number of CHEP staff are helping the center until DPH can get various partners to do those services.
 - CM Gonzalez asked what the name of the center is?
 - a. CM Knoble answered the Tenderloin Linkage Center and is located at Civic Center.
- SOA – CM Kent
 - CM Kent highlighted the 21 day challenge where everyday everyone watches informative videos and read materials in order to discuss.
 - They are holding a training on Transgender Cultural Humility Awareness.
- ADAP – Nikki Gracey
 - For the PrEP assistance program, at the beginning of the month there were 200 PrEP enrollment sites covering 174 clinics, this currently makes up the PrEP provider network.
 - Health plans are all required to cover all PrEP drugs and clinical services, which includes injectable PrEP.
 - As of January 3rd, the number of ADAP clients enrolled totaled to 8,894 clients.
- ETE – CM Sullivan
 - The mission statement for the committee is to make a collective impact on eliminating HIV. They discussed not duplicating efforts that already exist. There was a proposal for bi-monthly meetings scheduled and that was discussed with an outcome of being consistent for the next three months with meetings.
 - CHLI mentorship program welcomes a new director and mentorship coordinator. FOG and HAPN are being coordinated. They laid out a framework to discuss in future meetings such as getting to zero, CHLI, and Ryan White care funding.

7. 2021 Year in Review

- CS Molnar presented a review on the year and highlighted important points from 2021.
 - During the month of March, a Needs Assessment target was chosen. CS Molnar emphasized the rise on overdose deaths in San Francisco. This presentation was shared via email with council members.

8. Break

9. Consumer of Services Community Forum

- CS Jordan and CS Clark led a community forum for consumers and service providers. They provided a survey for council members and encouraged interested folks who are not part of the council to get in contact with him to complete the survey. They are looking to understand the community they serve more and figure out where to prioritize funding. All of the surveys are anonymous.
 - CS Clark asks the group to discuss how they are doing and their general quality of life throughout the last year?

- One participant shares that he is fortunately thriving and doing well during the pandemic. He has moved housing during this year and getting used to school being remote has presented some obstacles, but overall he has done well.
 - Another participant shared he has been doing fairly well in some ways but has been struggling in others. For example, his anxiety has been exacerbated by the social unrest in the world as well as personal issues that were effected by the pandemic. He has found that he has had a number of resources due to being in San Francisco which he has found helpful.
 - A participant explains that he is fortunate enough to have access to housing and medications he needs and this pandemic has made him acutely aware of people who don't have those resources. He notes the number of homeless folks on the street especially those with HIV. He highlights the difficulty he sees in the HIV community is that of isolation. Many have voiced this concern and recovery groups being moved hasn't helped. He knows of folks who have even completely opted out of going to them since they are virtual and further adds to this feeling of isolation.
 - Another participant adds that there is a gap between people who are in the field as service providers and consumers when accessing tools/ resources for mental health. This reduces folks to be sitting at the mercy of some providers who do not offer or provide the accurate care for mental health.
 - A participant echoes the previous participant's concern as he explains his experiences when dealing with clients who make just a little too much to access those services even though they are truly in need of them. The isolation that comes with this pandemic has affected him personally as he has seen friends move away and finds little opportunity to meeting new acquaintances due to the current state of things.
 - One participant adds that he has found difficulty with technology as he finds so much dependency is based on computer skills. He notes that it is not the same for him when accessing care via zoom as when he is face-to-face. He also notes becoming burnt out having to use zoom so often or relying on his phone to access care. Wait times have become longer due to the pandemic and if he misses a call from his doctor then he gets sent to point A again and he finds himself in an endless cycle which becomes exhausting and frustrating.
 - Another participant shares that he has had a difficult year involving a lot of health issues come up. He echoes what CM Chitty said as he has had so many of his friends move away and even had some die. He notes the difficulty of meeting new people and the coursework he has had.
- CS Clark asks the group regarding specific challenges since the beginning of the pandemic that people have experienced?
 - One person shares that recovery went to zoom temporarily and he had difficulties with that. Before the pandemic he never had owned a laptop or even a phone so he is not the most technologically sound person due to the fact. He personally has seen the desperation there is on the streets for

housing, benefits, or health care. He emphasizes the technical barrier he and others experience.

- While another person shares that he benefits from Telehealth in some situations but that due to his mobility issues he really had to advocate and push Kaiser to give him an in-person appointment since he feels he gets more out of his appointments when they are in-person.
- One person shares that getting to see a specialist and waiting has been a difficulty process. When he finally got to see a specialist who he felt did not have the appropriate knowledge/ background when it came to treating him, incorrectly wrote down a diagnosis in his record that was not true.
- Another person echoes the previous person’s concerns over telehealth versus in-person appointments. He really had to push to receive care in-person and notes the obstacle that many people face during the pandemic when having to access care virtually since acquiring a laptop is not the easiest or most affordable thing to do. He highlights the reducing number of specialists in the city decreasing since he recently had to find a new specialist seeing that his old one was moving out of the city. There are so few and the few that are left are not accepting new clients. He is seeing his care become less of a specialty care and more of a general care. There are also a number of pharmacies that are closing due to online prescriptions places like Amazon so it is becoming more difficult to receive medications on time.
- One person notes the importance of folks being able to see their therapist or psychiatrist in-person. Now that things have become more hybrid, people have begun to calm down as they can see their providers in person.

10. Next Meeting Date & Adjournment

- Meeting adjourned by CM Gonzalez at 6:00 pm.

The next meeting/ council summit is scheduled for Monday, February 28th 2022, 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm.

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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										
Jackson Bowman	P										
Ben Cabangun	P										

Cesar Cadabes	P													
Ed Chitty	P													
Billie Cooper	E													
Zachary Davenport	P													
Elaine Flores	P													
Matt Geltmaker	P													
David Gonzalez	P													
Kevin Hutchcroft (Co-Chair)/ Thomas Knoble (Co-Chair)	P/P													
Paul Harkin	P													
Ron Hernandez	P													
Bruce Ito	P													
Lee Jewell	P													
Juba Kalamka	P													
Derrick Mapp	P													
T.J. Lee-Miyaki	P													
Helen Lin	E													
Jessie Murphy	P													
Irma Parada	E													
Ken Pearce	P													
Mike Shriver	E													
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