

HIV Community Planning Council

FULL COUNCIL MEETING

November 28th, 2022

Zoom

4:00-6:30 pm

HIV Community Planning Council Members Present: Cesar Cadabes, Ed Chitty, Pedro Felix, Elaine Flores, David Gonzalez, Ron Hernandez, Lee Jewell, Juba Kalamka, Chris Kent, Thomas Knoble, Nga Le, T.J. Lee-Miyaki, Derrick Mapp, Irma Parada, Ken Pearce, John Paul Soto, Laura Thomas

HIV Community Planning Council Members Absent: Chuck Adam[E], Zachary Davenport[A], Matt Geltmaker[E], Paul Harkin[A], Helen Lin[A], Gwen Smith[A], Richard Sullivan[E], Manuel Vasquez [E]

Others Present:, Leroy Blea, Susa Coffey, Mary Lawrence Hicks, Miguel Ibarra, Emily Kehl, Courtney Leibi, Beth Neary, Sue Walburg-Smith , Stephen Spano,

DPH Staff Present: Bill Blum

Support Staff Present: David Crown, Mark Molnar, Kira Perez

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 Gonzalez. Roll Call was called, everyone introduced themselves and quorum was established.

2. Review and Approve November 28th 2022 DRAFT Agenda – VOTE

The November 28th 2022 DRAFT Agenda was reviewed and approved by consensus.

3. Review and Approve October 24th 2022 DRAFT Minutes – VOTE

The October 24th 2022 DRAFT Minutes were reviewed and approved by consensus.

4. Announcements

- Ken Pearce announces his retirement from the HCPC.
- CM Thomas reminds Planning Council about Worlds AIDS day events happening, December 1st.

5. Public Comment

- None

6. Staff Announcements

- CS Molnar announces holiday treat to be gifted in December.

7. General Updates

- CAEAR Coalition – CM Jewell
 - CM Jewell announces 2023 Appropriations, noting there is a CR Budget that expires December 16th.
 - CM Jewell states that in November the White House requested that Congress allocate money for public health and other pressing issues through the emergency funding request specific to combat Hep C and Mpox.

- Blum clarifies that the CAEAR Coalition is strategizing a new three year plan. A reconvenes of semi-annual meetings with all planning bodies and Blum is asking for participation of planning council.
- HHS – Bill Blum
 - Blum announces HRSA/HAB approved the HHS RWPA Carryforward FY 22/23 with the exception of mental health long term survivor's needs assessment as well as the 2023/24 Non-Competing Continuation (NCC) RWPA Grant.
 - Blum presents that most of the contracted mental health service providers have confirmed with HHS that they are able to augment services with a proportionate amount of money for mental health services for long term survivors.
 - Blum presents that the SF DPH and CA State office of AIDS (SOA) are seeking concurrence from the council to meet the federal requirements for the following federal grant deliverable, due December 2022.
 - Combined HRSA/HAB SF EMA RWPA and CDC HIV Prevention and Care Integrated Plan Including Statewide Coordinated Statement Need for 2023-2026. As well as the CDC EHE CA Statewide Comprehensive HIV Plan "Ending the Epidemics: Addressing Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV), Hep C Virus, and STIs in California.
 - HHS Staffing update:
 - Andy Scheer hired as HHS EHE Coordinator.
 - Beth Neary hired as Assistant Director of HHS.
 - ADAP Coordinator Position hiring is in process.
- CHEP & CPG – CM Knoble
 - CM Knoble announces The CHEP RFP 4-2019 contracts that were frozen due to COVID, will go into effect in January, 2023.
 - CM Knoble presents a chart that breaks down HAP services/program, subcontractors, and funding amounts.
 - CM Knoble notes that 5% of funds are still available to be rewarded, to be discussed in January, 2023.
 - Staffing Update:
 - Ending the HIC/HCV/STI Epidemics Community Program Manager position has been filled.
 - Four HIV/HCV/STI Prevention Coordinator positions have been filled with one Coordinator position still in the hiring process.
- SOA – CM Kent
 - CM Kent announces New Staff Update; Sonny Jones, role not specified.
 - CM Kent announces there is a New Data System that is replacing AIREs.

8. Introduction to new EHE staff

- Blum announces that Thomas Knoble is the EHE Coordinator.
- Blum announces that Anthony Taylor is newly hired as a Program Manager at city clinic in the HIV/STI branch. Blum mentions this would be a Practicing manager role overseeing the Ending the Epidemic Comp C, focusing on the integration of HIV prevention services, and supporting STI grant management/operations.

- Blum announces that Andy Scheer is the EHE Coordinator for Ryan White funding and that Erin Artunez is the Links Manager.

9. State/Federal Strategic Plan-Vote

- Leroy Blea CDPH-OA
 - Blea announces the federally required concurrence for CA and Co-authoring EMA/TGAs, which is due for submission Dec 9th. The OA concurrence document is the phase-1 high-level roadmap of the new HIV/HCV/STI strategic plan.
 - Blea covers the timeline of the year 2022 for the strategic plan.
 - Blea explains the council's role is to review key indicators and associated strategies. As well as to participate in the community comment period with other stakeholders. The councils' role is to provide any conceptual input based on SF's community perspective and to connect with Facetune Consulting and CDPH for a more in-depth presentation of the Strategic Plan.
 - Blea seeks concurrence from the Council.

Motion: CM Jewell motioned to approve the Letter of Concurrence

Second: CM Chitty seconded the motion

The motion passes through consensus, *refer to column (1)*

10. Break

11. Getting to Zero Update

- Mary Lawrence Hicks reminds us of the loss of gains due to COVID lockdown
- Hicks announces the need for filling a co-chair position; Tackling Disparities in HIV Care Continuum for People Experiencing Homelessness.
- Hicks reviews GTZ-SF Areas of Advocacy.
- Hicks displays the Priority Areas and Activities in September.
- Hicks reminds the council of information that can be found on the Getting to Zero website for community members to obtain real time information and resources.
- Hicks invites the Planning Council and public to the GTZ-SF World AIDS Day event.
- Miguel Ibarra reviews the RAPID and Retention Background
 - Ibarra reviews that RAPID ART (after new diagnosis of HIV) is very successful on citywide level and has a high viral suppression within 12 months of RAPID start.
 - Ibarra reviews that retention in care and on ART is essential to long-term viral suppression, and remains a huge problem for PWH in SF.
 - Ibarra evaluates the overall viral suppression in SF (2021) which is 72% on average however VS Is found to be lowest in MSM PWID, and TWSM PWID, heterosexual and homeless at 27%.
 - Ibarra states that many people drop off ART, and are often out of care(regardless of RAPID or non-RAPID start) and that this number remains high, even as the number of new HIV infections has declined.
 - Ibarra states that folks who drop off ART need to be seen at point of return and requires the offer of immediate ART restart. Also, PWH off ART have demonstrated that they have barriers to engagement and may need a high level of support to maintain adherence and engagement. Currently, robust supports after RAPID Restart are not routinely available

- Dr. Coffey reviews committee goals to maintain client goals and a focus of RAPID starts for people with new HIV diagnosis. Dr. Coffey also states the goal of enhancing retention efforts to help people get started on ART.
- Dr. Coffey also expresses the plan to establish a new focus on RAPID Restart: Immediate ART restart day of. The Rapid Restart population presents a focused target for intervention and study to better understand issues and optimal supports for retention.
- Dr. Coffey also states a goal to survey existing RAPID Restart practices in SF, including key elements, programmatic and patient barriers to better define RAPID Restart and elements of the program. With a plan to create scalable/exportable model and a focus on tracking disparities, and identify needs of specific populations.
- Dr. Coffey shares demographics of the folks in RAPID Restart in Ward 86. Stating that SUD/MH/housing issues being the most difficult to keep in care.
- Ibarra expresses that RAPID Restart is possible but requires individualization of regimens, a higher level of support to maintain adherence and engagement, and a coordinated system to track all RR visits. Complications Ibarra points out is having a high population potential with a lack of provider availability/resources or having provider availability but lack of resources/capacity.
- Ibarra explains RAPID Restarts next steps to develop a model that includes engagement-in-care support that may need to be dedicated supports. Next steps also include POP UPs, PHAST, LINCOS navigation, network care, and SUD services. And lastly to develop treatment targets and track metrics/study interventions.
- CM Thomas asks if it's been considered using a contingency management approach for people using meth. As is currently being used by cardiology at SFGH to get people into/retained in.
 - Dr. Coffey says that is currently being worked on and developments will be provided later and discusses bringing in a SU specialists.
- CM Mapp, asks about how to cater to folks with a more chaotic lifestyle, how can we show up where people are at.
 - Ibarra answers that he shares the same concern and offers a solution of case management that would include social workers and other case workers. Ibarra offers that a creative approach may be required, for example, if different networks were to collaborate and know where these folks are grabbing breakfast or where they frequent so follow through or outreach can happen.
- CM Chitty expresses the difficulty of scheduling or availability of hours of the clinics as they adhere to the 9-5 work day.
 - Ibarra agrees and expresses a "dream" of a team of folks that are available 24hrs to help with this. He also expresses the reality of SF General may schedule follow up appointments at 7:45 AM making it impossible for case managers to meet these folks where they're at. A need for creative flexible service is needed but how to get these larger service providers to understand this issue better is unsure.
 - CM Chitty suggest a grant to study with providing services outside of core, 9-5, hours.

12. COLA Report CS Perez

- CS Perez goes over COLA: Long-term survivors report. Expressing provided limitations that the sample size is small, not allowing for a lot of representation. CS Perez acknowledges the difficulty of doing in person focus groups due to COVID.
- CS Perez reviews the Prioritization Exercise which lists what the participants rated as most important to them. The category ranked highest being Primary medical care and lowest being money management.
- CS Perez found that with primary medical care there is a lack of integrated care, and with dental care that it is challenging to receive thoughtful care and that it is expensive. CS Perez also notes that affordable housing is hard to come by.
- CS Perez held discussions with these long-term survivors around aging and benefits. Benefits are hard to manage and qualify for and in one circumstance found that balancing between different jobs and the balance of not working full-time as that would put them at risk of losing benefits.

13. Co-Chair Elections

- CM Thomas is nominating CM Knoble
- CM Parada is nominating CM Sullivan
- CM Pearce is nominating Mapp, Mapp denies.

14. 2022 Closing

15. Next Meeting Date & Adjournment

- Meeting adjourned by CM Gonzalez at 6:02 pm.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 23rd, 2023 at 4:00 pm, via zoom.

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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)

Date: November 28, 2022	[roll]	[1]	[2]	[3]	[4]	[5]	[6]	[7]	[8]	[9]	[10]
Chuck Adams	E	-									
Cesar Cadabes	P	Y									
Ed Chitty	P	Y									
Billie Cooper	LOA	-									
Zachary Davenport	A	-									
Pedro Felix	P	Y									
Elaine Flores	A	Y									
Matt Geltmaker	E	-									

David Gonzalez	P	Y										
Thomas Knoble (Co-Chair)	P	Y										
Paul Harkin	P	-										
Ron Hernandez	P	Y										
Lee Jewell	P	Y										
Juba Kalamka	P	Y										
Chris Kent	P	Y										
Derrick Mapp	P	Y										
Nga Le	P	Y										
T.J. Lee-Miyaki	P	Y										
Helen Lin	A	-										
Irma Parada	P	Y										
John Paul Soto	P	Y										
Ken Pearce	P	Y										
Gwen Smith	A	-										
Richard Sullivan	E	-										
Laura Thomas	P	Y										
Manuel Vasquez	E	-										
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