

HIV Community Planning Council

FULL COUNCIL MEETING

April 24th, 2023

Zoom

4:00-6:30 pm

HIV Community Planning Council Members Present: Chuck Adams, Ed Chitty, Pedro Felix, Matt Geltmaker, David Gonzales, Ron Hernandez, Lee Jewell, Chris Kent, Thomas Knoble, Nga Le, John Paul Soto, Richard Sullivan, Laura Thomas, Manuel Vasquez

HIV Community Planning Council Members Absent: Cesar Cadabes [E], Ms. Billie Cooper [E], Zachary Davenport [LOA], Elaine Flores [E], Paul Harkin[E], Juba Kalamka [LOA], Helen Lin [LOA], T.J. Lee-Miyaki[E], Derrick Mapp[E], Irma Parada[E], Gwen Smith[A]

Others Present: Nicole Gracey, Bill Hirsch, Stephen Spano, Guilherme Sttellet, Robert Whirry

DPH Staff Present: Bill Blumm, Maria Lacayo, Beth Neary

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

Minutes

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

The meeting was called to order at 4:08 pm by CM Sullivan. Roll Call was called, everyone introduced themselves and quorum was established.

2. Review and Approve April 24th, 2023 DRAFT Agenda – VOTE

The April 24th 2023 DRAFT Agenda was reviewed and approved by consensus.

3. Review and Approve March 27th 2023 DRAFT Minutes – VOTE

The March 27th 2023 DRAFT Minutes were reviewed and approved by consensus.

4. Announcements

- CM Thomas invites the group to Sacramento for Day of Action with ETE and the California Syringe Exchange Programs Coalition May 15th.
- Bill Hirsch updates the council on the City Budget. The Mayor is asking departments to increase the budget reduction cut to 5% for year one and another 5% for year two. This 10% reduction in budget would not affect services of HIV, Mental health, or Substance-use.

5. Staff Announcements

- None.

6. Public Comment

- None

7. General Updates

- CAEAR Coalition – CM Jewell.
 - CM Jewell gives an update from NASTAD that House Speaker Kevin McCarthy released the proposal addressing the debt ceiling crisis which ties raising the debt limit with significant spending cuts.

- The Limit, Save, Grow Act allows lifting the debt limit by \$1.5 trillion. Spending cuts will come from a slash in funding for the IRS, SNAP and Biden’s student loan forgiveness plan.
- CM Jewell notes that Republicans can leverage their majority in the House to advance the proposal, but ultimately will require Senate approval.
- NASTAD will continue to monitor the appropriations process and advocate for strong funding for HIV, hepatitis, and drug user health programs.
- Blumm announces the rebranding of CAEAR and the meetings that have been held with planning councils.
- HHS – Bill Blum
 - HHS received the full RWPA award of \$14,435,497 and HHS can absorb the .12% reduction from the previous year.
 - HRSA/HAB RWPC awarded SF DPH \$293,137, which is level funding from the previous year and awarded SF EHE \$2,555,761, which is an increase of \$555,361 from previous year.
 - HHS submitted plan for EHE for programs serving populations identified with health outcomes and disparities. Blumm displays new program services to be funded.
 - Blumm announces the upcoming site visits by HRSA/HAB. EHE site visit scheduled for July 25-28th, and RWPA site visit in August.
 - Blumm displays staffing updates.
- CHEP & CPG – CM Knoble
 - NASTAD/NACCHO organized the meeting for the implementation of status neutral approaches and braid funding at the EHE Office Hours.
 - CM Knoble reviews upcoming HIV/HCV/STI trainings happening May 8th-12th and again June 26th-30th.
 - CHEP staff are working with HAPs to support testing, protocol development and data collection.
 - CHEP has hired a Health Program Coordinator II in the HIV/HCV/STI Prevention team. And the Drug User Health Program Coordinator position is currently in the HR hiring process.
 - CM Le asks is the trainings are available for folks in Marin County.
 - a. CM Knoble answers that it is.
- SOA – CM Kent
 - None
- ETE Update—CM Sullivan
 - CM Sullivan updates the group about workforce efforts that tie into ETE efforts.
 - Katie Faulkner spoke at ETE’s meeting about CHLi’s workforce development roadmap.
 - CHLi’s training and mentorship efforts include recruitment, retention, and hiring while building workforce representation of those being served. Weekly trainings, networking and mentorship is also being provided through CHLi.
 - Another mentorship that Faulkner reviewed was the FOG mentorship program that is a peer to peer network.
- ADAP Update—Nikki Gracey
 - Gracey reviews strategy A to improve PrEP utilization and reviews strategy J to increase the rates of insurance coverage.

- Gracey explains that they are working closely with stakeholders, and specifically mentions Andy Scheer, to help with a seamless transition for folks getting off of Medi-Cal.

8. SF HIV Mental Health Needs Assessment - VOTE

- Robert Whirry reviews the upcoming Needs Assessment: HIV Mental Health Services, commissioned by SF DPH HHS, and states that the Mental Health service expenditures currently make up more than 10% of RWPA&B and SF General Fund.
- Whirry reviews the many questions that will be the bulk of discussion in the interview/discussion portion.
- The Needs Assessment will focus more on mental health delivery as a whole rather than on individual organizations, service lines/modalities, or funding levels in order to understand the landscape of the current state of HIV Mental health services in SF.
- Whirry mentions that direct recommendations will not come from this Needs Assessment.
 - Whirry asks what should be provided by planning council members, through committees as well as one-on-one meetings as well as what the consumer input process will be.
 - The group discusses using past Needs Assessments from council staff to refer to. Also recommends moving forward with meeting with consumers to gain their input.
- The two possible consumer input approaches are targeted focus groups and one-on-one interviews.

9. HCPC Needs Assessment Report—Kira Perez Angeles

- CS Perez and CS Crown breakdown the needs assessment of Transgender folks living with HIV and the self-reported demographic data from participants, by gender identity, how long they have been living with HIV, engagement of medical care, and their experience with service providers.
- CS Perez breaks down the findings from discussions: Primary Medical Care. What was found is a need for more cohesive and integrated system of care, different providers spread across different locations, a lack of knowledgeable, empathetic doctors, too many referrals and prescribed medications, and long waitlist for surgeries.
 - CS Crown reviews direct quotes from participants, find a theme of needing better wrap-around services.
- More findings from the discussion are presented.
 - One of which is housing, and what was found is there is discrimination from neighbors, feeling that their housing assignment is unsafe, and a concern around bills getting lost from moving often.
 - Another finding is need of better mental health services since finding a therapist that is empathetic is hard as well as the discouragement when dealing with their own trauma.
 - CS Crown reviews direct quotes from participants, and notes that folks are being discriminated against at their living situations.
- CS Crown reviews recommendations from the findings:
 - Trans-specific cultural competency trainings are needed for service providers.
 - Wraparound service provision would better support trans folks.
 - Targeted recruitment of trans service providers to better reflect the community being served.

10. Break

11. HCAP Annual Report—Stephen Spano

- Stephen Spano displays the Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) methods with a graph.
 - The graph follows a client’s timeline; as the timeline continues the control vested in the party decreases, and the stress level of client increases.
- Spano summarizes HCAP as a service to consumers of Ryan White funded programs in SF EMA and service providers funded by SF DPH HIV Health Services.
 - Consumers are connected to advocacy, mediation, grievances and referrals.
 - Service providers are connected to technical assistance, receiving referrals, general assistance to barriers/issues affecting consumer’s quality of life.
- How HCAP supports consumer issues is through identifying whether there is an access, eligibility, or conflict issue and then seeing said issue(s) through with support.
 - This includes giving general information to consumers, and legal support if necessary.
- Spano reviews the total number of clients served in the ’22-’23 year as well as number of HCAP matters.
 - Top issues are information and referrals, quality of care and problematic policies/procedures.
 - Top services rendered are referrals, care coordination/advocacy, and filing a grievance.
- Spano updates the council on last year’s RCFCI system of care. Lingering issue around one-year residency policies can result in housing insecurity as well as increased cost of living in a medically licensed facility adds additional stressors to clients.
 - HCAP has not yet seen any issues related to moves from RCFCIs to TRCFs or from TRCFs to independent living.
- With the new MOHCD Housing plan; permanent housing, adequate subsidy and appropriate support was obtained. HCAP cooperation with other service providers can help a client self-advocate for their needs to be met.
- As a whole HCAP reports the ability to support on a long-term basis as their circumstances change which creates client success stories.
- Spano reports the difference between housing and help as different needs. If a client is housed but isn’t support with their other needs, they are likely to continue to repeat similar issues including repeat evictions.
- Mental health and substance use disorders can cause barriers to clients receiving services. This poses the questions, where do clients go if behavioral issues are preventing access to service.
- Spano emphasizes that as the population of folks living with HIV/AIDS become older, consumer are faced with new challenges.
 - On-going struggles with isolation, disconnection from younger community members and service providers, additional health issues, and mental health services are issues for folks aging with HIV/AIDS.
- Spano expresses the need for more Intensive Case Management (ICM). The development of longitudinal therapeutic relationships based on a client’s unique needs will eliminate barriers.

12. Next Meeting Date & Adjournment

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 22nd, 2023 at 4:00 pm at 25 Van Ness Conference room 610.

Meeting was Adjourned at PM by CM.

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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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Elaine Flores	E										
Matt Geltmaker	P										
David Gonzalez	P										
Thomas Knoble (Co-Chair)	P										
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