

HIV Community Planning Council

FULL COUNCIL MEETING

June 26th, 2023

25 Van Ness Ave Room 610

4:00-6:30 pm

HIV Community Planning Council Members Present: Ed Chitty, Zachary Davenport, David Gonzales, Ron Hernandez, Lee Jewell, Chris Kent, Thomas Knoble, Nga Le, Derrick Mapp, Irma Parada, Gwen Smith, J.P. Soto, Guilherme Sttellet, Laura Thomas, Manuel Vasquez.

HIV Community Planning Council Members Absent: Chuck Adams [E], Cesar Cadabes [E], Ms. Billie Cooper [E], Pedro Felix[E], Elaine Flores[E], Matt Geltmaker[E], Paul Harkin [E], Juba Kalamka [E], T.J. Lee-Miyaki [E], Helen Lin[E], Richard Sullivan[E].

Others Present: John Ansley, Leroy Blea, Bill Hirsch, Nikki Gracey, Charles Siron

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

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 4:08 pm by CM Parada. Roll Call was called, everyone introduced themselves and quorum was established.

2. Review and Approve June 26th 2023 DRAFT Agenda – VOTE

The June 26th 2023 DRAFT Agenda was reviewed and approved by consensus.

3. Review and Approve May 22nd 2023 DRAFT Minutes – VOTE

The May 22nd 2023 DRAFT Minutes were reviewed and approved by consensus.

4. Announcements

- CM Gonzales announces his departure from the council and shares a few words about his time with the council.

5. Staff Announcements

- CS Molnar reminds the council that next CHLi cohort is to begin soon. CS Molnar invites council members to volunteer as mentors.

6. Public Comment

- Bill Hirsch updates the group on the city budget. The Mayors proposed budget was announced on June 1st. There was hope that cuts to essential services would be protected however; the amount of the budget shortfall is higher than the usual add back process. Final negotiations with Mayor and board of supervisors is on Wednesday June 28th.

7. General Updates

- CAEAR Coalition – CM Jewell.
 - CM Jewell updates the council on the effect of the Fiscal Responsibility Act, which included spending caps, complicating spending discussions.
 - Republicans are concerned about cuts to defense, and Democrats are trying to avoid cuts to many safety-net programs, including federal health programs.
 - CM Jewell states that NASTAD will continue to monitor the congressional appropriations process and advocate for the highest possible funding for HIV, hepatitis, and drug-user health programs.

- Lacayo and Blum, met with the CAEAR coalition. The coalition brought up their plans including plans around upcoming retirements.
- HHS did a Hill Visit in DC. A packet of what was covered during the visit is distributed to the council.
 - The packet covers the work that is done with the RW programming and the importance of advocacy.
- Blum states that flat funding is the ask, and hopefully there are no cuts.
- CM Mapp asks about the concern of flat funding.
 - Blum answers that flat funding doesn't account for cost of living and is competitive.
- HHS – Bill Blum
 - Blum updates the group that the RWPA Allocation Report has been submitted.
 - Blum updates the group of the new HRSA HAB Project Officer to SF EMA, Jade Bourne.
 - Blum announces the EHE site visit for the end of July and invites the group.
 - Robert Whirry continues to conduct the 'long-term survivors and mental health' Needs Assessment.
 - HHS is looking to increase the amount of monthly housing assistance amount in subsidy programs.
 - Blum reviews staffing updates:
 - Health Program coordinator II, Health Program Coordinator III, and Health Care for the Homeless Director positions are all closed.
 - CM Jewell asks about other open positions.
 - Blum answers there are not.
- CHEP & CPG – CM Knoble
 - CM Knoble states that CHEP participated in the Trans march during SF pride.
 - CM Knoble updates the group on the success and demand for more STI/HIV/HCV skill certification training. Another training was added for the month of June.
 - CM Knoble provides a staffing update.
 - Nyisha Underwood is the CHEP Deputy Director for Community Sexual and Drug User Health and Racial Equity.
 - CHEP is in the process of hiring four STI/HIV/HCV prevention and DUH positions.
- SOA – CM Kent
 - CM Kent announces that the ETE Symposium is currently holding panels around housing, prevention and care for young BIPOC MSM, data and care for transgender people amongst many others.
 - Registration link is provided in the OA Voice newsletter.
 - CM Kent invites the group to the webinar for opioid settlements on June 27th.
- ETE Update—CM Sullivan
 - CS Molnar updates the group on behalf of CM Sullivan.
 - Updates on public health in regards to cluster detection and response were discussed. An increase of community knowledge about diagnosis, and surveillance were also discussed.
 - Discussions around getting folks that are not virally suppressed reengaged in care.
 - The Lines team provides access to free and confidential Sexual Health Services.
 - Mutation 4 sequencing was also explained.
- ADAP Update—Nikki Gracey
 - Gracey updates the group that as of May 2023, there are 204 PrEP-AP enrollment sites covering 189 clinics.

- Strategy J, to increase the rate of insurance benefits coverage for folks with HIV or on PrEP. An increase of 68% from last year.
- CM Le asks if mail-in lab test are offered to Marin.
 - Blea answers that mail-in lab kits have their own programs and is not covered in Marin county.

8. CQI/Quality Assurance-John Ansley

- Ansley summarizes the goal of HHS quality assurance is to utilize data to improve the quality of care and health outcomes to then be reported back to Federal, State, and Local funders.
- Ansley reviews the ongoing work of HHS including, data collection improvements, improving viral suppression in all clients with an emphasis on Black and African American Communities and folks experiencing homelessness.
- Ansley notes that this report does not include retention in care nor ART Rx, rather a focus on viral load suppression.
- Ansley reviews the data on viral suppression based on, race/ethnicity, age range, and housing status.
- CM Thomas asks what percentage within the housing status that is unknown.
 - Ansley answers that the number is very small.

9. Break

10. Nominations for Council Co-Chair

- CS Molnar opens up nominations for the co-chair
- CM Parada motions to nominate CM Soto and CM Jewell seconds the motion. CM Soto asks for time to review the nomination.
- CS Molnar nominates council members on behalf of a council member. Nominations are as follows: CM Vasquez, CM Hernandez, CM Davenport, CM Lee-Miyaki, and CM Flores.
 - CM Vasquez, CM Hernandez, and CM Davenport deny nomination.
 - CM Lee-Miyaki, and CM Flores were not present to accept or deny nominations.

11. California State Integrated Plan—VOTE

- Leroy Blea reviews the CA Statewide Integrated Strategic Plan and Implementation Blueprint.
 - Blea notes there are 30 strategies to be implemented, emphasizing these are suggestions and not mandates.
- The council breaks out into small groups to discuss the CA integrated plan in order to further plan how SF would like to integrate said plan.
- CM Gonzales asks, how will the integrate plan coincide with the plans that we currently have, and how to measure data with COVID adjustments. For example tele doc vs in-person, or reporting with ARIES as it is being phased out. CM Gonzalez also asks about how scheduling will work.
- Blums asks how will this implementation work. What are the strategy options for what needs to be approved. Is there a way to check the data make a better choice of what can be improved.
- CM Vasquez suggests innovative approaches, such as late night clinics. Not expecting clients to come to us but rather service providers meet clients where they are. CM Vasquez suggests testing as well as treatment being provided at focalized centers as well as more safe injection sites. CM Vasquez suggests Telehealth questionnaire to be digital.
- CM Soto asks where the council landed with the prior plan and how the council can track data better. CM Soto asks for information of what categories can be available as suggested in the presentation.
- The group continues the discussion and mentions the importance of comparing what other planning councils are doing as to avoid reinventing a lot of that work, as well as finding current and reliable data sources with an emphasis on what is measurable.
- CM Chitty asks about long-term survivors, and suggests general health monitors for folks that are aging with HIV.

