

## HIV Community Planning Council

### FULL COUNCIL MEETING

March 27<sup>th</sup>, 2023

Zoom

4:00-6:30 pm

**HIV Community Planning Council Members Present:** Chuck Adams, Ed Chitty, Paul Harkin, Ron Hernandez, Lee Jewell, Chris Kent, Thomas Knoble, Nga Le, T.J. Lee-Miyaki, Derrick Mapp, Irma Parada, Gwen Smith, John Paul Soto, Richard Sullivan, Manuel Vasquez

**HIV Community Planning Council Members Absent:** Cesar Cadabes [E], Ms. Billie Cooper [E], Zachary Davenport [LOA], Pedro Felix [E], Elaine Flores [E], Matt Geltmaker [LOA], David Gonzales [E], Juba Kalamka [A], Helen Lin [LOA], Laura Thomas [E]

**Others Present:** Nicole Gracey, Bill Hirsch, Charles Siron

**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 4:06 pm by CM Knoble. Roll Call was called, everyone introduced themselves and quorum was established.

#### **2. Review and Approve March 27<sup>th</sup>, 2023 DRAFT Agenda – VOTE**

The March 27<sup>th</sup> 2023 DRAFT Agenda was reviewed and approved by consensus.

#### **3. Review and Approve February 27<sup>th</sup> 2023 DRAFT Minutes – VOTE**

The February 27<sup>th</sup> 2023 DRAFT Minutes were reviewed and approved by consensus.

#### **4. Announcements**

- Bill Hirsch, announces that SFAF HAPN is doing a budget training, Monday April 3<sup>rd</sup> at Strut. Hirsch notes the importance of getting the council and others engaged in providing support for mental health services.

#### **5. Staff Announcements**

- CS Perez reminds the group to fill out their 700 forms.

#### **6. Public Comment**

- None

#### **7. Needs Assessment--VOTE**

- The group decides the next Needs Assessment, focus group to PLWH: Latino/a/x

**The Needs Assessment 2023 focus group of PLWH: Latino/a/x is approved by consensus, refer to column (1)**

#### **8. General Updates**

- CAEAR Coalition – CM Jewell.
  - CM Jewell reviews the NASTAD Summary budget request, and reminds the group of the republican majority in congress which will likely affect appropriations.

- CM Jewell displays the executive budget request of FY2024 and notes the removal of the ban on federal funds to purchase syringes.
    - CM Harkin asks about the opioid crisis and what settlements might come from this.
      - a. Bill Blum answers, he is unsure.
    - CM Mapp asks where we fall with the budget being passed, whether there would be a fight, or can we expect this to follow through.
      - b. CM Jewell answers there will most likely be complications and will likely result in lower funding allocations than what is proposed.
  - NASTAD will continue to monitor the appropriations process and advocate for the highest level of funding.
- HHS – Bill Blum
  - HRSA/HAB RWPA received a notification on the flat funding to be awarded.
    - EHE is awarded \$2,555,761
    - RSR was submitted
  - Blum announces the upcoming Federal Program Monitoring Site visits
    - EHE: July 25-28
    - Ryan White: Tentatively in august
  - Robert Whirry is conducting a landscape analysis of SF HIV Mental Health Services with a focus on long-term survivors.
  - HHS Web redesign has been in the works, and are looking for feedback.
    - The group reviews design choices for the website; Blum asks what kind of representation is preferred.
      - CM Harkin asks if there would be any representation of unhoused, or substance dependent folks.
      - Blum answers there may not be.
  - Staffing update:
    - Health Care for the Homeless Director Position anticipated to post for internal reassignment in next two months.
    - Health Program Coordinator III is likely to be posted in early spring.
    - HIV Program Coordinator II overseeing ARIES/HIV Care Connect anticipated to post in next two to three months.
- CHEP & CPG – CM Knoble
  - CM Knoble announces that CHEP is planning for pride and is organizing how the DPH should show up in that space each year.
  - CHEP is working with a number of providers, CM Knoble notes CHILI and FOG, to coordinate all trainings for professional development.
  - Employment opportunities: Gender Health SF looking to hire a Health Worker III, specific to Transgender/gender-diverse needs.
- SOA – CM Kent
  - CM Kent notes that the X-waiver has been eliminated meaning clinicians no longer need to apply for an X-Waiver to prescribe buprenorphine for medications for opioid use disorder.

- CM Kent asks for anyone using ARIES that agency managers are to review and confirm the contact person for their ARIES reporting in preparation for the new ARIES system rollout.
- ETE Update—CM Sullivan
  - CM Sullivan lists the workforce effort presentations and summarizes what they covered:
    - RADR; best practices, equitable hiring, track outcome metrics, etc.
    - FOG; frontline organizing, ETE funding administrative funding trainings, professional developments etc.
    - THE ACADEMY; DPH SFAF collaboration, workforce development, educational opportunities, resource library availability, tech trainings etc.
    - CM Harkin notes a big thank you to the work done by DPH/ETE. Emphasizing the need for equitable living wages for queer folks.

## 9. HIV Housing in San Francisco-- VOTE

- CM Vasquez continues the discussion around HIV Housing
  - CS Mark asks on behalf of a council member whether there was a high number of units available than there are homeless and how is that possible.
    - CM Vasquez asks if this is HIV housing specific
    - CS Molnar answers that this is in general.
  - CM Vasquez reviews a specific unit that is vacant and has been for the last year and reviews the efforts made by multiple orgs as well as MOHCD, to fill this unit. Reviews the process, around filling these units.
  - Bill Hirsch expresses how unlikely the numbers from the residential builders association are.
    - CS Molnar repeats the original question.
  - CM Vasquez asks “what happened to the housing committee”
    - Asks to add a housing workgroup, asks the group whether a housing workgroup would be something that the planning council would be interested in.
    - Reviews the different groups that would be helped by a housing workgroup.
  - CM Sullivan comments on his experience with success with HOPWA. Sullivan asks around the homeless issue.
    - CM Vasquez answers that he advocates for the taxing of landlords that have vacant units and that there is need for more advocacy for any voting around the homelessness issue.
  - CM Knoble asks what the housing workgroup could produce.
    - CM Vasquez answers that it can help with trainings on cultural competency, ensuring subsidized housing will be available for HIV housing, and provide better tools for better services.
      - CM Lee-Miyaki is asking for better representation from this group. Whether that is 3-5 folks engaging with this
      - CM Jewell asks about the training, and would funds be needed.
        - CM Vasquez answers funding isn’t necessary. CM Vasquez talks about “moving the needle” in regards to training, and fighting back the “this is how do things” mentality.

- CM Harkin talks about the subgroups within the HIV community that are getting missed within the housing crisis, and that wrap around services that can help with that.
- CM Mapp reviews the experiences of many of clients array of housing needs, and reviews the need of housing that may be specific, what kind of housing clinic and how can we support those folks,
  - CM Vasquez talks about the idea of a housing clinic, working with DPH, medical providers included needing to be important.
- Blumm offers that if we can facilitate a space here, mentions that the need for filling the role for gender affirming care.
- CS Molnar reviews that Ryan White money can only be used for emergency housing.
- Hirsch mentions that advocacy from this group can help provide funding, with general fund dollars. Hirsch provides a potential solution that if someone were to complete a treatment program with high health care needs and instead of being discharged to the streets and that incentivizing that housing would be guaranteed if you complete this program.
- CM Lee-Miyaki says that it would be a disservice to this planning council if we ask for folks to split their time between this body and another housing appointment.
- CM Vasquez talks about the folks that are out of service for HIV care, and that some people do not understand the need for MOHCD.
  - CM Knoble offers to Vasquez to grab some folks in this body anyways to this possible work group.

## 10. Break

### 11. Unwinding Medicaid

- Andy Scheer reviews the unwinding of Medicaid, noting this change will happen with April 1<sup>st</sup>.
  - CM Jewell asks why there is a change.
  - Scheer answers that the federal government made this decision in response to the end of COVID relief efforts.
- Scheer reviews the resource limits for Medi-Cal expansion, reviewing an example of how someone can lose their coverage.
- The reversal of “no negative actions” of March of 2020, which would reinstate the regular Medi-Cal eligibility determinations.
- Potential disparities of folks who will be affected by this change, are broken down by demographics. Noting that there was no findings around if marginally housed or substance-use would be impacted.
- The timeline for recertification’s starts with Medi-Cal sending redetermination forms, then Medi-Cal makes eligibility decision; and if necessary transfers to private insurance.
  - The redetermination is allotted 60 days for completion of required documents starting from the original date of enrollment.
- Folks experiencing homelessness will not have special considerations in order to receive the notice of enrolment changes.
  - CM Jewell asks if unhoused folks will be automatically enrolled

- Scheer answers that traditionally no, but since other folks that are unhoused are accessing other programs that recertifying, they will most likely, be able to certify with other services that are being utilized.
- The mail itself is being reviewed to ensure the mail isn't ignored. To avoid that issue, the mailing envelope will be a different color.
- CM Mapp mentions the anticipation of how clients will react and how frightening this may be, how to manage the prep work on the consumer, and whatever the support might look like.
  - Scheer recommends to find the folks within service provider or clinics to then explain Medi-Cal changes.
  - What workers can do when this change happens, is to double check that the pharmacy has the new insurance.
- Scheer lists how this unwinding may impact the HIV system of care
  - DPH clinics don't take private insurance if client is no longer eligible for Medi-Cal.
  - Enrollment workers will have an increased work load.
  - An increase in uninsured.

**12. Next Meeting Date & Adjournment**

*The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 4:00 pm at 25 Van Ness Conference room 610.*

*Meeting was Adjourned at 6:33PM by CM Knoble.*

**Full Council Meeting**

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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)

<b>Date: March 27, 2023</b>	[roll]	[1]	[2]	[3]	[4]	[5]	[6]	[7]	[8]	[9]	[10]
Chuck Adams	P	Y									
Cesar Cadabes	E	-									
Ed Chitty	P	Y									
Ms. Billie Cooper	LOA	-									
Zachary Davenport	LOA	-									
Pedro Felix	E	-									
Elaine Flores	E	-									
Matt Geltmaker	LOA	-									
David Gonzalez	E	-									
Thomas Knoble (Co-Chair)	P	Y									
Paul Harkin	P	Y									
Ron Hernandez	P	Y									

Lee Jewell	P	Y											
Juba Kalamka	A	-											
Chris Kent	P	Y											
Derrick Mapp	P	Y											
Nga Le	P	Y											
T.J. Lee-Miyaki	P	Y											
Helen Lin	LOA	-											
Irma Parada	P	Y											
John Paul Soto	P	-											
Gwen Smith	P	Y											
Richard Sullivan	P	Y											
Laura Thomas	E	-											
Manuel Vasquez	P	Y											
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