

HIV Community Planning Council

FULL COUNCIL MEETING

August 26th, 2024

25 Van Ness Ave Room 610

4:00-6:30 pm

HIV Community Planning Council Members Present: Chuck Adams, Robert Arnold, Franco Chevalier, Ed Chitty, Elaine Flores, Matt Geltmaker, Ron Hernandez, Lee Jewell, Thomas Knoble, Nga Le, T.J. Lee-Miyaki, Irma Parada, John Paul Soto, Gwen Smith, Richard Sullivan, Laura Thomas, Manuel Vasquez

HIV Community Planning Council Members Absent: Bill Blum [E], Cesar Cadabes [E], Zachary Davenport [E], Elyse Griffin [E], Jesus Guillen [E], Reina Hernandez [LOA], Juba Kalamka [LOA], Chris Kent [E], Helen Lin [LOA], Derrick Mapp [E], Charles Siron [LOA],

Others Present: Roger Al-Chaikh, Erwin Barrios, Anna Branzuela, Susan Buchbinder, Shelley Facente, Victor Alfredo Kuri De Labra, Courtney Liebi, Zoe More, Marco Montenegro, Stephen Spano

DPH Staff Present: Maria Lacayo

Support Staff Present: Mark Molnar, Kira Perez, Kat Tajgeer

Minutes

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

The meeting was called to order at 4:03 pm by CM Sullivan. Roll Call was called, everyone introduced themselves and quorum was established.

2. Review and Approve August 26th, 2024, DRAFT Agenda – VOTE

The August 26th, 2024 DRAFT Agenda was reviewed and approved by consensus.

3. Review and Approve July 22nd, 2024, DRAFT Minutes – VOTE

The July 22nd, 2024 DRAFT Minutes were reviewed and approved by consensus.

4. Announcements

- CM Thomas notes there are two ballot initiatives in San Francisco that deal with Commissions and Councils, and she has received questions regarding their potential effect on the HCPC. She says both ballot initiatives shouldn't be a threat to the HCPC.
- CM Le provides an update on Marin County, noting they have completed the RFP process and they have selected the AIDS Healthcare Foundation to be their Ryan White Part A (RWPA) provider. They have lost their providers for Oral Health, Outpatient Care, and Case Management so they will be taking these services in-house.
- CM Sullivan reminds Council Members to either raise their hands or to stand their name tags on their side when they wish to speak.

5. Public Comment

- Roger Al-Chaikh notes the HCPC has outdated resources on the Resource Page portion of the website and asks if they can be updated.

6. Staff Announcements

- CS Perez reminds folks to speak up during the meetings so that the recording can capture everyone's dialogue.
- CS Tajgeer reminds members of the public to please sign-in on the sign-in sheet. She reminds Council Members to make sure to RSVP their attendance to both Committee and Full Council meetings.

- CS Molnar states that Council co-chairs have asked that public comment Council Member announcements be kept to 3 minutes in length per person.
- CS Molnar provides an update on the HRSA site visit and discusses a pre-COVID policy that is going back into effect. For Council Members who have not received their appointment letter, they will be restricted from voting or making motions until they receive their appointment letter. Until they receive their appointment letter, they are still encouraged to attend meetings, participate in discussions, and will count towards quorum, but they just won't be able to vote or make motions. He notes there are four renewing Council Members affected by this, as well as the four new Council Members. He notes that Council Staff will lift attendance requirements until appointment letters are received for the Council Members affected by this policy.
 - CM Thomas highlights the one of the Council Members affected by this policy is the only representation we have for San Mateo County. She asks if folks are able to reach out to their contacts to advocate on behalf of the affected Council Members.
 - ❖ CS Molnar encourages folks to utilize their contacts to advocate for expedition of the appointment letters.
- CS Molnar reviews the Service Category Prioritization sheet and highlights a few changes for this year per HRSA's feedback. He asks all Council Members to complete the form and return it during this meeting or to scan and email him a copy by Monday, September 2nd, 2024.
 - CM Geltmaker asks if the ones in the grey that are not funded are still being ranked?
 - ❖ CS Molnar confirms they are still being ranked.
 - CM Geltmaker notes the form shows Transportation as a support service only in Marin and says San Mateo County uses RWPA funds for Early Intervention Services, but not for Therapeutic Monitoring Programs, but for Linkage and Retention in Care.
 - ❖ CS Molnar says he will update the form to reflect this for San Mateo County, not just GF Only.

7. General Updates

- CAEAR Coalition – CM Jewell
 - Congress adjourned for the August recess, pausing progress on FY2025 spending bills. On August 1, the Senate Appropriations Committee approved the Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies (LHHS) Subcommittee spending bill for FY2025. The Senate's LHHS bill avoids deep spending cuts that had been proposed by the House of Representatives. It overall is higher than the House version, which is likely to lead to budget negotiations ahead of the November election.
- HHS – CM Blum
 - Maria Lacayo provides the HHS update on behalf of CM Blum.
 - HHS received their preliminary Funding Projection Letter for RWPA. It does show they will be getting a reduction, but this isn't the final letter, just a preliminary one. She notes the competitive portion of the award is yet to be determined. The RWPA application is due by October 1st, 2024 for Fiscal Year 2025/2026. If HCPC member would like to review the draft application and suggest edits, they should contact CM Blum by September 23rd, 2024.
 - HRSA/HAB released the Ryan White Program Ending the HIV Epidemic (RWP EHE) Notification of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) and the due date is October 22nd, 2024. Lacayo notes the award amount that can be applied for implies flat funding is likely for the EHE year.
 - The SF Ryan White Funding Standards of Care (SOC) have been finalized. Lacayo adds that HRSA indicated there should be SOC for all Ryan White Service Categories, including those that are not funded by the EMA. Robert Whirry will work with HCPC and HHS to develop the remaining SOC.

- ❖ CM Thomas asks if Mayor Breed was supposed to backfill funding cuts to RWPA? If that's not happening, is external advocacy needed?
 - a. Lacayo says it's her understanding the cuts were funded but to wait for confirmation from CM Blum and Beth Neary. She also notes that she believes the Carry Forward request may have been approved, but to also wait for confirmation from CM Blum.
- CHEP & CPG – CM Knoble
 - CM Knoble updates the group that the counselor training is going well.
 - They note that CHEP's updated website is now up and running, and highlights that it is ADA compliant.
 - CM Knoble notes the Harm Reduction Training Institute continues to offer trainings to folks who work with people who use drugs (PWUD).
 - ❖ CM Thomas asks for update on the CDC award to San Francisco. She notes that it was lower than they were expecting and asks how much lower it was.
 - a. CM Knoble says they have received notification they got the award and it will start in the next few months. They will send an email to Council Staff to forward to the HCPC with more information.
- SOA – CM Kent
 - There were no SOA updates this month.
- ETE Update – CM Sullivan
 - CM Sullivan updates the group on the progress of the 2025 Spring Summit that ETE and Facente Consulting are collaborating on. The theme is focused on workforce retention and how folks can be retained while working through burnout. They have completed their interviews and focus groups, they will now move onto analyzing the data. Future ETE meetings will continue to discuss the progress of the 2025 Spring Summit.
- ADAP Update – Nikki Gracey
 - There are no ADAP updates this month.

8. Post-Release Care Engagement – Shelley Facente

- The UCSF Potential Health Outcomes: Exploring New Interventions for HIV-Positive Individuals with Criminal Legal Involvement (PHOENIX) Study, introduced by Shelley Facente from UC Berkeley School of Public Health, is part of a larger UCSF research grant focused on improving care for HIV-positive people involved with the criminal legal system. Running from 2023 to 2025, with just under half a million dollars in funding, it looks at health care experiences before, during, and after incarceration. The study aims to map out patient journeys, figure out what's helping or hindering care, and improve strategies to better support this group, which faces higher rates of HIV and lower viral suppression than the general population. The team is interviewing patients who are using services like Clinical Cares Re-Entry Services (C-CARES) at Ward 86 or low-barrier mobile care, and they're also hoping to connect with folks who aren't currently in care. The study brings together researchers from UCSF, UC Berkeley, and the University of Pittsburgh.
 - CM Geltmaker notes they are interviewing patients and providers, and asks if it matters whether they are in prison or jail.
 - ❖ Facente says she believes any criminal legal involvement counts but notes that most folks in San Francisco are moving in and out of jail.
 - CM Chevalier asks about Aim #2, and thinking about folks re-entering care after being released, have they thought about engaging in places that are re-engaging folks in care that are not Ward 86 or low-barrier mobile care?
 - ❖ Facente says in Aim #1 they're trying to focus on those two places. She notes that CM Chevalier has a good point, that not everyone shows up to those two places

looking to re-engage in care. She asks the HCPC if they any contacts or know of other organizations that do this work that she can reach out to, to pass that information along to her.

9. Break

10. Getting to Zero Update – Susan Buchbinder

- Susan Buchbinder presented a comprehensive update on Getting to Zero (GTZ), focusing on the coordination efforts within the GTZ San Francisco Consortium. The consortium seeks to improve health outcomes for people living with or at risk of HIV through outreach, collaboration, and educational forums. The program has seen a decline in new HIV diagnoses and HIV-related deaths, but have seen an increase in overdose-related deaths. GTZ is focusing on shifting towards a more inclusive leadership team to address remaining disparities while also monitoring new HIV prevention and treatment products to ensure they are reaching vulnerable populations. GTZ plans to integrate HIV interventions with those for STIs and Hepatitis C to expand it's efforts across the Bay Area.
 - CM Geltmaker speaks to Doxy-PEP's impact in San Mateo County, noting they've seen a decrease in syphilis. He highlights the overlapping impact of PrEP, Doxy-PEP and the Monkeypox vaccine.
 - CM Thomas echoes Doxy-PEP's impact. She asks if there are areas where there could be more collaboration or coordination between the HCPC and GTZ?
 - ❖ Buchbinder highlights that work in policy regarding people who use drugs (PWUD) is critical. She notes it would be helpful to hear what the HCPC's priorities are so they can be integrated with the work GTZ is doing.

11. Housing Update – Bill Musick and Manuel Vasquez

- CM Vasquez gives a presentation on Housing Opportunities for People With HIV/AIDS (HOPWA) and related HIV Housing initiatives. He provides a background on how HOPWA was established and highlights its main purpose of providing housing support for people living with HIV/AIDS (PLWHA). He details how the funding works, noting that MOHCD is the federal grantee for HOPWA, and these funds are awarded through a competitive process to support various programs. CM Vasquez also highlights a few current programs, including a tenant-based subsidy program funded by local general funds, which is more flexible since it's not restricted by HOPWA guidelines. He also provides an overview of the Plus Housing program, an application-based waitlist that helps people find housing.
- Bill Musick presented the MOHCD Housing Update and introduced the 5-Year HIV Housing Plan (2025-2029). He outlined the plan's goals, which include improving housing access, expanding housing availability, and providing better support for people living with HIV/AIDS (PLWHA). The plan was developed with input from consumers, providers, and City departments. Musick reviewed the project timeline and noted that the draft report will undergo review by multiple stakeholders before being finalized.
 - CM Thomas notes housing has been a constant priority for the HCPC. She asks how the plan is addressing keeping stably housed and how are they creating more onramps for folks who are experiencing homelessness to secure housing?
 - ❖ CM Vasquez says unhoused PLWHA are a community that folks are trying to reach. He notes that SF Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing (HSH) does the most work with the community. He says it's helpful to think of MOCHD as prevention, as they want to ensure folks stay stably housed.
 - CM Chevalier asks about the income eligibility and wants to know if clients don't have income, do they still qualify for services?
 - ❖ CM Vasquez notes the income eligibility is that clients contribute 30% of their housing costs. If the clients don't have income, they don't have to pay. He says income is never a determinant to determine if they get services or not.

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