

HIV Community Planning Council

FULL COUNCIL MEETING

February 26th, 2024

25 Van Ness Ave Room 610

4:00-6:30 pm

HIV Community Planning Council Members Present: Chuck Adams, Bill Blum, Ed Chitty, Zachary Davenport, Pedro Felix, Elaine Flores, Matt Geltmaker, Thomas Knoble, Ron Hernandez, Lee Jewell, Chris Kent, Nga Le, Helen Lin, Derrick Mapp, Guilherme Sttellet, Richard Sullivan, Laura Thomas, Manuel Vasquez

HIV Community Planning Council Members Absent: Cesar Cadabes [LOA], Paul Hardin [A], Juba Kalamka [A], T.J. Lee-Miyaki [E], Irma Parada [LOA], JP Soto [E], Gwen Smith [LOA], Charles Siron [E]

Others Present: Jason Cinq-Mars, Aurora Chavez, Franco Chevalier, Cicily Emerson, Nikki Gracey, Elyse Griffin, Reina Hernandez, Molly Herzig, Althea Karwowski, Martin Munetun, Stephen Spano, Erin Wilson

DPH Staff Present: Maria Lacayo

Support Staff Present: 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 4:04 pm by CM Sullivan. Roll Call was called, everyone introduced themselves and quorum was established.

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

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

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

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

4. Announcements

- Cicily Emerson updates the group on the Spahr Center, a non-profit in Marin, since it has announced it will be suspending its' programs. Cicily conveys that they want to ensure continuity in services for the clients and are in conversation with their partners to see what they can do now. They have a centralized email and phone number and are letting folks know updates as services have been suspended.
 - CM Thomas asked if there is anything that the SF programs can do to help out with the syringe access program, to please reach out.
 - CM Blum asked if they expect any interruptions to services?
 - Cicily answered that they are trying to figure out what they can do to make sure there are no gaps in services, so they are taking proactive steps; however, this is a change, so they want to acknowledge that.
 - Stephen Spano asked about the food programs and pantries for clients?
 - Cicily answers that there are lots of food pantries in the area for folks.

5. Staff Announcements

- CS Perez reminds folks to fill out their 700 forms and to speak up for the recording.

6. Public Comment

- None.

7. Membership Update – VOTE

- CS Molnar notes that there is a motion on the floor to accept Reina Hernandez’s new member application.
 - The potential new member, Reina, introduces themselves to the group.
 - The group then votes on whether to approve Reina’s new member application.

Motioned was approved through consensus, refer to column (3).

8. General Updates

- CAEAR Coalition – CM Jewell
 - On January 19, Congress approved a third continuing resolution (CR) ([H.R. 2872](#)) for FY2024, which “laddered” deadlines for federal spending bills to grant lawmakers more time to finalize FY2024 spending levels. Some federal agencies and programs face a March 1 deadline, but the spending bills for larger agencies, including those funded through the Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies (LHHS) bill, are not due until March 8. On January 27, Senate Appropriations Chair Patty Murray (D-WA) and House Appropriations Chair Kay Granger (R-TX-12) reached an agreement on topline spending totals for the 12 Fiscal Year 2024 (FY2024) appropriations subcommittee bills. NASTAD will continue to monitor the congressional appropriations process and advocate for the highest possible funding for HIV, hepatitis, and drug user health programs.
- HHS – CM Blum
 - CM Blum updates the council that HHS has received a partial award for RWPA, RWPC, and EHE for the fiscal year 2024/2025. It is too early to tell the amount of the total award. He highlights that Facente Consulting continues to work not he Integrated Plan/ Blueprint. There are some HHS trainings held in February and March in which there are some offered online and in-person.
 - Maria Lacayo adds that they will be able to offer a Welcoming your Transgender and Gender Diverse Communities trainings online and in-person for those interested.
 - HHS has finalized its’ updated website which will go live in April 2024.
- CHEP & CPG – CM Knoble
 - CM Knoble updates that CHEP-funded Health Access Points had the opportunity to receive training for the Syphilis Health Check (SHC) test kit in January. There was a CHEP-hosted Street health and wellness fair in January.
- SOA – CM Kent
 - Chris Kent highlighted the Epidemiology report discussed on the February issue of OA Voice. Within the last couple of months, there were 2 questions that were sent to him regarding the new system replacing ARIES. The last two sessions that folks were invited to shared a lot of background information as well as information about timelines. Anymore questions can be directed towards him and he will try to answer them to the best of his ability. There was another questions regarding the state budget, but he doesn’t have any updates and will share any once he has them.
- ETE Update – CM Sullivan
 - CM Sullivan updates that this month, the group discussed centralizing resource guides and deliverables and dove into system of care. Specifically, spring in 2025 there will be a full day on the system of care. Having open discussions about what clients are running into when they are interacting with the system of care. The overall theme was spreading knowledge and how they get all the knowledge about the system of care to clients and providers. There was a lot of talk about phone accessibility and delivering this centralized system.
 - Stephen Spano asked if this centralized system would be available on iPads?

- CM Sullivan answered that one size doesn't fit all, but the hope is that general idea of being able to access that information on your phone and so on.
- CM Blum added that they can check to be able to get iPads but the thought behind that is that burner phones don't carry as much value as iPads do, but they can certainly check.
- ADAP Update – Nikki Gracey
 - She updated the group that they have a new MPOX vaccine program that is available for a limited time. This program is going to allow clinics to request a vaccine incentive gift card for people with HIV who are receiving their first or second dose of the vaccine.

9. Medi-Cal Expansion

- Jason Cinq-Mars presents on Medi-Cal Expansion trying to cover the two recent changes to medical eligibility and explain how medical coverage continuous coverage unwinding affects clients enrolled in this insurance. He explains the difference between traditional medi-cal and medical-cal expansion.
 - All non-MAGI medi-cal has had the Asset Test eliminated starting January 1st, 2024.
 - The other big change that began on January 1st, 2024, is the 26-49 age Adult Expansion. He details that applying for Medi-cal will not affect an individuals immigration status. All that information that a client provides when applying to medi-cal is protected by CA Privacy Laws.
 - CM Sullivan asks if someone recently migrated from a different country, are they able to apply for medi-cal?
 - Jason answers yes, they just need some type of phone bill or bill that proves they currently live in California,
 - Someone from the public asks if there is any guidance for someone who is seeking asylum, but their application is still in process?
 - Jason answers that he looked into it and applying for medi-cal would not affect that process or application.
 - CM Hernandez asked about the recertification process?
 - Jason clarifies that the renewal month that they were assigned is based on the person individually, it's not something like their birthday. If they recertified before the unwinding started, but if nothing changed, then it may work for the whole year.
 - CM Mapp asks about dis-enrollment when the unwinding began? Is there a time expectation for how long it will take someone to be re-enrolled after they have been dis-enrolled?
 - Jason answers that the numbers have been slightly higher than they expected. He states that there is no estimated time for someone who has been dis-enrolled to be re-enrolled. It's important to encourage folks to be aware of what their status is. If they receive a letter sayin they are off of medi-cal then they are dis-enrolled, otherwise they are currently enrolled. Unfortunately, waiting is the best thing someone can do, and it is challenging. He notes communication from folks over at medi-cal has gotten better, but there are still improvements to be made.
 - CM Geltmaker asks what is San Francisco planning on doing because this does impact health service categories?
 - CM Blum answers that it is on their radar.
 - CM Hernandez notes that they need to get a lot of people on medi-cal and showing people how to use the online enrollment portal is very beneficial.

Cesar Cadabes	LOA	-	-	-							
Ed Chitty	P	Y	Y	Y							
Zachary Davenport	P	Y	Y	Y							
Pedro Felix	P	Y	Y	Y							
Elaine Flores	P	Y	Y	Y							
Matt Geltmaker	P	Y	Y	Y							
Thomas Knoble (Co-Chair)	P	-	-	Y							
Paul Harkin	A	-	-	-							
Ron Hernandez	P	Y	Y	Y							
Lee Jewell	P	Y	Y	Y							
Juba Kalamka	A	-	-	-							
Chris Kent	P	Y	Y	Y							
Nga Le	P	Y	Y	Y							
T.J. Lee-Miyaki	E	-	-	-							
Helen Lin	P	Y	Y	Y							
Derrick Mapp	P	-	-	-							
Irma Parada	LOA	-	-	-							
John Paul Soto	E	-	-	-							
Gwen Smith	LOA	-	-	-							
Charles Siron	E	-	-	-							
Guilherme Stellet	P	Y	Y	Y							
Richard Sullivan	P	Y	Y	Y							
Laura Thomas	P	Y	Y	Y							
Manuel Vasquez	P	-	-	-							
Ayes		14	14	15							

Nayes		0	0	0							
Abstain		0	0	0							
Recusal		0	0	0							
Total	18	14	14	15							
