

HIV Community Planning Council

FULL COUNCIL MEETING

July 22nd, 2024

25 Van Ness Ave Room 610

4:00-6:30 pm

HIV Community Planning Council Members Present: Chuck Adams, Robert Arnold, Bill Blum, Franco Chevalier, Ed Chitty, Zachary Davenport, Elaine Flores, Matt Geltmaker, Elyse Griffin, Reina Hernandez, Lee Jewell, Chris Kent, Thomas Knoble, Helen Lin, Irma Parada, John Paul Soto, Charles Siron, Richard Sullivan

HIV Community Planning Council Members Absent: Cesar Cadabes [E], Jesus Guillen [E], Ron Hernandez [E], Juba Kalamka [LOA], Nga Le [E], T.J. Lee-Miyaki [E], Derrick Mapp [E], Gwen Smith [LOA], Laura Thomas [E], Manuel Vasquez [E]

Others Present: Roger Al-Chaikh, Anna Branzuela, Barbara Green-Ajufo, Molly Herzig, Althea Karwowski, Beth Maze, Martin Muneton, Cross Richard, Stephen Spano, Mike Zaugg, Robert Whirry

DPH Staff Present: Kevin Chen, Eric Dew, Maria Lacayo, Vilma Molina, Beth Neary

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 Parada. Roll Call was called, everyone introduced themselves and quorum was established.

2. Review and Approve July 22nd, 2024, DRAFT Agenda – VOTE

The July 22nd DRAFT Agenda was reviewed and approved by consensus.

3. Review and Approve June 24th, 2024, DRAFT Minutes – VOTE

The June 24th DRAFT Minutes were reviewed and approved by consensus.

4. Announcements

- CM Blum announces there will be no HHS update this month. He also introduces Mike Zaugg from the Department of Disability and Aging Services (DAS).
- CM Reina Hernandez provides a positionality statement and land acknowledgement. She highlights the need for more youth representation on the Council.

5. Public Comment

- Althea Karwowski announces that SF HIV Frontline Organizing Group (FOG) and Community Health Leadership Initiative (CHLI) is looking to recruit mentors. She will distribute fliers to the HCPC.

6. Staff Announcements

- CS Perez reminds folks to fill out the meeting evaluations, nothing they are available via hard copy at the meeting or available via email.

7. General Updates

- There were no verbal updates for CAEAR, HHS, CHEP, CPG, SOA, ETE, and ADAP this month. Updates are available electronically.

8. Carry Forward Allocation – VOTE

- CM Blum explains the annual Carry Forward Funding process, where unspent federal funds from contracts can be reused within the same year. HHS collaborates with contract providers to determine the best use of these funds before presenting recommendations to the HCPC, which then submits them for federal approval. CM Blum reviews the service categories HHS is recommending the Carry Forward Funds be used for:

- ❖ RWPA Funds:
 - a. Emergency Financial Assistance - \$450,000
 - b. Psychosocial Support & Mental Health: Long Term Survivor (LTS) Training Module for Behavioral Health Services Providers - \$33,000
 - c. Legal Services: HIV Legal Intern Stipends - \$60,000
 - d. Food Bank/Home Delivered Meals - \$515,264
- ❖ RWPA MAI Funds:
 - a. Food Bank/Home Delivered Meals - \$205,469
- CM Reina Hernandez asks what information is used to determine allocations?
 - ❖ CM Blum notes that the HCPC votes annually on which service categories to allocate funds to.
- CM Griffin asks what are the restrictions for what the funds can be used for?
 - ❖ CM Blum notes that, generally, everything that is allowable under RWPA.
- CM Geltmaker asks if these recommendations have been reviewed by the Steering Committee?
 - ❖ CM Blum says they typically show the recommendations to every Committee, but were on a shorter timeline this year and only Steering has reviewed the recommendations.
- CM Reina Hernandez notes that long-term survivors are asking for tangible support in the form of support groups, not training modules.
- CS Molnar notes there is a motion on the floor from the Steering Committee.

Motion passes through roll call vote, refer to column (3).

9. ARIES Report – Flor Roman and Vilma Molina

- Flor Roman and Vilma Molina reviews the 2023 AIDS Regional Information Evaluation System (ARIES) report for the San Francisco Eligible Metropolitan Area (EMA) and provides data on clients receiving services funded by Ryan White Parts A-D, SFDPH HHS General Funds, and Ending the HIV Epidemic (EHE) funds. The report highlights the role of ARIES in evaluating health quality indicators and program performance for HIV services. The data was sourced from various funding streams and shows that 6,367 unduplicated clients received services. The data breaks down key demographic statistics such as gender, race, age, income level, living situation, and insurance status. They also provide an update on HIV Care Connect (HCC), noting there is no update in terms of a go-live date and that it may not go live by the end of this year.
 - CM Davenport asks about the gender breakdown and why transgender identities aren't broken down further (transgender men, transgender women, nonbinary folks, etc.)?
 - ❖ Roman notes it's based off what's available in ARIES. She also notes they didn't provide a further breakdown for transgender men as there are so few they don't want to risk disclosing identities.
 - CM Knoble asks what major wins they're seeing with HCC? Is there less of an administrative load?
 - ❖ Roman highlights one of the biggest changes is that you will no longer need digital certificates and can use HCC on any computer.
 - a. CM Geltmaker adds that ADAP will be incorporated into HCC so it will give more accurate data.
 - CM Chevalier clarifies the data about clients receiving antiretroviral therapies (ART) and asks if this is recording folks who were prescribed ART or does it track them throughout the treatment process?
 - ❖ Roman says this is based off of calendar year data and whether or not they've been prescribed ART. The data doesn't track if the client has fallen out of services.

- a. Lacayo adds that the information is based off of what is in ARIES and the data reflects what is entered in ARIES. If providers aren't updating ARIES regularly to reflect client status, the data will reflect the most recent information in ARIES.
 - i. CM Geltmaker adds that a client may have one Ryan White funded visit during the year and then switch to MediCare, thus no longer being tracked in ARIES.

10. Break

11. Prevention Megatrends – Thomas Knoble

- CM Knoble provides an overview of megatrends in the prevention of STIs, HIV, and Hepatitis C, focusing on the Ending the Epidemics (ETE) plan and the importance of de-siloing syndemic responses at national and local levels. It highlights key epidemiological trends and challenges within the public health workforce, including the loss of institutional knowledge due to retirements and the redirection of staff to COVID-19 and Mpox efforts. The presentation discusses the expanding role of biomedical interventions like Doxy-PEP and Long-Acting HIV Injectables (LAIs) and public health shifts, including an increase in telemedicine and home testing options. Additionally, it emphasizes the critical importance of addressing social determinants of health and promoting equity in prevention strategies.
 - CM Reina Hernandez says she doesn't see any data on Health Access Points (HAPs) and that they've been receiving funding for 1.5 years. She would like to see data that funded entities are planning activities based on data and strategies that implement equity.
 - ❖ CM Knoble says they will follow up with her at a later date with this information.
 - CM Sullivan inquires about the prefix "mega" in megatrends and asks if this relates to them being ever present?
 - ❖ CM Blum notes this is a historical title and relates to trends that extend beyond just the SF EMA.
 - CM Reina Hernandez asks if there's a reason why the nationally increasing HIV transmission rate in the Latino/a/x community wasn't highlighted in the presentation?
 - ❖ CM Knoble notes this data will be reported in the EPI report in October.

12. Standards of Care Update – VOTE

- Robert Whirry provides updates on the Ryan White Standards of Care (SOC), which outline service parameters for each service category. He provides a brief overview of why and how the updates to the SOC are happening. Whirry reviews the updated SOC for Common Standards of Care, Psychosocial Support, Case Management, Housing, Legal Services and Dental Care.
 - CM Reina Hernandez asks if the Case Management SOC will also include Case Management for incarcerated individuals, noting that it was approved by HRSA in April 2024.
 - ❖ Beth Neary confirms it will include them, and there may also be a separate SOC coming for incarcerated individuals.
 - CM Reina Hernandez asks if the class issues can be more thought out. She notes the SOC are really patient-centered, but they should be more centered around what the provider needs to do in order to not cause harm. She also asks how these items will be measured and what the metrics are, outside of staff attending trainings.
 - ❖ Whirry says he would like to include this and asks that CM Reina Hernandez forward him information on this.
 - CM Sullivan extends his gratitude to Whirry and recognizes the hard work he has done with the SOC.
- CS Molnar reviews the HCPC logo options that Whirry provided. The group selects the logo that had been used for the draft SOC.

- CS Molnar notes there is a motion on the floor from the Steering Committee to accept all SOC as a slate.

Motion passes through consensus, refer to column (4).

13. Next Meeting Date & Adjournment

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, August 26th, 2024, 4:00 – 6:30 pm at 25 Van Ness, 6th floor conference room.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:18 PM by CM Parada.

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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)

Date: July 22, 2024	[roll]	[1]	[2]	[3]	[4]	[5]	[6]	[7]	[8]	[9]	[10]
Chuck Adams	P	Y	Y	Y	Y						
Robert Arnold	P	Y	Y	Y	Y						
Bill Blum	P										
Cesar Cadabes	E	-	-	-	-						
Franco Chevalier	P	Y	Y	A	Y						
Ed Chitty	P	Y	Y	Y	Y						
Zachary Davenport	P	Y	Y	Y	Y						
Elaine Flores	P	Y	Y	Y	Y						
Matt Geltmaker	P	Y	Y	Y	Y						
Elyse Griffin	P	Y	Y	A	Y						
Jesus Guillen	E	-	-	-	-						
Reina Hernandez	P	Y	Y	A	Y						
Ron Hernandez	E	-	-	-	-						
Lee Jewell	P	Y	Y	Y	Y						
Juba Kalamka	LOA	-	-	-	-						
Chris Kent	P	Y	Y	A	Y						
Thomas Knoble (Co-Chair)	P	Y	Y	A	Y						
Nga Le	E	-	-	-	-						

T.J. Lee-Miyaki	E	-	-	-	-						
Helen Lin	P	Y	Y	Y	Y						
Derrick Mapp	E	-	-	-	-						
Irma Parada	P	Y	Y	Y	Y						
John Paul Soto	P	Y	Y	Y	Y						
Charles Siron	P	Y	Y	Y	Y						
Gwen Smith	LOA	-	-	-	-						
Richard Sullivan	P	Y	Y	Y	Y						
Laura Thomas	E	-	-	-	-						
Manuel Vasquez	E	-	-	-	-						
Ayes		17	17	12	17						
Nayes		0	0	0	0						
Abstain		0	0	5	0						
Recusal		0	0	0	0						
Total		17	17	17	17						