

HIV Community Planning Council

FULL COUNCIL MEETING

May 20th, 2024

25 Van Ness Ave Room 610

4:00-6:30 pm

HIV Community Planning Council Members Present: Robert Arnold, Bill Blum, Franco Chevalier, Elaine Flores, Matt Geltmaker, Elyse Griffin, Jesus Guillen, Reina Hernandez, Ron Hernandez, Lee Jewell, Chris Kent, Helen Lin, Derrick Mapp, Irma Parada, John Paul Soto, Guilherme Stellet, Richard Sullivan, Laura Thomas

HIV Community Planning Council Members Absent: Chuck Adams [E], Cesar Cadabes [E], Ed Chitty [E], Zachary Davenport [E], Pedro Felix [E], Juba Kalamka [A], Thomas Knoble [E], Nga Le [E], T.J. Lee-Miyaki [E], Charles Siron [E], Gwen Smith [LOA], Manuel Vasquez [A]

Others Present: Roger Al-Chaikh, Avery Barrett, David Crown, Wade Flores, Paul Hepfer, Molly Herzig, Anita Ogayemi-Agoh

DPH Staff Present:

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

2. Review and Approve May 20th, 2024, DRAFT Agenda – VOTE

The May 20th DRAFT Agenda was reviewed and approved by consensus.

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

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

4. Announcements

- CM Geltmaker reintroduces Anna Branzuela, who will be attending Full Council meetings as CM Geltmaker is transitioning out of his role and into retirement.

5. Public Comment

- None.

6. Staff Announcements

- CS Perez reminds folks to fill out the meeting evaluation, this can be done via the paper evaluation at the Full Council meeting or by using the version that will be emailed.

7. General Updates

- CAEAR Coalition – CM Jewell
 - CM Jewell updates the Council on efforts to reach a bipartisan agreement for fiscal year 2025 (FY2025) spending bills. Lawmakers are debating whether to stick to the spending caps set during the 2023 debt limit deal. Senate Democrats want more funding for domestic programs, which were mostly flat-funded in FY2024, while House Republicans are debating limiting earmarked funds to avoid delays from policy disputes, such as funding for LGBTQ+ nonprofits and the Ending the HIV Epidemic Initiative. Rep. Cole aims to wrap up this year's spending quickly, causing tension within the House GOP.
 - The next CAEAR Membership Meeting and Hill Visits are scheduled for June 3-4, 2024. CM Jewell is putting forward his nomination for another two-year term as the CAEAR PWHA Caucus Chair. Maria Lacayo will be putting forward her nomination for co-vice chair.
- HHS – CM Blum

- CM Blum reports pending notifications for Ryan White Part A (RWPA) and Part C (RWPC) funding, expected in the next few weeks. They received \$2,559,219 for Ending the HIV Epidemic (EHE) for FY2024/2025, a \$3,458 increase.
- HHS is working to update the SF Ryan White Funding Standards of Care (SOC). The goal is to complete review of all SOC by the June 24, 2024 HCPC Full Council Meeting.
 - ❖ CM Thomas states that it would be great to have HCAP involved in the SOC for a few different service categories.
 - CM Blum says he believes Stephen Spano is already involved in a few different SOC, but will double check. He notes that if anyone has been involved in the different service categories and would like to provide feedback that they can get in touch with him.
- CHEP & CPG – CM Knoble
 - There were no CHEP & CPG updates this month.
- SOA – CM Kent
 - CM Kent highlights the PrEP Navigators training on page 4. There is a registration link. If anyone has any questions, they can contact CM Kent.
- ETE Update – CM Sullivan
 - There were no ETE updates this month.
- ADAP Update – Nikki Gracey
 - There were no ADAP updates this month.

8. MPOX Update – Anita Ogayemi-Agoh

- Anita Ogayemi-Agoh introduces herself as the Monkeypox (MPOX) Project Coordinator for the California Emerging Infections Program (CEIP). She provides an overview of the vaccine effectiveness study that CEIP is doing. She notes they are looking for participants from organizations that provide PrEP to be part of the study and reviews the requirements for participants. Partners from participating organizations can help by emailing a QR code for participants to fill out a short survey.
 - CM Geltmaker asks if the study is looking for folks who are HIV+.
 - ❖ Ogayemi-Agoh says they don't need to be HIV+ and they shouldn't currently have MPOX, but their HIV+ status isn't a determinant. She notes they are specifically looking for clinics and organizations who provide PrEP.
 - CM Guillen asks why the age range is set to 18-49 years old.
 - ❖ Ogayemi-Agoh says she does not know.
 - CM Mapp asks if this is for folks that are fully vaccinated or not vaccinated at all.
 - ❖ Ogayemi-Agoh notes the only criteria is that participants are between the ages of 18-49 years old, men who have sex with men (MSM) or transgender, and at a clinic that offers PrEP.
 - CM Chevalier asks if their MPOX status matters.
 - ❖ Ogayemi-Agoh says the participants cannot currently have MPOX.
 - CM Guillen asks if this is a multi-language campaign.
 - ❖ Ogayemi-Agoh says the forms are in both English and Spanish. They can also provide a translator if needed.
 - CM Reina Hernandez asks if they are looking for transgender men or transgender women.
 - ❖ Ogayemi-Agoh says she is not sure, but she will get back to them about that.

9. CARE Megatrends – Bill Blum

- CM Blum presents on the CARE megatrends at the City, State, and Federal levels, focusing on San Francisco's HIV viral suppression, budget, housing, overdose crisis, and aging HIV population. He highlights stable housing as the key predictor of viral suppression, noting viral suppression can vary based on age and race/ethnicity. He addresses the SF General Fund budget deficit and the risk of

reduced Ryan White Program funding due to fewer PLWH, partly due to the success of PrEP and folks leaving San Francisco to move to more affordable areas. CM Blum discusses the collaborative housing approach with HHS, MOHCD, and DAS, and reviews the city's comprehensive plan to tackle the overdose crisis. At the state level, he covers budget deficits, reduced RWPB funding, Medi-Cal expansion, and Cal AIMS funding. Nationally, he highlights flat funding for HIV prevention, challenges without RWP reauthorization, and professional pipeline issues. Additionally, CM Blum provides an update on the Electronic Medical Records (EMR) roll-out, and notes they are gravitating towards an EPIC product. He emphasizes the benefits of the EMR as it relates to producing customized data. He also discusses advancements in biomedical interventions and evolving HIV care models, including Long-Acting Injectables (LAI).

- CM Mapp notes that it sounds alarming that with the new approach the Mayor has been taking the number of overdoses has increased.
- CM Griffin asks, when talking about the number of overdose deaths, are they accounting for individuals who were residents of SF or all folks who died of an overdose in SF?
 - ❖ CM Blum says it's his understanding that it is people who died in SF.
- CM Thomas notes that the CDC announced that overdoses were starting to trend downward, but San Francisco has continued to see a dramatic increase in overdoses, which begs the question of whether or not the City's approach is effective.
- CM Jewell asks if the medical examiner is breaking down the HIV status with these deaths.
 - ❖ CM Blum says not that he's aware of, but there are some studies being done around HIV and mortality.
- CM Thomas notes that the rate of overdoses are increasing as the non-HIV-related cause of death for PLWH.
- CM Mapp asks how we can best advocate to government partners in finding or creating funding sources for to the serve the aging PLWH population.
 - ❖ CM Blum says that it is on the Fed's radar.
- CM Mapp notes feeling shocked about speaking casually about RWP possibly not being reauthorized.
 - ❖ CM Blum says he would like to see it be reauthorized, and notes one of the challenges is a hostile government.
- CM Jewell clarifies that RWP sunsets and has to be reauthorized every budget year. The CAEAR coalition has been wondering if we should start over with a whole new act, but they don't see that being possible in today's political climate.
- CM Chevalier speaks to how EPIC can be used for cross-communication across different hospitals or centers of care. He provides examples for how EPIC can be used for coordination of care.

10. Break

11. 2023 Needs Assessment Results – Kira Perez Angeles & David Crown

- CS Perez and David Crown present the 2023 Needs Assessment and COLA results.
- The 2023 Needs Assessment focused on the Latino/a/x community with 52 participants, revealing key issues in primary medical care, dental care, and benefits. Primary medical care was ranked most important, but concerns were raised about staff turnover and narrow care focus. Dental care issues included affordability and inadequate insurance coverage, causing many to avoid necessary procedures. Benefits were difficult to access due to lack of information, especially in Spanish. Although not highly ranked, food support was praised for its health benefits. Key findings included barriers to care, cultural challenges, housing issues, and lack of benefits information. Recommendations included creating Spanish-language materials, training providers on Latino/a/x needs, sharing reports with service providers, and scheduling an HCPC presentation on the collective impact approach for Latino/a/x populations.

- CM Jewell asks that Needs Assessments be explained for the newer members of the Council.
 - ❖ CS Molnar explains one of the mandates of the HCPC is to receive information annually for a target population selected by the Council. He highlights the process of choosing focus groups/target populations and how the Needs Assessments are conducted.
- CM Guillen says that the Latino/a/x population has the fastest growing population of PLWH. He expresses a need for the Needs Assessment to go deeper in order to know what's happening with the Latino/a/x community.
 - ❖ CM Jewell notes it might be worthwhile to talk about the challenges of the Needs Assessment and COLA.
 - a. CS Molnar urges folks to attend the Community Engagement meetings if they want more information or more input on the Needs Assessment and COLA.
- The COLA 2023 focused on people affected by eviction. The report highlighted the severe impact of evictions on participants' lives, particularly regarding housing conditions, safety, and mental health. Participants reported concern about the lack of quality and affordable housing, lack of privacy, and increased vulnerability post-eviction. The rapid eviction process and insufficient conflict-resolution measures were major concerns. Additionally, managing benefits while balancing work and income was stressful, with participants worried about the loss of medical benefits and struggling with limited job options. The anxiety around potential evictions and benefits management highlighted the need for better housing and support systems, emphasizing the important role of stable housing in overall well-being.
 - CM Reina Hernandez says that creating a Spanish-language pamphlet is a great recommendation, but feels like it should be a requirement.
 - ❖ Maria Lacayo notes that Spanish-language benefits information does exist and it's about making sure folks have access to the information.
 - a. CM Blum adds that there is a cheat sheet that was created through the Frontline Organizing Group (FOG) and it might make sense to share it with staff. He adds that it is a requirement that this information is available to folks, and that it has to be at a 5th grade reading level and available in five languages.
 - CM Reina Hernandez asks to what capacity the HCPC provides support to measure the performance of the recommendations?
 - ❖ CS Molnar notes that John Aynsley provides an annual report.
 - CM Blum notes that HHS has a Continuous Quality Improvement (CQI) that looks at health disparities and highlights the need for folks to join.
 - ❖ CS Molnar asks CM Blum to send Council Staff information on the CQI to disseminate to the HCPC.

12. Grantee Assessment Results – Avery Barrett

- Avery Barrett presents on the 2024 Grantee Assessment. They explain it is federally mandated by HRSA to evaluate the grantee on efficiency, especially as it relates to relationships with providers, and addressing HCPC priorities. Council members and providers generally rated the grantee highly for support and responsiveness, noting improvements since 2019. Positive feedback highlighted strong support, clear information sharing, and thorough responses. However, some dissatisfaction was noted with RFP quality and program monitor familiarity. The responses emphasized high performance despite a small team, offering significant technical support and training initiatives. Overall, the grantee was positively regarded and was considered highly responsive and supportive.
 - CM Griffin asks if the Grantee Assessment is done annually or how often it's done.

Lee Jewell	P	Y	Y								
Juba Kalamka	A	-	-								
Chris Kent	P	Y	Y								
Thomas Knoble (Co-Chair)	E	-	-								
Derrick Mapp	P	Y	Y								
Nga Le	E	-	-								
T.J. Lee-Miyaki	E	-	-								
Helen Lin	P	Y	Y								
Irma Parada	P	Y	Y								
John Paul Soto	P	Y	Y								
Charles Siron	E	-	-								
Gwen Smith	LOA	-	-								
Guilherme Sttellet	P	Y	Y								
Richard Sullivan	P	Y	Y								
Laura Thomas	P	Y	Y								
Manuel Vasquez	A	-	-								
Ayes		16	16								
Nayes		0	0								
Abstain		0	0								
Recusal		0	0								
Total		16	16								