

HIV Community Planning Council

FULL COUNCIL MEETING

October 28th, 2024

25 Van Ness Ave Room 610

4:00-6:30 pm

HIV Community Planning Council Members Present: Chuck Adams, Robert Arnold, Bill Blum, Ed Chitty, Zachary Davenport, Elaine Flores, Matt Geltmaker, Elyse Griffin, Jesus Guillen, Reina Hernandez, Ron Hernandez, Lee Jewell, Thomas Knoble, Nga Le, T.J. Lee-Miyaki, Derrick Mapp, Marco Montenegro, Irma Parada, John Paul Soto, Charles Siron, Gwen Smith, Richard Sullivan, Laura Thomas

HIV Community Planning Council Members Absent: Franco Chevalier [E], Reina Hernandez [LOA], Juba Kalamka [E], Chris Kent [E], Helen Lin [LOA], Manuel Vasquez [E]

Others Present: Erwin Barrios, Anna Branzuela, Matt Foreman, Nikki Gracey, Barbara Green-Ajufo, Paul Hepfer, Molly Herzig, Martin Muneton, 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 4:01 pm by CM Davenport. Roll Call was called, everyone introduced themselves and quorum was established.

2. Review and Approve October 28th, 2024, DRAFT Agenda – VOTE

The October 28th, 2024 DRAFT Agenda was reviewed and approved by consensus.

3. Review and Approve September 23rd, 2024, DRAFT Minutes – VOTE

The September 23rd, 2024 DRAFT Minutes were reviewed and approved by consensus.

4. Announcements

- None.

5. Public Comment

- CM Reina Hernandez requested revisions for the July 22nd, 2024 Full Council minutes noting she did not provide a land acknowledgement. Additionally, she highlighted that she does not see youth, sex workers, or incarcerated folks on the Council.

6. Staff Announcements

- CS Molnar reminded everyone that November's Full Council meeting lands during Thanksgiving week. He said the Council will vote on the date at the end of this meeting and encouraged anyone with a conflict or alternative suggestion to stick around for the vote.

7. Council Co-Chair Elections – VOTE

- CS Molnar noted there are two motions on the floor to approve CM Parada and CM Sullivan for re-election for Council Co-Chair.
- CS Molnar asked if there were any further nominations aside from CM Parada and CM Sullivan.
 - CM Reina Hernandez put forth a nomination for herself to be considered for Council Co-Chair.

Motion to approve CM Parada and CM Sullivan for re-election for Council Co-Chair was approved through consensus, refer to column (3).

8. General Updates

- CAEAR Coalition – CM Jewell

- CM Jewell stated there have been no changes since last month's update. Congress is currently on leave until November 12th, 2024 and will resume negotiations after the election.
- HHS – CM Blum
 - CM Blum shared that HIV Health Services (HHS) submitted applications for Ryan White Part A (RWPA) and the Ryan White Program Ending the HIV Epidemic (RWP EHE). Both are competitive this year, and awards nominations may be delayed due to the election.
 - HHS is still awaiting HRSA's final report from the site visit.
 - The HIV and Aging collaboration between HHS, MOHCD, and DAS is now called the SF Interagency Collaboration on HIV and Aging Work Group, with an ongoing focus on staff cross-training. Maceo Persson, DAS's LGBT Liaison, will present on LGBTQI services at the November Full Council meeting.
 - The October HHS CQI meeting focused on addressing a drop in viral suppression rates among the Black/African American community, as well as initiatives for People Experiencing Homelessness (PEH) and the rollout of Long-Acting Injectable (LAI) treatments. A new EHE project aims to reduce disparities for individuals transitioning out of the justice system.
 - ❖ CM Guillen asked if there is a list of services that agencies provide for HIV and aging.
 - i. CM Blum said their partners at Positive Resource Center (PRC) are compiling a list.
 - ❖ Stephen Spano expressed gratitude for the interagency collaboration. They noted that DAS has identified folks with HIV and aging as a focus population through their own Needs Assessment, but it doesn't appear a lot of funding has been allocated for that. He encouraged advocates to show up to the DAS Dignity Fund meetings.
- CHEP & CPG – CM Knoble
 - CM Knoble shared that the 2023 HIV Epidemiology Annual Report shows a decline in HIV diagnoses in San Francisco.
 - They reminded everyone to get vaccinated and boosted as cold and flu season approaches.
 - CM Knoble highlighted an upcoming HCV/HIV/STI/Overdose Prevention Skill Certification Training in November and noted the ongoing work of the Harm Reduction Training Institute.
 - ❖ CM Davenport asked for an update on the California Planning Group.
 - i. CM Knoble said the group meets twice a year and their next meeting is November 20th, 2024 – November 22nd, 2024 in Riverside.
- SOA – CM Kent
 - There were no SOA updates this month.
- ETE Update – CM Sullivan
 - CM Sullivan shared that instead of meeting this month, Facente Consulting sent out a questionnaire for members to review proposed schedules and agendas for the convening. Results will be reviewed in upcoming meetings, with more updates in November.
 - ❖ CM Guillen asked how ETE is developing with doctors and nurses in the field.
 - i. CM Knoble explained efforts to create easier pathways for individuals with lived experience to join the workforce, addressing systemic issues and easing the burden on Community-Based Organizations (CBOs). They note CM Sullivan has been emphasizing the community work supporting these efforts.
 - CM Blum discussed the challenges doctors and nurses face, exacerbated by COVID-19, and noted the workforce retention struggles of CBOs due to limited competitiveness. Despite these challenges, workforce recruitment is improving.
- ADAP Update – Nikki Gracey

- Nikki Gracey updates the group that, as of October 2nd, 2024, there are 221 PrEP-AP enrollment sites and 245 clinical provider sites. There are 8,162 clients enrolled in the ADAP Insurance Assistance Program, which is an increase of 1% from August.
- Open enrollment begins November 1st, 2024 and runs through January 31st, 2025, with more information available on the Covered California website.
- The State Office of AIDS (SOA) has obtained approval to change the Federal Poverty Level (FPL) income eligibility requirement from 500% to 600% as of January 1st, 2025.
 - ❖ CM Blum asks if, in addition to ADAP, is there a plan to increase eligibility for other Ryan White Part B programs to 600% FPL?
 - i. Gracey says they had to go through the Governor’s Budget Office for approval and believes this only effects the ADAP eligibility.

9. Marin County Annual Report – VOTE

- CM Le presented the 2024 County of Marin Fact Sheet on HIV/AIDS in Marin County, highlighting demographics of people living with HIV (PLWH). A majority of cases are in individuals aged 55+, reflecting Marin’s older population. She noted a positive trend in the HIV Care Continuum, with more people accessing care after a previous decline. Among newly diagnosed residents, there’s an increase in cases among those aged 25–39 and in the Latino/a/x/e community. To address this, Marin is hiring bicultural and bilingual staff for testing and outreach.
- CM Le outlined changes in Marin County’s Prioritization and Allocation process. Mental Health Services and the Food Pantry are no longer funded, as these services can be accessed via other programs and providers. Funds from the Food Pantry were redirected to increase food vouchers from \$80 to \$100 per month and expand food voucher eligibility. Mental Health Services were removed due to client underutilization, noting clients can be referred out to other providers. Marin received a reduced RWPB award. CM Le shared updates on the Service Category ranking and RWPA Allocation.
 - CM Griffin asks if Housing was removed for similar reasons.
 - ❖ CM Le notes they were not providing housing case management and there were only a handful of clients utilizing services.
 - i. CM Jewell asks if they stopped funding Food Pantry for similar reasons.
 - CM Le says it was always rated poorly by clients and there are other food pantries in Marin they could refer folks to. By doing so, they could reallocate those funds to food vouchers and increasing FPL for folks to be eligible for food vouchers.
 - CM Guillen references the rising rate of cases in the Latino/a/x/e community and asks if they have broken down the countries and socioeconomic statuses of the community members.
 - ❖ CM Le says she does not have data on what specific countries folks are from. When looking at data, they look at census tracks and can see the neighborhoods where folks are being diagnosed and focus their efforts there.
 - i. CM Flores says a large majority of the population in the Canal are from Guatemala and El Salvador, with a smaller population of folks from Puerto Rico.
 - CM Ron Hernandez asks about the funding for Outreach.
 - ❖ CM Le says they are utilizing RWPB funds for their staff to do outreach in the community, with a focus on folks who are out of care back into care.
 - CM Sullivan thanks CM Le for the presentation.
 - CM Flores applauds CM Le and the County for working with the Marin HIV/AIDS Care Council. She notes they worked hard for the community when they lost their longstanding service provider.
 - ❖ CM Le says their staff has a lot of passion for the work.

- CM Montenegro says it's disappointing to see the increase in diagnoses amongst the Latino/a/x/e population. He discusses mental health services and case management at Mission Neighborhood Health Center. Additionally, he highlights that they recently had a testing clinic set up outside of the health center and had a high number of tests done. He says this strategy has always worked well for them.

- ❖ CM Le thanks CM Montenegro for the information and suggestions.

- CS Molnar asked the group to review the Prioritizations and Allocations of Marin County for a vote.

Motion: CM Jewell motions to approve the Prioritizations and Allocations for Marin County.

Second: CM Parada seconds this motion.

Motion passes through a roll call vote, refer to column (4).

10. Break

11. Membership Update – VOTE

- CS Molnar noted that there is a motion on the floor from the Membership Committee to accept Erwin Barrios' new member application.
 - The potential new member, Erwin, introduced himself to the group.
 - The group then votes on whether to approve Erwin's application.

Motion to accept Erwin Barrios' new member application was approved through consensus, refer to column (5).

12. San Mateo County Annual Report – VOTE

- CM Geltmaker presented the 2023 Public Health, Policy & Planning report for Persons Living with HIV/AIDS in San Mateo County and California. He noted that San Mateo is more suburban and rural compared to Marin and San Francisco, with fewer CBOs. He reviewed the demographics, risk characteristics of PLWH in San Mateo County noting a majority of cases are in the Latino/a/x/e population, and those aged 50+ years old. He provided a geographical overview of HIV cases in the County. Among newly diagnosed cases, the Latino/a/x/e population had the highest percentage by race/ethnicity, and male-to-male sexual contact (MMSC) was the primary transmission risk. Outreach efforts include using geolocation-based sex apps to reach individuals.
- CM Geltmaker noted that the County received a slight increase in their RWPA funding for fiscal year 2024-2025, which were allocated to Food Bank/Home Delivered Meals and Emergency Financial Assistance, as these services are not covered by California Essential Health Benefits.
- CM Geltmaker reviewed the Prioritization and Allocation process for San Mateo County. He noted the Board decided not to make any changes to the Prioritization this year.
 - CM Jewell asked what outreach is done within the migrant farm worker community.
 - ❖ CM Geltmaker discussed Farmworker Health and the Street/Field Medicine and Mobile Clinic services. He noted there are a few CBOs who also do this work.
 - CM Jewell asked if there has been pushback to testing.
 - ❖ CM Geltmaker said they are encouraging it to be done as routine testing.
 - CM Guillen highlighted the importance of cellphones and the role they play. He asked if there is a way to look at the demographic information from the geolocation-based sex apps and compare it to the demographics of the County.
 - ❖ CM Geltmaker said private companies own the apps and they won't provide the demographic information of their users. He explains how the County workers interact with folks on these apps and discusses the process for linkage to care for positive cases of HIV.
- CS Molnar asked the group to review the Prioritizations and Allocations of San Mateo County for a vote.

Motion: CM Lee-Miyaki motions to approve the Prioritizations and Allocations for San Mateo County.

Second: CM Thomas seconds this motion.

The motion passes through a roll call vote, refer to column (6).

13. Next Meeting Date & Adjournment

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

Meeting was adjourned at 6:29 PM by CM Davenport.

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)

Date: October 28, 2024	[roll]	[1]	[2]	[3]	[4]	[5]	[6]	[7]	[8]	[9]	[10]
Chuck Adams	P	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y				
Robert Arnold	P	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y				
Bill Blum	P										
Franco Chevalier	E	-	-	-	-	-	-				
Ed Chitty	P	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y				
Zachary Davenport	P	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y				
Elaine Flores	P	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y				
Matt Geltmaker	P	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y				
Elyse Griffin	P	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	A				
Jesus Guillen	P	Y	Y	Y	B	Y	Y				
Reina Hernandez	P	-	-	-	-	-	-				
Ron Hernandez	P	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y				
Lee Jewell	P	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y				
Juba Kalamka	E	-	-	-	-	-	-				
Chris Kent	E										
Thomas Knoble (Co-Chair)	P	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y				
Nga Le	P	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y				
T.J. Lee-Miyaki	P	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y				
Helen Lin	LOA	-	-	-	-	-	-				

Derrick Mapp	P	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y				
Marco Montenegro	P										
Irma Parada	P	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y				
John Paul Soto	P	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y				
Charles Siron	P	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y				
Gwen Smith	P	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y				
Richard Sullivan	P	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y				
Laura Thomas	P	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y				
Manuel Vasquez	E	-	-	-	-	-	-				



Ayes		21	21	21	20	21	20				
Nayes		0	0	0	0	0	0				
Abstain		0	0	0	0	0	0				
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