

HIV Community Planning Council

FULL COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, April 28th, 2025

25 Van Ness Ave Room 610

4:00-6:30 pm

HIV Community Planning Council Members Present: Chuck Adams, Robert Arnold, Erwin Barrios, Bill Blum, Anna Branzuela, Franco Chevalier, Ed Chitty, Zachary Davenport, Elaine Flores, Elyse Griffin, Jesus Guillen, Ron Hernandez, Lee Jewell, Thomas Knoble, Nga Le, T.J. Lee-Miyaki, Helen Lin, Derrick Mapp, Jon Oskarsson, Irma Parada, John Paul Soto, Charles Siron, Richard Sullivan, Laura Thomas, Manuel Vasquez

HIV Community Planning Council Members Absent: Reina Hernandez [A], Juba Kalamka [A], Marco Montenegro [E], Gwen Smith [LOA]

Others Present: Matt Foreman, Jonathan Frochtzwaig, Barbara Green-Ajufo, Bill Hirsh, Martin Muneton, Stephen Spano, Lance Toma, Sue Walburg-Smith

DPH Staff Present: Hanna Hjord

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 4:02 pm by CM Parada. Roll Call was called, everyone introduced themselves and quorum was established.

2. Review and Approve April 28th, 2025, DRAFT Agenda – VOTE

The April 28th, 2025 DRAFT Agenda was reviewed and approved by consensus.

3. Review and Approve March 24th, 2025, DRAFT Minutes – VOTE

The March 24th, 2025 DRAFT Minutes were reviewed and approved by consensus.

4. Announcements

- CM Parada reminds folks that Council Members and Members of the Public have three minutes to speak.
- CM Guillen reminds folks that June 5th, 2025 is the red-carpet premiere date for the Long-Term Survivors documentary.
- CM Le says Marin is planning a Community Forum on June 4th, 2025 to gather more feedback from clients.

5. Public Comment

- None.

6. Staff Announcements

- CS Perez reminds folks to fill out their surveys.

7. General Updates

- CAEAR Coalition – CM Jewell
 - There are no CAEAR updates this month.
- HHS – CM Blum

- CM Blum announces that Daniel Tsai is the new Director of the San Francisco Department of Public Health (DPH).
- CM Blum reviews budgetary information for the City, noting that Mayor Lurie has requested further budget reductions. The current DPH budget reduction proposals do not significantly impact funding to community providers.
- CM Blum reviews Federal budgetary information, highlighting the leaked draft budget document, which is also known as the “skinny budget.” He reviews the proposed cuts that were put forth, noting this proposed budget would cut the HHS funding by one-third.
- CM Blum reviews the HHS funding update, noting that they are still waiting for a second partial notice of award for both Ryan White Part A (RWPA) and Ending the HIV Epidemic (EHE).
- HIV Care Connect (HCC) went live on April 7th, 2025, which is replacing ARIES.
 - ❖ CM Jewell asks how HCC is going?
 - i. CM Blum says it has been bumpy, which was to be expected.
- CM Blum provides an update on the CQI, noting that Dr. Andrea Grosz is visiting different sites to get information and feedback.
- CHEP & CPG – CM Knoble
 - CM Knoble updates that Dr. Kyle Bernstein is back as Deputy Director for Surveillance, Data, and Analytics.
 - CM Knoble notes that STI Awareness Week was last week, from April 13-19, 2025.
 - CM Knoble discusses the SF Immigrant Forum, which is a DPH interagency collaboration sharing immigrant services and resources.
 - CM Knoble highlights The Lotus Project Health Access Point (HAP) program and the Harm Reduction Training Institute.
 - CM Knoble notes that the State CPG is hosting an in-person meeting in San Diego at the end of May.
- SOA – CM Kent
 - There are no SOA updates this month.
- ETE Update – CM Sullivan
 - CM Sullivan provides an update on the ETE Steering Committee meeting, noting that the SF Onboard 2025 Summit is being held on May 20th, 2025 at the SF LGBT Center. The ETE Steering Committee has been meeting weekly leading up to the Summit. The purpose of the Summit is to welcome new workers to the HIV system of care with a focus on retention.
 - ❖ CM Knoble encourages folks to join.
- ADAP Update – Nikki Gracey
 - There are no ADAP updates this month.

8. Federal Funding & CAEAR Update

- CM Jewell provides an overview of federal funding shifts and advocacy efforts impacting HIV/AIDS services. He began with a review of key budget terms and explained the origins of the CAEAR Coalition, which was formed in 1991 in response to the Ryan White CARE Act. Updates from NASTAD included major concerns over proposed FY2026 federal budget cuts, which would significantly reduce or eliminate funding for key HIV programs, including prevention and the Minority AIDS Initiative. It was noted that while Ryan White typically enjoys bipartisan support,

current restructuring plans under the proposed Administration for Health America (AHA) suggest a reorganization with minimal prevention funding.

- CM Thomas speaks to formation of the CAEAR Coalition following the earthquake in 1991. She highlights that service workers noted that the City received emergency disaster relief funds for natural disasters and had the idea that that could be applied to HIV/AIDS. She adds that the desire for a planning council came out of the idea that PLWH should be at the table.
 - ❖ CM Guillen asks if HAPN is local and if all planning councils belong to CAEAR?
 - i. CM Thomas says it is a federal mandate that a planning council be established in an EMA.
 - Lance Toma clarifies what HAPN does.
- CM Sullivan asks if there has been HIV-friendly bipartisan support?
 - ❖ CM Jewell says, traditionally, Ryan White gets bipartisan support.
- CM Lee-Miyaki asks if there has been any advocacy done on how formularies are calculated?
 - ❖ CM Thomas says the formulary has changed many times. There have been several ways in which the original formula for Ryan White benefited San Francisco. She highlights the ways in which formulas work and discusses how the City was receiving the funding that it was.
 - i. CM Blum adds that this has not been an issue over the last 6-7 years.
- CM Guillen asks if the idea of “making America healthy again” is trying to mainstream HIV?
 - ❖ CM Blum notes that this is trying to move in the direction of making HIV more manageable and not needing separate funding.
- CM Jewell reviews the CAEAR Coalition Hill Visit and details what these visits typically look like. He provides the schedule that they used for this year’s visit to the Hill.
 - Lance Toma adds that SF Contingent works to visit as many legislators in our district as possible. They leverage CAEAR’s influence in Republican areas to make them aware of what HIV funding is supporting within their districts.
 - CM Blum adds that a big part of their visits is educational.
 - ❖ CM Mapp asks about strategic partnership and the kind of relationship they have with the folks they are visiting?
 - i. CM Blum says they are in contact with one another.

9. Break

10. HAPN Update/Local Funding Advocacy – VOTE

- Lance Toma and CM Thomas introduce themselves and the HIV/AIDS Provider Network (HAPN). HAPN is made up of over 25 community-based agencies that lead HIV budget advocacy at the local, state, and federal level. Toma provides background information on what the HIV/AIDS Provider Network is, outlining its continued efforts to protect and advocate for the HIV safety net in San Francisco. They emphasized that their goal is to ensure no cuts to the HIV safety net, especially given the looming threat of federal funding reductions. CM Thomas reviewed HAPN’s key budget asks, acknowledging that the exact dollar amounts for some are still unknown due to pending federal budget decisions.
 - ❖ 1) The City must continue its nearly 20-year record of backfilling with City dollars federal funding reductions in grants through the Ryan White CARE Act, CDC, and HOPWA.
 - i. Ask: TBD

- ❖ 2) The City needs to commit to working with community-based organizations receiving direct federal HIV funding (Ryan White, CDC, SAMHSA, HOPWA) if these awards are terminated to ensure continuity of services being provided by these direct federal dollars.
 - i. Ask: TBD
- ❖ 3) Annual Cost of Doing Business (CODB) increases ensure that community-based organizations remain viable and keep up with rising costs necessary to run a business in San Francisco. Ryan White-funded contracts require the same level of CODB increases that are awarded to City general fund contracts to ensure parity and to maintain a constant level of HIV services in San Francisco.
 - i. Ask: \$500,000 (~3%)
- CM Sullivan notes that this doesn't seem like a lot of money.
 - ❖ CM Jewell says it is a lot of money compared to the budget.
- CM Parada asks if the \$500,000 ask is for one agency.
 - ❖ CM Thomas says it's a 3% increase on Ryan White-funded contracts only.
- Bill Hirsh acknowledges CM Blum for the work he has done at a federal and local level. Hirsh provides an overview of the City's budget process, noting that the Mayor has requested additional cuts to General Funds, and the proposed budget will be released on June 1st, 2025. HAPN has been proactive in holding meetings with all Board of Supervisors members and departments to communicate their priorities.
 - CM Jewell asks what the difference is with this current City administration?
 - ❖ CM Thomas speaks to how the Mayor was new to city government, and many of the folks he has appointed are also new to the city government. She adds that many members of the Board of Supervisors are brand new, too.
 - CM Oskarsson has questions about asks 1 and 2 not having dollar amounts attached to them.
 - ❖ CM Thomas says this has been a strange year, at every level. She notes "no cuts to the HIV safety net" is a big ask when there's no dollars attached to it.
 - CM Knoble asks what other opportunities folks have to advocate for HIV funding?
 - ❖ Hirsch says they have been presenting the HAPN budget priorities at all the meetings with the Board of Supervisors. They will know more definitively what gets funded in the Mayor's budget. He goes into more depth about how the addback process works.
 - i. CM Thomas adds that DPH took their proposed budget in front of the health commission a couple months ago. HAPN did show up to that meeting and notes this is a key role the HIV Advocacy Network (HAN) plays.
 - CM Chevalier asks historically how much of a shift have you seen due to a level of advocacy? What's being done in terms of reacting to potential budget cuts?
 - ❖ CM Thomas says it has been sort of fighting over scraps, but they have been able to win \$100,000 for mental health services for long-term survivors. You want the Mayor to prioritize your services and community and the best way to know what's happening after the budget is released is to be plugged into HAN.
 - i. CM Lee-Miyaki speaks to where HAN is, noting next Monday there will be a teach-in on cost of doing business (CODB) and how to talk to people

when reaching out to them. He adds that every Monday there is something going on and HAN does community spotlights on different agencies.

- Lance Toma adds that community mobilization matters. They will push the City if they don't get the funding they need.

Motion: CM Jewell motions to concur with HAPN's advocacy efforts.

Second: CM Siron seconds this motion.

Motion passes through consensus, refer to column (3).

11. Next Meeting Date & Adjournment

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 19th, 2025, 4:00 – 6:30 pm at 25 Van Ness, 6th floor conference room.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:20 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: April 28, 2025	[roll]	[1]	[2]	[3]	[4]	[5]	[6]	[7]	[8]	[9]	[10]
Chuck Adams	P	Y	Y	Y							
Robert Arnold	P	Y	Y	Y							
Erwin Barrios	P										
Bill Blum	P										
Franco Chevalier	P	Y	Y	Y							
Ed Chitty	P	Y	Y	Y							
Zachary Davenport	P	Y	Y	Y							
Elaine Flores	P	Y	Y	Y							
Elyse Griffin	P	Y	Y	Y							
Jesus Guillen	P	Y	Y	Y							
Reina Hernandez	A										
Ron Hernandez	P	Y	Y	Y							
Lee Jewell	P	Y	Y	Y							

Juba Kalamka	A										
Thomas Knoble (Co-Chair)	P	Y	Y	Y							
Nga Le	P	Y	Y	Y							
T.J. Lee-Miyaki	P	Y	Y	Y							
Helen Lin	P	Y	Y	Y							
Derrick Mapp	P	Y	Y	Y							
Marco Montenegro	E										
Jon Oskarsson	P										
Irma Parada	P	Y	Y	Y							
John Paul Soto	P	Y	Y	Y							
Charles Siron	P	Y	Y	Y							
Gwen Smith	LOA	-	-	-							
Richard Sullivan	P	Y	Y	Y							
Laura Thomas	P	Y	Y	Y							
Manuel Vasquez	P	Y	Y	Y							
Ayes		21	21	21							
Nayes		0	0	0							
Abstain		0	0	0							
Recusal		0	0	0							
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