

## HIV Community Planning Council

### FULL COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, August 25<sup>th</sup>, 2025

25 Van Ness Ave Room 610

4:00-6:30 pm

**HIV Community Planning Council Members Present:** Chuck Adams, Robert Arnold, Bill Blum, Anna Branzuela, Franco Chevalier, Ed Chitty, Zachary Davenport, Elaine Flores, Elyse Griffin, Ron Hernandez, Lee Jewell, Thomas Knoble, Nga Le, T. J. Lee-Miyaki, Helen Lin, Derrick Mapp, Marco Montenegro, Irma Parada, Nikos Pecoraro, Laura Thomas

**HIV Community Planning Council Members Absent:** Erwin Barrios [E], Leroy Blea [E], Jesus Guillen [E], Reina Hernandez [A], Jon Oskarsson [E], Charles Siron [A], John Paul Soto [E], Richard Sullivan [E], Manuel Vasquez [A]

**Others Present:** Matt Foreman, Michael Misenti, Martin Muneton, Stephan Spano, Mike Zaugg

**DPH Staff Present:** John Aynsley, Kevin Chen, Eric Dew, Vilma Molina, Beth Neary, Flor Roman, Arpi Terzian

**Support Staff Present:** Mark Molnar, Kira Perez, Kat Tajgeer

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### *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 Parada. Roll Call was called; everyone introduced themselves and quorum was established.

#### **2. Review and Approve August 25<sup>th</sup>, 2025 DRAFT Agenda – VOTE**

The August 25<sup>th</sup>, 2025 DRAFT Agenda was reviewed and approved by consensus.

#### **3. Review and Approve July 28<sup>th</sup>, 2025 DRAFT Minutes – VOTE**

The July 28<sup>th</sup>, 2025 DRAFT Minutes were reviewed and approved by consensus.

#### **4. Announcements**

- CM Blum announces that he won't be presenting his usual HHS report to allow time for John Aynsley to present the Ryan White Service Summary Sheets. Additionally, he announces that the SF HIV Frontline Organizing Group (FOG) open enrollment bootcamp training will take place on Wednesday, October 8, 2025.

#### **5. Public Comment**

- None.

#### **6. Staff Announcements**

- CS Tajgeer reminds folks to please RSVP via email to both Full Council and home committee meetings.
- CS Tajgeer reminds members of the public to please sign in on the sign-in sheet.
- CS Tajgeer announces the HRSA service category worksheet that he has passed out. He notes that folks can complete it and turn it in to him at today's meeting or they can finish it later, scan, and email the completed forms to him. He will also follow up with council members via email.

#### **7. General Updates**

- CAEAR Coalition – CM Jewell

- CM Jewell updates the group that the Senate has provided their top line numbers for the appropriations for fiscal year 2026. He provides an update on the House, which will be submitting their numbers and will have a vote on September 4, 2025. The Senate is preparing a full Senate vote that reflects many of the spending cuts requested by the President in his fiscal year budget request.
- CM Blum adds that CAEAR meetings will be starting in September. He notes there is an analysis being done on Medicaid and Medi-Cal in California. He highlights that there is an almost \$3 million block grant for Ryan White Part B, that mostly pays for the AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP). With the reduction of people eligible for Medi-Cal, they may see a shift in needs and funding.
  - ❖ CM Jewell asks if it would be possible to get a presentation about this?
    - i. CM Blum confirms, noting that folks are working on putting the numbers together.
  - ❖ CM Mapp highlights concern around uncertainty and the back and forth between courts and the executive office. He asks if the numbers we're seeing are firm
  - ❖ concerned around uncertainty and back and forth between courts and the executive office. Are the numbers we're seeing firm or should folks be treating everything as temporary?
    - i. CM Jewell says it looks like Congress, from both the House and Senate, want to negotiate in good faith. He adds that he thinks the last thing Congress wants is to do continued resolutions or have budget problems that reflect badly on the Republican Party.
      - CM Blum adds that they are primarily focusing on Medicaid, and that Ryan White is small in comparison.
- HHS – CM Blum
  - There are no HHS updates this month.
- CHEP & CPG – CM Knoble
  - There are no CHEP & CPG updates this month.
- SOA – CM Blea
  - There are no SOA updates this month.
- ETE Update – CM Sullivan
  - There are no ETE updates this month.
- ADAP Update – Nikki Gracey
  - There are no ADAP updates this month.

## 8. Ryan White Service Summary Sheets

- John Aynsley introduces the HHS Service Summary sheets for 2025, noting this will be a two-part presentation with CM Blum and Beth Neary presenting the second half at the September Full Council meeting. He shares the service category prioritization order, the 2024–2025 HHS funding summary, and demographic data by gender identity, race/ethnicity, age, housing status, and viral suppression. He also reviewed the core services for 2024–2025, including deliverables, budget, client demographics, and a ten-year history from 2014–2024.
  - CM Davenport asks about the UDC for mental healthcare and asks why there was such a huge drop in clients from 2014 to 2018?
    - ❖ Aynsley will write up a summary of this information.

- i. CM Knoble highlights that there have been a lot of mental healthcare clinicians that have left.
  - Aynsley adds that it was around that time that the HCPC did prioritize psychosocial support and theorizes that maybe those accessing mental healthcare moved to psychosocial support services. He adds there was an increase in folks accessing psychosocial support services in 2018.
- CM Thomas says, historically, sometimes if a service category is still providing the same number of units of service and the number of clients is going down, that sometimes that is indicative of client needs being more complicated, or in need of more units of service.

## 9. DAS Update

- Mike Zaugg from the Department of Disability and Aging Services (DAS) announces the 2025-2026 Dignity Fund Community Needs Assessment. He provides background information and shares how folks can participate. The goal is to get 2,500 surveys completed and they will be hosting in-person forums in each supervisorial district, as well as a virtual forum. There will be a comprehensive report of the findings that will be issued in Spring 2026.
  - CM Jewell asks if the HCPC can receive a report back on the Needs Assessment findings.
    - ❖ Zaugg says this is doable.
  - CM Lee-Miyaki notes that the Tenderloin, Castro, and SOMA are three of the most impacted areas and is surprised to not see any forums being held in these areas.
    - ❖ Zaugg says the locations are already set, but that there was thought that went into choosing the locations. In the past, there were more forums held in these areas and this year they decided to focus on other areas.

## 10. Break

## 11. ARIES Update

- Flor Roman introduces the AIDS Regional Information Evaluation System (ARIES) presentation and introduces the members of her team who will be presenting including Kevin Chen, Erick Dew, Vilma Molina, and Beth Neary. She also thanks CM Branzuela and CM Le for their data preparation help. She highlights that HIV Care Connect has replaced ARIES starting in April 2025 but will still be using ARIES data for this presentation as they are looking at data from January 1, 2024-December 31, 2024. This data includes information for all Ryan White parts, San Francisco Department of Public Health (SFPDH) HHS General Funds, and EHE funds for the 2024 calendar year.
- Beth Neary shares notes on the data, highlighting that a lot of the data is self-reported, aside from lab data. Neary reviews data for the eligible metropolitan area (EMA) total unduplicated clients (UDC). She reviews the current gender information for the EMA, noting increases in cis women, decreases in cis men, and increases for trans folks.
- Erick Dew presents the data for race, noting the key takeaway is that the rates of HIV in the Latine and Black communities is higher than their percentage of the general population. He also reviews the information for age, current living situation, and insurance status. He reviews notes about the data in the coming slides about antiretroviral therapy (ART) and viral load.
- Kevin Chen shares the EMA ART and viral load demographic information by race, age, and gender.
- Flor Roman closes with reviewing some frequently asked questions.
  - CM Thomas asks what some of the “other insurance” options are?
    - ❖ Roman says it could be the VA, COBRA, Healthy SF, etc.

- CM Knoble says there was a lot of good information in here and they feel more informed. They reference the 7% in new cases and want to know how many people went out of the pool as well? How many people dropped out of care?
  - ❖ Neary explains where this data came from and possible explanations for why it happens.
- CM Mapp says it would be interesting to explore the economics of living in the EMA. For example, how is the cost of living offset by services that are meant to offset the cost of living. It would be interesting to analyze the cost effectiveness of the work being done in the EMA.
  - ❖ CM Blum speaks to a study that was done that analyzed this.
- CM Jewell speaks to rapidly approaching a point where many elders with HIV will die out and how that will be reflected in services going forward.
- CM Ron Hernandez asks for clarification around ART by race, noting that the data reflects 100% of Native American and Asian & Pacific Islanders are on ART, is this an accurate account?
  - ❖ Neary confirms this means that 100% are on ART.
- CM Mapp says it's his understanding that there's been a persistent relatively high level of transmission in the Black/African American community. He asks what has been done to address this disparity?
  - ❖ Neary speaks to the Black/African American Center of Excellence that was created to help address this. She also notes the HHS continuous quality improvement (CQI) looks at the data quarterly, too.
- CM Jewell speaks to how the Latine community is overrepresented in terms of their rates versus total population in the City. He is curious about how the crackdown on immigration might impact people accessing healthcare or not accessing healthcare.
  - ❖ CM Blum says the City is looking into telehealth as a way to address fear.
    - i. CM Montenegro says the no show rate for accessing medical care has been pretty minimal. But they are seeing a drop in people accessing psychosocial support.
- Member of the Public, Matt Foreman: He highlights that this data is only reflective of roughly 40% of people living with HIV in the City and asks for the other 60%, are they not getting care through Ryan White and do they have private insurance? Is there any data to show for people in private care?
  - ❖ Neary says they only have data on their own service providers. She notes there's good HIV surveillance data that's included in the beautiful epidemiological report that is released every year.

## 12. STI Update

- Dr. Stephanie Cohen presents an update on STI trends in San Francisco, highlighting persistent disparities and new prevention strategies. Chlamydia rates remain highest among young Black and Pacific Islander women, while syphilis rates among cis women, including those who are pregnant, continue to rise. Preventing congenital syphilis is a major public health priority, with targeted screening and care coordination underway. Since the rollout of citywide doxy-PEP in 2022, chlamydia and syphilis cases among men who have sex with men (MSM) and trans women have dropped significantly, though gonorrhea has not declined at the same pace. She also noted that mpox cases remain low but show seasonal upticks, particularly in the summer. To address these

challenges, SFDPH is expanding equitable access to prevention tools, increasing outreach to youth and BIPOC communities, and promoting low-barrier STI screening and care.

- CM Jewell asks what might explain the increase in mpox cases in the summer? Could it be because of street fairs?
  - ❖ Dr. Cohen says the data does seem to show there's a correlation. She notes there's also a lot of travel happening in the City during summer.
- CM Lee-Miyaki asks if there's a correlation between travel and mpox cases?
  - ❖ Dr. Cohen says patients are asked about their travel history when screened and that travel can play a role in transmission.
- CM Lee-Miyaki asks if congenital syphilis is happening because people wait to get treated until they give birth?
  - ❖ Dr. Cohen notes that most of these folks have not received prenatal care. It is recommended that pregnant people get screened three times for syphilis throughout pregnancy and adds that emergency rooms are starting to do testing with any pregnant people.
- CM Lee-Miyaki asks if there's anything that can be attributed to the mpox spike in September of 2023?
  - ❖ Dr. Cohen says there isn't a clear theory or explanation as to why that happened.
    - i. CM Lee-Miyaki asks if clients are being asked about their international travel plans? He says the uptick corresponds to the timing of Pride in Asia.
      - Dr. Cohen says they're asked broadly about their travel plans and can't remember if there was an uptick of people saying they had traveled to or from Asia around that time.
- CM Knoble says the presentation was very informational. They ask for the Pacific Islander group, does this include Samoan and Filipino folks or is it one or the other?
  - ❖ Dr. Cohen says they are lumped right now but there are new efforts for data collection for Asian folks to help differentiate.
- CM Branzuela extends her appreciation for City Clinic.
- CM Thomas thanks Dr. Cohen for her support, leadership and partnership.

### **13. Next Meeting Date & Adjournment**

*The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2025, 4:00 – 6:30 pm at 25 Van Ness, 6<sup>th</sup> floor conference room.*

*Meeting was adjourned at 6:27 PM by CM Parada.*

**Full Council Meeting**  
**HIV Community Planning Council**

Roll Call: **P**=Present; **A**=absent; **E**=Excused; **L**=Leave of Absence  
 Votes: **Y**=Yes; **N**=No; **B**=Abstain; **R**=Recused (deduct from quorum)

<b>Date: August 25, 2025</b>	[roll]	[1]	[2]	[3]	[4]	[5]	[6]	[7]	[8]	[9]	[10]
Chuck Adams	P	Y	Y								
Robert Arnold	P	Y	Y								
Erwin Barrios	E	-	-								
Leroy Blea	E										
Bill Blum	P										
Anna Branzuela	P	Y	Y								
Franco Chevalier	P	Y	Y								
Ed Chitty	P	Y	Y								
Zachary Davenport	P	Y	Y								
Elaine Flores	P	Y	Y								
Elyse Griffin	P	Y	Y								
Jesus Guillen	E	-	-								
Reina Hernandez	A										
Ron Hernandez	P	Y	Y								
Lee Jewell	P	Y	Y								
Thomas Knoble (Co-Chair)	P	Y	Y								
Nga Le	P	Y	Y								
T.J. Lee-Miyaki	P	Y	Y								
Helen Lin	P	Y	Y								
Derrick Mapp	P	Y	Y								

Marco Montenegro	P	Y	Y								
Jon Oskarsson	E	-	-								
Irma Parada	P	Y	Y								
Nikos Pecoraro	P										
Charles Siron	A	-	-								
John Paul Soto	E	-	-								
Richard Sullivan	E	-	-								
Laura Thomas	P	Y	Y								
Manuel Vasquez	A	-	-								
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