

## HIV Community Planning Council

### FULL COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, February 24<sup>th</sup>, 2025

25 Van Ness Ave Room 610

4:00-6:30 pm

**HIV Community Planning Council Members Present:** Chuck Adams, Erwin Barrios, Bill Blum, Franco Chevalier, Ed Chitty, Matt Geltmaker, Ron Hernandez, Lee Jewell, Thomas Knoble, Nga Le, T.J. Lee-Miyaki, Helen Lin, Derrick Mapp, Marco Montenegro, Irma Parada, John Paul Soto, Charles Siron, Richard Sullivan, Manuel Vasquez

**HIV Community Planning Council Members Absent:** Robert Arnold [E], Zachary Davenport [E], Elaine Flores [E], Elyse Griffin [LOA], Jesus Guillen [A], Reina Hernandez [E], Juba Kalamka [A], Gwen Smith [E], Laura Thomas [E],

**Others Present:** Roger Al-Chaikh, Anna Branzuela, Matt Foreman, Jonathan Frochtzwaig, Nikki Gracey, Barbara Green-Ajufo, Paul Hepfer, Molly Herzig, Junebug Kealoha, Martin Muneton, Jon Oskarsson, Stephen Spano

**DPH Staff Present:** None

**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 4:08 pm by CM Sullivan. Roll Call was called, everyone introduced themselves and quorum was established.

#### **2. Review and Approve February 24<sup>th</sup>, 2025, DRAFT Agenda – VOTE**

The February 24<sup>th</sup>, 2025 DRAFT Agenda was reviewed and approved by consensus.

#### **3. Review and Approve January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2025, DRAFT Minutes – VOTE**

The January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2025 DRAFT Minutes were reviewed and approved by consensus.

#### **4. Announcements**

- CM Mapp announces the Pre-Conference on Retroviruses and Opportunistic Infections (CROI) Community HIV Cure Research Workshop that will be held on Saturday, March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at the San Francisco AIDS Foundation.

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

- None.

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

- CS Perez reminds folks that the deadline for 700 Form submission is approaching.

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

- CAEAR Coalition – CM Jewell
  - CM Jewell updates the Council on the appropriation process, noting that Republicans are pushing dueling proposals to advance the fiscal year 2025 (FY2025) spending bill. The Senate's version, which was approved on February 12<sup>th</sup>, allows budget reconciliation to bypass the filibuster and pass the spending bill on party lines. The House's version, which was approved on February 13<sup>th</sup>, prioritizes broader GOP objectives. The Republican caucus remains split on

- whether to leverage the budget reconciliation process for both FY2025 and FY2026 to advance GOP priorities through two bills or to pass one bill. Lawmakers face a March 14<sup>th</sup> deadline to pass a spending bill or stopgap measure to avoid a shutdown.
- CM Jewell notes there was a CAEAR policy call on January 28<sup>th</sup> and says the call focused on recent Executive Orders and how they're affecting community organizations. He adds that there are Board and Membership meetings scheduled for March 24<sup>th</sup>-25<sup>th</sup>. He is also in the process of scheduling the California Delegates visit to Representatives at Capitol Hill.
  - HHS – CM Blum
    - CM Blum updates the Council that Mayor Lurie has appointed Daniel Tsai as the new Director of SFDPH and he will start March 1<sup>st</sup>, noting he has a background in Medicare and Medicaid. Mayor Luria also appointed Kunal Modi as newly created position of Chief of Health, Homelessness and Family Services.
    - CM Blum provides an update on the budget, noting that Mayor Lurie directed all City departments to come up with budget reduction proposals, which have all been sent to the Mayor for approval. He adds all vacant DPH general fund positions are under evaluation for elimination to meet budget reduction goals and speaks to the current Citywide hiring freeze.
    - CM Blum provides an update on the SF Interagency Collaboration on HIV and Aging Work Group (ICHAWG) noting they continue to provide trainings and are hopeful to have everyone trained in the next couple months. He adds that the last ICHAWG meeting was spent reviewing the Disability and Aging Services (DAS) eligibility criteria. Additionally, they are looking into hosting an HIV and Aging Town Hall.
    - The next HHS quarterly CQI meeting is on April 10, 2025. Dr. Andrea Grosz, medical lead for the HHS HIV CQI, has been conducting site visits to all DPH HIV primary care sites to identify what improvements can be made and what support can be provided.
  - CHEP & CPG – CM Knoble
    - CM Knoble updates that the Black/African American Health Access Point (HAP) is up and running, and is being run by Rafiki. They add that they have secured a brick and mortar location at 5000 3<sup>rd</sup> Street.
  - 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 there's going to be a Frontline Workers Summit in May. They are currently focusing on what facilitators will be part of the Summit, what topics will be discussed, and other logistics. The Steering Committee has decided to add an additional meeting each month leading up to the Summit in May. The date is tentatively scheduled around May 20, 2025 and will potentially be held at the SF LGBTQ Center.
  - ADAP Update – Nikki Gracey
    - Nikki Gracey highlights “Strategy 3: Fewer Hurdles to Healthcare Coverage” noting there are 278 PrEP-AP enrollment sites and 229 clinical provider site that make up the PrEP-AP Provider network. As of January 31, 2025, there are 8,000 clients enrolled in the ADAP Insurance Assistance Program, which is a 3% increase from December.

## 8. Membership Update – VOTE

- CS Molnar notes there is a motion on the floor from the Membership committee to approve Jon Oskarsson. He notes the applicant would fulfill an appointed seat D.
  - The potential new member, Jon, introduces himself to the group.
  - The group then votes on whether to approve Jon’s application.

***Motion to accept Jon Oskarsson’s new member application was approved through consensus, refer to column (3).***

## 9. Immigration Discussion – VOTE

- CM Chevalier broaches the topic of immigration and concerns about HIV funding. He wants to engage the Council in a conversation about what’s happening at the local level, noting they owe it to the community to speak about these matters. He mentions fears from clients about accessing services. He opens the floor to hear other people’s perspectives and ideas around what can be done to ensure that folks in San Francisco feel safe and informed.
  - CM Jewell says there was a good discussion at the HAPN meeting and that Matt Foreman from ALRP gave a helpful presentation. He feels this is an important topic of discussion.
  - CM Sullivan asks if there is any data about the drops in care over the last month?
    - ❖ CM Chevalier is unsure if data is available, but there have been a lot of conversations from clients about what is to come. He says he doesn’t want to wait for the storm to get here and would prefer to prepare for it to happen. He asks how they can ensure folks in San Francisco know they are safe and how do they provide specific messaging to that effect.
  - CM Mapp says people have been conscientious about sharing information, but even in doing so there is still misinformation that comes out that can cause just as much harm. He adds that he has considered doing a series of in-services as a way of informing providers and community members about what is going on.
  - CM Geltmaker adds that in San Mateo they are having red cards printed up in multiple languages and making sure their clinics and outreach workers have them available.
    - ❖ CM Chevalier knows the red cards have been helpful and have made adjustments in how they make them accessible to clients.
- CM Chevalier says there is a meeting happening at 6:30pm tonight to engage in conversation around doing a peaceful protest during the upcoming CROI and adds that Ande Stone will be leading the meeting.
  - Member of the Public: Matt Foreman notes that 93% of ALRP clients are also LGBTQI+. He adds that LGBTQI+ and HIV+ folks have the highest rates of deportation. He notes that red cards are a great idea but 1) if a client is detained, they have to keep talking about fear of persecution and violence if they were to be returned to their Country of origin, which should trigger a credible fear interview and get someone closer to asylum and 2) every undocumented person who has been here for 2+ years should carry proof of that with them.
    - ❖ CM Lin thanks Foreman for the information.
  - CM Mapp asks for more information about the meeting tonight and who will be in attendance.
    - ❖ CM Chevalier says that Ande Stone put out the invitation and he isn’t sure who will be there.
      - i. CM Mapp asks if anyone from CROI will be in attendance?

- CM Lee-Miyaki adds that this is a protest and they are meeting to discuss how to make this an informational protest.
  1. CM Mapp adds that this can be arranged with CROI leadership to gain their support and support with media presence.
- CM Chevalier adds that it sounds like there are a lot of shared resources, knowledge and information available amongst everyone in the room. He suggests a tangible action that can be taken is jotting down or putting together a shared resource list.

## **10. Break**

## **11. Eligibility Criteria and FPL Update – VOTE**

- CS Molnar reviews the Eligibility Criteria and highlights the only change is the Federal Poverty Level (FPL), which is now \$15,650 for 2025. He reviews the criteria for Severe Needs and Special Populations.
- CM Blum reviews the HHS funded provider survey responses on updating the FPL from 500% to 600%. He reviews the questions that were asked and what the responses from providers were. He notes they don't have a lot of good data on the increase in FPL so they are relying on agency and provider feedback.
  - CM Knoble asks if the financial burden would fall on the agencies or the providers?
    - ❖ CM Blum says it would fall on the agencies. One of the things they were looking at is if increasing FPL eligibility would blow the budgets for these agencies.
  - CM Knoble asks where this FPL eligibility falls nationally?
    - ❖ CM Blum says he doesn't have that data and that cost of living is different in so many states so it is hard to say.

**Motion:** CM Jewell motions to accept the Eligibility Criteria at 600% Federal Poverty Level.

**Second:** CM Geltmaker seconds this motion.

***Motion is approved through a roll call vote, refer to column (4).***

## **12. End the Epidemics Update (Prevention) – Thomas Knoble**

- CM Knoble reviews the Ending the HIV Epidemic (EHE) update and provides background on the EHE initiative noting that it seeks to reduce new HIV infections in the United States by 75% by 2025, and 90% by 2030. They provide information on the EHE funding and where it came from. The plan focuses on six pillars: testing, treatment, prevention, response, core surveillance, and community engagement. Key strategies include expanding HIV/STI/HCV testing, increasing access to PrEP, strengthening data-driven care, and enhancing harm reduction services for vulnerable populations. San Francisco's implementation includes mobile testing expansion, improved healthcare for homeless individuals, cluster detection efforts, and targeted outreach to Black, Latine, and other high-risk groups.

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

*The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2025, 4:00 – 6:30 pm at 25 Van Ness, 6<sup>th</sup> floor conference room.*

*Meeting was adjourned at 6:18 PM by CM Sullivan.*

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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)

<b>Date: February 24, 2025</b>	[roll]	[1]	[2]	[3]	[4]	[5]	[6]	[7]	[8]	[9]	[10]
Chuck Adams	P	Y	Y	Y	Y						
Robert Arnold	E	-	-	-	-						
Erwin Barrios	P										
Bill Blum	P										
Franco Chevalier	P	Y	Y	Y	Y						
Ed Chitty	P	Y	Y	Y	Y						
Zachary Davenport	E	-	-	-	-						
Elaine Flores	E	-	-	-	-						
Matt Geltmaker	P	Y	Y	Y	Y						
Elyse Griffin	LOA	-	-	-	-						
Jesus Guillen	A	-	-	-	-						
Reina Hernandez	E	-	-	-	-						
Ron Hernandez	P	Y	Y	Y	Y						
Lee Jewell	P	Y	Y	Y	Y						
Juba Kalamka	A	-	-	-	-						
Thomas Knoble (Co-Chair)	P	Y	Y	Y	Y						
Nga Le	P	Y	Y	Y	Y						
T.J. Lee-Miyaki	P	Y	Y	Y	Y						
Helen Lin	P	Y	Y	Y	Y						
Derrick Mapp	P	Y	Y	Y	Y						

Marco Montenegro	P										
Irma Parada	P	Y	Y	Y	Y						
John Paul Soto	P	Y	Y	Y	Y						
Charles Siron	P	Y	Y	Y	Y						
Gwen Smith	E	-	-	-	-						
Richard Sullivan	P	Y	Y	Y	Y						
Laura Thomas	E	-	-	-	-						
Manuel Vasquez	P	Y	Y	Y	Y						
Ayes		16	16	16	16						
Nayes		0	0	0	0						
Abstain		0	0	0	0						
Recusal		0	0	0	0						
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