

HIV Community Planning Council

FULL COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, March 24th, 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, Franco Chevalier, Ed Chitty, Zachary Davenport, Elaine Flores, Elyse Griffin, Jesus Guillen, Ron Hernandez, Thomas Knoble, Nga Le, Derrick Mapp, Jon Oskarsson, Irma Parada, Charles Siron, Richard Sullivan, Laura Thomas, Manuel Vasquez

HIV Community Planning Council Members Absent: Reina Hernandez [A], Lee Jewell [E], Juba Kalamka [A], T.J. Lee-Miyaki [E], Helen Lin [E], Marco Montenegro [E], John Paul Soto [E], Gwen Smith [LOA]

Others Present: Roger Al-Chaikh, John Aynsley, Anna Branzuela, Saadhana Deshpande, Nikki Gracey, Barbara Green-Ajufo, Andrea Grosz, Molly Herzig, Nikos Pecoraro, Kimberly Scrafano, Stephen Spano, Sue Wahlburg-Smith

DPH Staff Present: None

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 4:04 pm by CM Knoble. Roll Call was called, everyone introduced themselves and quorum was established.

2. Review and Approve March 24th, 2025, DRAFT Agenda – VOTE

The March 24th, 2025 DRAFT Agenda was reviewed and approved by consensus.

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

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

4. Announcements

- CM Guillen announces a new documentary being put out by the National AIDS Memorial about long-term survivors. He also notes that this is the 10th anniversary of the long-term survivors group.

5. Public Comment

- None.

6. Staff Announcements

- CS Perez reminds folks to submit their 700 Forms as the deadline is approaching.
- CS Perez asks folks who are not part of the Community Engagement committee to provide suggestions for where they can do outreach for this year's Needs Assessment, which focuses on people 65+ years or older living with HIV.

7. General Updates

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

- CHEP & CPG – CM Knoble
 - CM Knoble notes there is a new Director of Public Health, Daniel Tsai, and says he seems very personable.
 - CM Knoble highlights that Rafiki is hosting an Umoja Health Access Point (HAP) kickoff event and that services will begin on April 24, 2025, noting this will now be a HAP addressing Black/African American needs.
 - They highlight the quarterly HCV/HIV/STI/Overdose Prevention Skills Certification Training, noting it will be a 5-day training.
- 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 Spring convening has been named “Onboarding SF” and will be held at the LGBTQ Center on May 20, 2025. The ETE Steering Committee has been meeting twice a month, on the second and third Tuesdays of the month, in preparation for the event in May.
 - ❖ CM Knoble says they will have a flyer soon and will get it out to folks once they have it.
- ADAP Update – Nikki Gracey
 - Nikki Gracey highlights that the ADAP Annual Reports for both FY2022-2023 and FY2023-2024 are now available on the ADAP website. As of February 28, 2025, there are 278 PrEP-AP enrollment sites and 229 clinical provider sites that make up the PrEP-AP Provider network. Additionally, there has been an increase of 6.81% in the number of clients enrolled in the ADAP Insurance Assistance Program.

8. Membership Update – VOTE

- CS Perez notes there is a motion on the floor from the Membership committee to approve Anna Branzuela. She notes the applicant would fill in for San Mateo County.
 - The potential new member, Anna, introduces herself to the group.
 - The group then votes on whether to approve Anna’s application.

Motion to accept Anna Branzuela’s new member application was approved through consensus, refer to column (3).

9. Case Management – Robert Whirry

- CS Molnar says these have already been reviewed previously, but that HRSA mandated that there be separate Standards of Care (SOC) for medical and non-medical case management.
- Robert Whirry briefly introduces himself and explains the scope of his work. He provides more in-depth information about the two SOC, noting there are certain lines throughout to differentiate between the medical and non-medical case management.
 - CM Sullivan says it’s 95% the same but can you give a primer on the standouts?
 - ❖ Whirry said he bolded and separated out every paragraph that was distinct to that category.
 - i. CS Molnar says the main difference for medical case management is it is in tandem with primary care and directly linked to provision of services. Non-medical case management does not have the connection to primary care.

- Whirry adds that medical case management is categorized as a core medical service, and non-medical case management is categorized as a support service.

10. State Public Policy Update – Laura Thomas

- CM Blum provides a brief update on the Federal landscape, noting that Medicaid is currently tied up in broader Federal-level issues.
- CM Thomas provides an update on State Public Policy. She describes the current State budget environment as bracing for impact – “waiting for the anvil to drop.” She shares news that there are plans for the CDC to reorganize and there would likely be a cut or reduction in funding for HIV prevention. There have already been cuts to research and SAHMSA. There is currently work being done at the Local and State level to negate these cuts. CM Thomas explains how the State purchases medications with ADAP funds and receives rebates, which have been collected at a rate faster than they can be spent and has resulted in a surplus of \$900 million. She explains the advocacy goal is to work with legislators to create a sustainable long-term plan for HIV funding in California. CM Thomas notes the Governor has proposed cutting harm reduction program funds to divert toward naloxone distribution; the State Senate has rejected the cut and the Assembly is expected to do the same. She speaks to syringe access and legislation, as well as ongoing efforts to establish clear legal guidelines for syringe access and pharmacy benefits.
 - CM Oskarsson asks if the annual ADAP rebates are consistent from year to year?
 - ❖ CM Thomas says the rebates fluctuate. The State often purchases a large supply of medications at once, with rebates arriving months later. She notes amounts can vary depending on generics and pricing.
 - CM Sullivan notes it sounds like the Governor owes a lot of money and asks what his stance is on repaying it?
 - ❖ CM Thomas says the Legislature is eager to repay the borrowed ADAP funds, but is unsure what the Governor’s stance is.
 - CM Knoble asks about what is happening on a local level.
 - ❖ CM Thomas says HAPN and advocacy partners are working with the Mayor’s office to ensure that Federal cuts in funding are offset with local funds. She notes that advocacy is especially important right now as there are new Supervisors who are unfamiliar with HIV-related issues.
 - CM Guillen thanks CM Thomas for her time. He asks, for people over the age of 50 living with HIV, how does ADAP interact with other programs like Medi-Cal or Medicaid?
 - ❖ CM Thomas says ADAP is the payor of last resort.
 - CM Guillen asks if it really makes a difference for people to advocate to their legislators?
 - ❖ CM Thomas says yes, it does make a difference. She says sending letters of support via the State Legislative website makes a difference and there are templates that can be shared and sent out. She also says State visits are great chances to communicate directly with legislators.
 - i. CM Guillen asks which Supervisors people should reach out to?
 - CM Thomas says to reach out to whoever represents you in your District as they are the most responsive to what their constituents think.

- CM Knoble recognizes HAPN’s advocacy as the landscape of the city would be quite different without it.

11. Break

12. Long-Acting Injectables – Dr. Andrea Grosz

- Dr. Andrea Grosz presents on Long-Acting Injectables (LAI) and reviews what LAIs are, how they work, and who is eligible for LAI PrEP and treatment. They also cover how public insurance coverage for prevention-related LAIs has been smooth. Dr. Grosz details the Castro Mission Health Center (CMHC) LAI rollout timeline and what it looked like. She reviews the eligibility and referral process at CMHC. CMHC shared demographic information and trends around who is receiving LAI treatment and prevention, along with ideas about both successes and challenges during the rollout. She notes key factors in their success included prioritizing access, patient education, and offering choice, as well as ensuring reliable systems for staying in contact with patients.
 - CM Ron Hernandez notes surprise that San Francisco City Clinic isn’t included in this data.
 - ❖ Dr. Grosz says they weren’t included in the pilot program or reporting set.
 - i. CM Blum says City Clinic is offering LAI services now.
 - CM Ron Hernandez asks if there is information available for safe syringes and injection sites?
 - ❖ Dr. Grosz says those are crucial tools and, from their experience, a lot of gay cis men are aware of PrEP but a lot of other communities are less informed.
 - i. CM Blum adds that SF has a street-based ambulatory care program offering LAI to people outside traditional clinics.
 - CM Oskarsson thanks Dr. Grosz for their time and notes the incredible amount of work that went into building this out. He asks if we will ever get to a point where LAI treatment is available on-the-spot?
 - ❖ Dr. Grosz says that is the goal. We aren’t there yet, but we are moving in that direction.
 - CM Chitty thanks Dr. Grosz for their presentation. He asks if researchers are looking at other delivery methods for long-term care that isn’t a pill or injectable?
 - ❖ Dr. Grosz says she isn’t familiar with all of the studies but has heard presentations about possible implantable methods.
 - CM Thomas highlights AB544, which would shift payment models so pharmacies are paid upfront instead of after-the-fact.
 - CM Knoble notes that it appears some folks went back to pills instead of LAI – what was the reason for that?
 - ❖ Dr. Grosz says this was mostly due to convenience. Some folks dislike coming in every 2 months or have issues with injection site reactions, but most simply prefer pills.
 - CM Knoble asks if LAI visits are being combined with other medical visits?
 - ❖ Dr. Grosz says yes, common combos include hormone therapy and substance use treatment.
 - CM Guillen notes the shortage of doctors and nurses, and asks how this will impact someone?
 - ❖ Dr. Grosz says LAI visits don’t require doctors — nurses handle most of it. Staffing challenges primarily affect nursing availability.
 - CM Flores raises concerns about medication side effects and monitoring kidney and liver values.

- ❖ Dr. Grosz says these medications are known not to have an impact on kidneys.
- Member of the public, Roger Al-Chaikh: Expresses frustration that outreach has declined since the days when pharmacy reps visited clinics. He wants RFPs to include requirements for ground-level workers to stay connected with community sites.
- Member of the public, Nikos Pecoraro: Can you clarify if people were going on and off injectables?
 - ❖ Dr. Grosz says yes, on the treatment side, people may switch to oral meds. For prevention (PrEP), use can shift depending on risk level (e.g. relationship status changes).

13. Next Meeting Date & Adjournment

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 28th, 2025, 4:00 – 6:30 pm at 25 Van Ness, 6th floor conference room.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:18 PM by CM Knoble.

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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: March 24, 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	E	-	-	-										
Juba Kalamka	A	-	-	-										
Thomas Knoble (Co-Chair)	P	Y	Y	Y										
Nga Le	P	Y	Y	Y										
T.J. Lee-Miyaki	E	-	-	-										
Helen Lin	E	-	-	-										
Derrick Mapp	P	Y	Y	Y										
Marco Montenegro	E													
Jon Oskarsson	P													
Irma Parada	P	Y	Y	Y										
John Paul Soto	E	-	-	-										
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										
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