

HIV Community Planning Council

FULL COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, May 19th, 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, Ron Hernandez, Lee Jewell, Thomas Knoble, Helen Lin, Derrick Mapp, Marco Montenegro, Jon Oskarsson, Irma Parada, John Paul Soto, Charles Siron, Richard Sullivan, Laura Thomas

HIV Community Planning Council Members Absent: Jesus Guillen [E], Reina Hernandez [LOA], Juba Kalamka [A], Nga Le [LOA], T.J. Lee-Miyaki [A], Gwen Smith [LOA], Manuel Vasquez [A]

Others Present: Matt Foreman, Nikki Gracey, Nikos Pecoraro, Francisco Roje, Stephen Spano

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 4:03 pm by CM Davenport. Roll Call was called, everyone introduced themselves and quorum was established.

2. Review and Approve May 19th, 2025, DRAFT Agenda – VOTE

The May 19th, 2025 DRAFT Agenda was reviewed and approved by consensus.

3. Review and Approve April 28th, 2025, DRAFT Minutes – VOTE

The April 28th, 2025 DRAFT Minutes were reviewed and approved by consensus.

4. Announcements

- None.

5. Public Comment

- None.

6. Staff Announcements

- CS Perez reminds folks to fill out their surveys. She says there was a high turnout last month and wants to keep the momentum going to ensure feedback is taken into consideration.

7. Membership Update – VOTE

- CS Perez notes there is a motion on the floor from the Membership committee to approve Nikos Pecoraro.
 - The potential new member, Nikos, introduces himself to the group.
 - The group then votes on whether to approve Nikos's application.

Motion to accept Nikos Pecoraro's new member application was approved through consensus, refer to column (3).

8. California Planning Group Representative – VOTE

- CS Perez notes there is a term ending for the California Planning Group representative and it is time to re-elect the current representative or elect a new representative. She states the term would be for three years.
 - CM Knoble shares more about what the position entails.

Motion: CM Parada nominates CM Knoble, CM Knoble accepts the nomination.

Second: CM Davenport seconds this nomination.

The motion passes through consensus, refer to column (4).

9. Health Access Points

- Hanna Hjord and Thomas Knoble from Community Health Equity & Promotion (CHEP) provide a comprehensive Year 1 update on the Health Access Points (HAPs) initiative. Hjord began with an overview of CHEP's mission and structure, highlighting it's community-based, equity-driven approach to public health. She provides background information on HAPs, which was redesigned with a syndemic approach (HIV/HCV/STI testing, HCV & PrEP linkage, harm reduction/overdose prevention) and uses whole person integrated care model to address social determinants of health. She reviews the structure and model of HAPs, highlighting the lead/subcontractor model and how services are delivered across clinic, mobile, and community settings. CM Knoble adds that HAPs aren't clinical spaces and speaks to what they offer. Hjord presented demographic and service delivery data from Year 1, noting that over 8,400 clients were served across nearly 19,000 visits, with over 49,000 tests conducted and high rates of engagement in PrEP, ART, and STI treatment. Hjord reviewed client barriers like stigma, housing instability, and mental health, as well as the strategies used, such as culturally competent care and harm reduction, to address them. She closed by discussing data challenges and ongoing solutions, including improved tools, clearer definitions, and the development of a centralized SQL database to enhance reporting and reduce burden on providers.
 - CM Mapp asks for the demographics of the HAPs?
 - ❖ CM Knoble says anyone can access every HAP, they are just geared towards the populations they serve.
 - CM Davenport asks why LYRIC isn't doing testing in-house?
 - ❖ CM Knoble says they have the smallest amount of funding, and they are working on capacity building.
 - CM Thomas asks why the HCV testing rates are low.
 - ❖ CM Knoble says that a lot of these places have muscle memory of being HIV testing, and a lot of these places are still on the journey of capacity building to get all the testing done.
 - CM Thomas asks if they can provide more info about the challenges these sites are facing.
 1. CM Knoble says a lot of it is changes in management.
 - a. CM Oskarsson notes he's not surprised that the HCV test is lower.
 - CM Pecoraro notes curiosity around patients know their status when opting out of HCV testing. They note there's a lot of education that needs to happen around HCV.
 - CM Chevalier says he saw a high number of HCV in young people. In terms of prioritization, suggests maybe allocating resources to target people in the 25-40 year old population.

- ❖ Hjord notes that CM Chevalier has a good point.
- CM Sullivan speaks to what a big deal it was when HCV treatment came out.
- CM Branzuela says they are working to clean up the HCV data in San Mateo County. She asks if folks who are antibody positive are being investigated to see if the RNA is positive?
 - ❖ Hjord confirms that they are.
- CM Jewell asks about a drug that is showing up and is more lethal than fentanyl.
 - ❖ CM Thomas says it's likely medetomidine and it has shown up but not with any regularity.
- CM Sullivan asks if client numbers have dropped since the new Mayoral administration began?
 - ❖ CM Thomas says they're seeing about 1/3 of what they saw before.
- CM Oskarsson asks if they think the HAPs initiative was worth it and what they think the 2.0 of the program is going to look like?
 - ❖ Hjord says it's important to look at client's feedback. She says a lot of these things were already happening anyways, just because they're now called HAPs doesn't mean these things weren't happening before.
 - i. CM Knoble says from an equity standpoint, it was worth it.
- CM Sullivan shares his personal experience with accessing services, he says it's fantastic to see how much has changed in the last 30 years.

10. Break

11. General Updates

- CAEAR Coalition – CM Jewell
 - There were no CAEAR Coalition updates this month.
- HHS – CM Blum
 - CM Blum provides an update on the Federal budget, highlighting that the “skinny budget” passed out of the House Energy and Commerce Committee and is now moving for a vote from the House Rules Committee. Speaker Mike Johnson's goal is to have it passed by Friday, May 23, 2025 when Memorial Day recess starts. He reviews the ongoing debate around Medicaid funding and the potential implications of cuts to the program.
 - ❖ CM Sullivan said he heard that Medicaid cuts wouldn't go into effect until 2029.
 - i. CM Blum says it is staged in different years and different times.
 - CM Jewell says it's important to understand that this is something that is in contention in the House.
 - CM Blum provides HHS funding updates, noting that HHS received a second Partial Notice of Award for Ryan White Part A. He highlights the potential funding differences between FY2024-2025 and FY2025-2026.
 - CM Blum notes that the next HHS quarterly CQI meeting will be held on July 10, 2025, and HCPC council members are invited to attend.
 - CM Blum notes that HHS hopes to be able to present the Carry Forward recommendations in June. He provides a brief background on the Carry Forward process.
- CHEP & CPG – CM Knoble
 - CM Knoble highlights the awareness activities that CHEP put on for Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islanders (AANPHI) Heritage Month and Mental Health Awareness month.

- CM Knoble spotlights the Harm Reduction Training Institute (HRTI) and the work they do.
- CM Knoble acknowledges that the Onboard SF Summit is happening on May 20, 2025, at the SF LGBTQ Center.
 - ❖ CM Thomas asks if CHEP has heard from the CDC about funding for the fiscal year that is starting June 1, 2025. She also asks if it would be possible to get a breakdown of funding like the one presented in the HHS update.
 - i. CM Knoble says it would be possible to put something like that together.
- SOA – CM Kent
 - There are no SOA updates this month.
- ETE Update – CM Sullivan
 - CM Sullivan updates the group that the ETE Steering Committee meeting, noting that Onboard SF Summit is tomorrow, May, 20, 2025 at the SF LGBTQ Center. He highlights the hard work of CM Knoble and other DPH employees who did a lot of heavy lifting to make this happen.
- ADAP Update – Nikki Gracey
 - Nikki Gracey updates the group that there are 281 PrEP-AP enrollment sites with 229 clinical provider sites that make up the PrEP-AP provider network. Across the ADAP Insurance Assistance Programs, there are three different programs with 8,825 clients enrolled, which is a little over 1% increase from last month.

12. HCAP Annual Report

- Stephen Spano provides background and an overview on what the HIV Consumer Advocacy Project (HCAP) is. They explain what HCAP is, its goals, and the services it provides. Spano defines what constitutes a consumer and service provider, and reviews the Alternative Dispute Resolution process, including the connection between stress levels and T-cell count. He highlights the number of consumers served in the 2024–25 contract year, which saw a 5% increase from the previous year, and present self-reported consumer data, including demographics such as age, gender, race/ethnicity, sexual orientation, and income. Spano outlines the top service categories for the contract year, which include Housing Services, Ambulatory/Outpatient Medical Services, and Benefits Counseling Services. She highlights the top issues, including Information and Referral, Access, and Quality of Care. Many matters involved referrals, and Spano shares data on the number of cases and referrals per service category. They also review terminations and suspensions, emphasizing that these often impact the most vulnerable clients. Spano shares notable client stories and outcomes, additional successes, and ongoing challenges, including the unique experiences of clients aging with HIV/AIDS.
 - CM Jewell thanks Spano for the work they do and speaks to how important it is to know that clients have a place to go where they don't feel hopeless and have a way to work through some of the issues that arise.
 - CM Flores speaks to her experience providing in-home nursing care
 - ❖ Spano speaks to how they try to provide support to their clients.

13. Next Meeting Date & Adjournment

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 23rd, 2025, 4:00 – 6:30 pm at 25 Van Ness, 6th floor conference room.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:27 PM by CM Davenport.

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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: May 19, 2025	[roll]	[1]	[2]	[3]	[4]	[5]	[6]	[7]	[8]	[9]	[10]
Chuck Adams	P	Y	Y	Y	Y						
Robert Arnold	P	Y	Y	Y	Y						
Erwin Barrios	P										
Bill Blum	P										
Anna Branzuela	P										
Franco Chevalier	P	Y	Y	Y	Y						
Ed Chitty	P	Y	Y	Y	Y						
Zachary Davenport	P	Y	Y	Y	Y						
Elaine Flores	P	Y	Y	Y	Y						
Elyse Griffin	P	Y	Y	Y	Y						
Jesus Guillen	E	-	-	-	-						
Reina Hernandez	LOA										
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	LOA	-	-	-	-						
T.J. Lee-Miyaki	A	-	-	-	-						
Helen Lin	P	Y	Y	Y	Y						
Derrick Mapp	P	Y	Y	Y	Y						

Marco Montenegro	P										
Jon Oskarsson	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	LOA	-	-	-	-						
Richard Sullivan	P	Y	Y	Y	Y						
Laura Thomas	P	Y	Y	Y	Y						
Manuel Vasquez	A	-	-	-	-						
Ayes		17	17	17	17						
Nayes		0	0	0	0						
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