

## HIV Community Planning Council

### FULL COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2026  
25 Van Ness Ave Room 610  
4:00-6:30 pm

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

**HIV Community Planning Council Members Absent:** Franco Chevalier [LOA], Zachary Davenport [LOA], Helen Lin [LOA], Marco Montenegro [A], Manuel Vasquez [A]

**Others Present:** Jesse Brooks, Dominic Calhoun, Matt Foreman, Molly Herzig, Martin Muneton, Camisha Nettles, Nikos Pecoraro, Damon Powell, Johnny Rodriguez, Stephen Spano, Ande Stone, Lance Toma, Wes Yuen

**DPH Staff Present:** Natalie Basha

**Support Staff Present:** Mark Molnar, Kat Téllez

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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 4:07 pm by CM Knoble. Roll Call was called; everyone introduced themselves and quorum was established.

#### **2. Review and Approve April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2026 DRAFT Agenda – VOTE**

The April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2026 DRAFT Agenda was reviewed and approved by consensus.

#### **3. Review and Approve March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2026 DRAFT Minutes – VOTE**

The March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2026 DRAFT Minutes were reviewed and approved by consensus.

#### **4. Announcements**

- None.

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

- None.

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

- CS Téllez reminds the Council that, due to the Memorial Day holiday, the May Full Council meeting will be held a week earlier on May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2026.
- CS Molnar reminds the Council that the May Steering Committee meeting has been cancelled.

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

- HHS – CM Blum
  - CM Blum recalled the potential General Fund (GF) cuts to HIV Health Services (HHS) GF Community Based Agencies that was discussed at the last meeting. He announced that the potential GF cuts have been taken off the table and noted strong community activism made this possible. He said other funding updates remain status quo and the Mayor's Office of Housing & Community Development (MOHCD) got an award for \$7.423 million, which was an increase from the previous year.

- CHEP, CPG, ETE – CM Knoble
  - CM Knoble discussed the internal Ending the Epidemics (ETE) planning taking place in partnership with Facente Consulting and they will keep folks updated. CM Knoble stated that Onboard SF is planned for August 11, 2026. They highlighted upcoming community events and workforce training, and provided a brief update on the Health Access Point (HAPs) budget.
    - ❖ CM Le asked how often the harm reduction training institute will take place and will they accept people from Marin County?
      - i. CM Knoble said they are unsure how often it will run, but they will take people from Marin County.
    - ❖ Member of the public, Ande Stone, asked if there has been any analysis done around what the impacts for equitable services may be around cuts to the HAPs?
      - i. CM Knoble says nothing that they are aware of.
- CAEAR Coalition – CM Jewell
  - CM Jewell updated the group that Congress is moving forward with the fiscal year 2027 (FY2027) appropriations process. He noted that there is still a partial government shutdown and the full budget has not been approved over Department of Homeland Security (DHS) funding. In mid-April, Health and Human Services (HHS) Secretary Kennedy testified before both the House Ways & Means Committee and the Appropriations LHHS Subcommittee to defend the Administration's budget request, which includes controversial cuts to HIV and hepatitis prevention and treatment programs at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA). Kennedy also announced plans to overhaul membership of the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force (USPSTF). These moves reflect the Administration's broader effort to reshape federal health policy and programs.
- SOA & ADAP – CM Blea
  - CM Blea announced that HRSA and CDC have released a reminder for jurisdictions to submit their Integrated Plan. He announced that they will be releasing the concurrence document to review and comment on, along with instructions and a comment form to fill out. CM Blea provided brief background information on the Integrated Plan. The Integrated Plan will also be reviewed at a Full Council meeting, and a vote of concurrence will take place.
    - ❖ CM Jewell noted the Office of AIDS (OA) HIV Law webpage received some updates and asked if there has been an update on criminalization of HIV in CA?
      - i. CM Blea said that was a refresh to the web page as there had been some dated references to HIV criminalization laws. CM Blea said he will get more information and report back to CM Jewell.
    - ❖ CM Mapp stated that Mayor Lurie just introduced his plan for cutting \$3 million worth of services for aging and said this funding cut will collapse what is already a fragile bridge between HIV and aging services. They ask what is happening on a state and city level to cause this.
      - i. CM Blea said there will be information in the Integrated Plan about priority populations within the state. As for specific plans to address this, the OA has a section in the Plan where they discuss aging and are trying to bring more awareness to this community.

- CM Blum provided a bit more context regarding what is happening at the city level.

## 8. Membership Update – VOTE

- CS Molnar notes there is a motion on the floor from the Membership Committee to approve Johnny Rodriguez.
  - The potential new member, Johnny, introduces themselves to the group.
  - The group then votes on whether to approve Johnny’s application.

*Motion to accept Johnny’s new member application was approved through consensus, refer to column (1).*

## 9. Co-Chair Election – VOTE

- CS Molnar noted that there had been two nominations for the community co-chair position, but that one nomination did have to be withdrawn. He said this leaves CM Mapp as the sole nominee and opens the floor for other nominations before they are closed. No other nominations are put forth and by a vote by a show of hands, CM Mapp is elected as community co-chair.

*Motion to accept Johnny’s new member application was approved through consensus, refer to column (2).*

## 10. CAEAR Coalition & Federal Update – R. Lee Jewell & Bill Blum

- CM Jewell opened the Communities Advocating for Emergency AIDS Relief (CAEAR) Coalition & Federal Update presentation with quotes on enacting change before reviewing the goals of the presentation. He discussed various aspects of advocacy including who is an advocate, what an advocate does, and the tools available to them.
- CM Blum reviewed what lobbying is and discussed some of the lobbying efforts that take place. He played a video that provided a brief review of the federal budget process. CM Blum discussed the FY2027 discretionary budget request aka the “skinny budget” and provided a brief review. The “skinny budget” calls for sweeping changes and cuts to HIV programs including a restructuring of Ryan White Programs and moving it to be housed under a newly created Administration for a Healthy America (AHA), more than \$1 billion in cuts to the CDC’s National Center for HIV, Viral Hepatitis, STD, and Tuberculosis Prevention including the elimination of HIV prevention funding, a proposal to eliminate the Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) program, and cutting the National Institutes of Health (NIH) by ~\$5 billion.
- CM Jewell reviewed the CAEAR Coalition’s vision, mission, and values statement and highlighted the work the Coalition does.
- CM Blum reviewed how they implement their advocacy efforts through Capitol Hill visits, what their advocacy priorities are, and how they implement their advocacy agenda. He highlighted the CAEAR & National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO) partnership which aims to ensure local jurisdictions’ voices are heard, identify emerging issues, and work collaboratively with HRSA-HAB to find administrative solutions. CM Blum reviewed various organizations that folks can get involved with including AIDS United, the Save HIV Funding Campaign, and the Federal AIDS Policy Partnership.
  - CM Guillen asked if any of these big HIV/AIDS organizations pay lobbyists?
    - ❖ CM Blum said they get their lobbyists pro bono. He added that for a lot of these organizations, it is less the use of lobbyists and more use of professional staff that go and do advocacy on the Hill.
  - CM Sullivan spoke to how important the Save HIV Funding Campaign is and how important the work they are doing is.

## 11. Break

## 12. HAPN Update – Laura Thomas & Lance Toma

- CM Thomas introduced the HIV/AIDS Provider Network (HAPN) update and provided background information on HAPN. CM Thomas noted the City’s budget crisis and reviewed the HAPN fact sheet, which outlined concerns about proposed SF Department of Public Health (SFDPH) budget cuts totaling \$37 million to HIV community-based organizations (CBOs), as well as cuts to DPH staff and closure of health clinics. CM Thomas highlighted that there will be no local cuts for General Fund amount that is going to HHS, but that there will be cuts on the prevention side. DPH has proposed cutting \$2.2 million in FY2026-27 and \$1.2 million in FY2027-28 from HIV CBOs, including cuts to HIV prevention Health Access Points (HAPs), harm reduction programs, and LGBTQ health services.
- Lance Toma added that we are in a unique moment right now and that the community has such an impact on making sure resources in San Francisco that come from the federal government make it to the city. He speaks to how crucial community support has been in ensuring resources remain available for the most vulnerable. He highlighted that these local cuts compound federal funding threats and come at a vulnerable time, as new infections among Black/African American women increased in the last year and as the transgender community faces attacks on their healthcare.
- CM Thomas stressed that HAPN is calling on the city to protect these services and avoid cuts to HIV prevention, harm reduction, and LGBTQ health programs. CM Thomas reviewed HAPN’s ask:
  - ❖ The HIV/AIDS Provider Network asks the HIV Community Planning Council to join us in calling on Mayor Lurie and the San Francisco Board of Supervisors to stand with our communities and reject proposed cuts to HIV prevention, harm reduction, and LGBTQ health services in the FY 26-27 and FY 27-28 city budgets.
  - CM Jewell commended HAPN for the work they do. He asked if they could speak to what Mayor Lurie’s priorities and where is that money going to?
    - ❖ CM Thomas said that there was a document from the mayor’s office that was a directive to DPH in terms of what priorities the mayor’s office wanted DPH to use in their budget cut. She said some of the priorities were in line with HIV services, and some were antithetical.
  - CM Jewell says this information is helpful for prioritization and allocation.
  - CM Oskarsson said it seems the budget situation at the city is not great and it seems as though DPH is trying to minimize the impacts both externally and internally.
    - ❖ CM Thomas said from the HAPN side they are standing with their communities and highlighted that public health infrastructure has been under attack under the current federal administration. From the HAPN perspective, they are really focused on cuts to HIV, harm reduction, and LGBTQ services.
  - CM Chitty asked as we travel down a bumpy road with limited dollars, and in order to provide the best care and services, if they think it will come to a point where organizations providing similar services have to merge?
    - ❖ CM Thomas said that is a good question and they have seen it happen before. She noted that nonprofit organizations often have low overhead costs and the savings from merging would be very limited.
- Ande Stone provided information about next steps and ways folks can get involved. He encouraged folks to text the number written on the board to send emails to key decision makers to let them know their community is engaged. He also highlighted two upcoming budget town halls being held.
  - CM Jewell asked if it was time to make a motion.

- ❖ CS Téllez noted that the HAPN Update was not listed as a vote on the agenda and would need to be voted on at the next meeting.

**13. Next Meeting Date & Adjournment**

*The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2026, 4:00 – 6:30 pm at 25 Van Ness, 6<sup>th</sup> floor conference room.*

*Meeting was adjourned at 6:30 PM by CM Knoble.*

**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: April 27, 2026</b>	[roll]	[1]	[2]	[3]	[4]	[5]	[6]	[7]	[8]	[9]	[10]
Chuck Adams	P	Y	Y								
Robert Arnold	P	Y	Y								
Erwin Barrios	P	Y	Y								
Leroy Blea	P	Y	Y								
Bill Blum	P										
Anna Branzuela	P	Y	Y								
Franco Chevalier	LOA	-	-								
Ed Chitty	P	Y	Y								
Zachary Davenport	LOA	-	-								
Elaine Flores	P	Y	Y								
Elyse Griffin	P	Y	Y								
Jesus Guillen	P										
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	LOA	-	-								
Derrick Mapp	P	Y	B								
Marco Montenegro	A										
Jon Oskarsson	P	A	A								
Irma Parada	P	Y	Y								
Charles Siron	P	Y	Y								
John Paul Soto	P	Y	Y								
Richard Sullivan	P	-	-								
Laura Thomas	P	Y	Y								
Manuel Vasquez	A	-	-								
Ayes		18	17								
Nayes		0	0								
Abstain		0	1								
Recusal		0	0								
Total	22	18	16								