HIV Community Planning Council

FULL COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, July 27th, 2026
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, Jesse Brooks, Ed Chitty, Elaine Flores, Ron Hernandez, Lee Jewell, Thomas Knoble, T. J. Lee-Miyaki, Jon Oskarsson, Irma Parada, Johnny Rodriguez, Charles Siron, John Paul Soto, Richard Sullivan, Laura Thomas
HIV Community Planning Council Members Absent: Erwin Barrios [LOA], Leroy Blea [E], Zachary Davenport [LOA], Nga Le [E], Derrick Mapp [LOA], Andre Robertson [E]
Others Present: Molly Herzig, Paulo Salta, Mike Zaugg
DPH Staff Present: Natalie Basha
Support Staff Present: Mark Molnar, Kat Téllez

Minutes

1. **Call Meeting to Order and Roll Call. Introduction of Public. Co-Chair Welcome.**
   The meeting was called to order at 4:02 pm by CM Parada. Roll Call was called; everyone introduced themselves and quorum was established.
2. **Review and Approve July 27th, 2026 DRAFT Agenda – VOTE**
   The July 27th, 2026 DRAFT Agenda was reviewed and approved by consensus.
3. **Review and Approve June 22nd, 2026 DRAFT Minutes – VOTE**
   The June 22nd, 2026 DRAFT Minutes were reviewed and approved by consensus.
4. **Announcements**
   - None.
5. **Public Comment**
   - None.
6. **Staff Announcements**
   - CS Molnar reminded council members that their renewal applications have been submitted to the Mayor's Office.
7. **General Updates**
   - HHS – Bill Blum
     - CM Blum reviewed staffing updates at San Francisco Department of Public Health (SFDPH) and the California State Department of Public Health.
     - CM Blum provided a few HIV Health Services (HHS) specific updates. He noted that they have received complete 2026-2027 funding notices for Ryan White Parts A, B, C and Ending the HIV Epidemic (EHE) from the Health Resources and Services Administration HIV/AIDS Bureau (HRSA-HAB) and SF General Funds. HHS is currently proceeding with award letters and contract renewals. He also added that a new HHS contract monitoring cycle has begun and HHS staff will be participating in the monitoring activities. CM Blum noted that he is planning to retire in November 2026. Beth Neary will step into the role of Acting Director of HHS and, pending mayoral approval, will become the SFDPH HHS Ex-Officio member of the HCPC.

- CM Blum noted that the last quarterly Continuous Quality Improvement (CQI) meeting was held in July and the next will be held on October 8th. HCPC members are invited to attend these meetings.
- CM Blum provided an update on the emerging White House Office of Management and Budget (OMB) federal policies, what changes are expected, and how they might impact the city.
    - ❖ CM Thomas stated it is sad that this is where the federal government is at. She noted a number of organizations, three in SF, that are suing the Administration over items related to the OMB policy changes which have created some protection for these organizations.

- CHEP & CPG – Thomas Knoble
    - CM Knoble highlighted the Hands-Only CPR and Naloxone training that the Wellness Initiative for Sexual Health Equity and Safer Use (WISHES) provided on July 11th. They noted that it was well attended and they were able to train several folks.
    - CM Knoble highlighted the upcoming OnBoard SF: A Frontline Worker Summit taking place on August 11th at the SF LGBT Center.
        - ❖ CM Brooks asked how people are able to register to attend?
            - **i.** CM Knoble said there is a QR code on the flyer that folks can scan to sign up.
    - CM Knoble noted that beginning in July, the Harm Reduction Training Institute (HRTI) has been renamed to the Health and Recovery Training Institute.
- CAEAR Coalition – CM Jewell
    - CM Jewell noted that on July 21st, the House of Representatives passed a bill to extend Fiscal Year 2026 (FY2026) funding levels for all federal agency programming through the Fall to avoid a government shutdown. This continuing resolution would afford lawmakers more time to negotiate a bipartisan spending agreement for FY2027.
    - CM Blum provided a CAEAR Coalition update, noting that there are a lot of structural changes taking place and new leadership stepping in. He noted that a large community-based organization (CBO) in Atlanta is taking over the fiscal parts of CAEAR and will be continuing with Aaron Fox pro-bono who does the policy updates.

8. DAS Community Needs Assessment Report – Mike Zaugg

- Mike Zaugg of the Department of Disability & Aging Services (DAS)'s Office of Community Partnerships presented the 2025-26 Dignity Fund Community Needs Assessment (DFCNA) outlining the process, its purpose, and the research questions guiding the assessment. He reviewed the methodology along with the forum schedule and participation numbers across the city's districts. Zaugg noted that key findings showed that service-connected older adults report higher needs than average, while adults with disabilities face significant participation barriers despite having high levels of unmet need, and that LGBTQ+ and HIV+ folks have unique needs and barriers. Zaugg shared participant quotes illustrating these challenges and emphasized the value of psychosocial support groups in addressing social connection needs. He also noted that people living with HIV can feel invisible and deprioritized within services, that caregivers experience significant stress and need more support, and that veterans continue to face barriers to participating in available programs. The presentation closed with a discussion of next steps for finalizing the report and incorporating findings into the Dignity Fund's upcoming Services and Allocation Plan.

- CM Brooks said this was a great report. He said he would love to hear about HIV stigma and discrimination, and how they impact care and access.
    - ❖ Zaugg noted that there may be an ignorance or invisibility around those issues.
- CM Lee-Miyaki asked if there is a set list of questions that folks could use to screen participants across all of DAS's agencies to screen participants for issues like food insecurity, transportation, etc. He noted that this might help connect folks to services they might not have otherwise known about.
    - ❖ Zaugg said that there isn't a super uniform process across all programs since they differ from each other. He noted with programs like their Aging & Disability Resource Centers their case managers do a thorough assessment with participants.
- CM Lee-Miyaki inquired about how much funding DAS spends on LGBTQ+ folks?
    - ❖ Zaugg said he would need to follow up with that information later and highlighted that DAS does partner with various LGBTQ+ organizations.
- CM Chitty thanked Zaugg for the presentation and noted a concern. For the average LGBTQ+ person who is entering services at DAS, they may find it difficult to come out to other participants in these services so there needs to be a certain amount of education for the other participants. Does DAS have the ability to provide the necessary information to participants to normalize queer lives?
    - ❖ Zaugg said CM Chitty brought up a good point. He noted that DAS has had multiple programs to train grantees on these issues.
        - *i.* CM Chitty noted that it's a worry about other participants, not staff, receiving training on an ongoing basis.
- CM Jewell noted that these statistics are very important and DAS needs to continue evaluating what the size of the population is.
- CM Lee-Miyaki noted the importance of cultural humility. He stated that DAS is saying they want to take care of the LGBTQ+ community, but they didn't have a single forum in the Castro.
    - ❖ Zaugg validated CM Lee-Miyaki's concerns. He noted that there was a missed opportunity to host a community forum in the Castro and that that will be top of mind when they schedule the next round of community forums in the future.

9. HRSA Mandate – Mark Molnar

- CS Molnar reviewed the HIV Community Planning Council's (HCPC) Legislative Mandate and highlighted the HCPC's roles and responsibilities. These roles and responsibilities include defining conflict of interest policies, maintaining HCPC support staff, and assessing the needs of people living with HIV (PLWH) through needs assessments. The HCPC also evaluates the efficiency of the grantee, develops Standards of Care (SOC), and sets priorities and allocates resources.

10. Break

11. Prevention Megatrends – Thomas Knoble

- CM Knoble presented current and emerging megatrends in HIV, HCV, and STI work, building on trends from 2025 and identifying new challenges in 2026. They reviewed the national data, noting that the South has seen an increase in HIV diagnoses, and reviewed national HIV diagnoses by sex, age at diagnosis, race/ethnicity, and region of residence. They noted that SF HIV diagnoses have plateaued after a sharp decline and reviewed new HIV diagnoses by geographic clusters within the city. CM Knoble reviewed Hep-C (HCV) information for SF including the number and rate of newly

reported HCV cases and epidemiological data. CM Knoble provided an overview of STIs in SF, noting a decrease in STI cases, and provided a detailed view of STI rates across geographic clusters in the city. They noted that overdose mortality rates have decreased, but remain a critical issue. CM Knoble reviewed the interventions and approaches that have decreased in focus including workforce development and capacity building, Prevention with Positives, and the ability to predict future landscaping. CM Knoble reviewed last year's trends, including Social Determinants of Health, Diversity, Equity & Inclusion (DEI), gender ideology, criminalization of street-based drug use and homelessness, and services for trans communities. They added that, while there has been a pullback of focus on these trends at a national level, these things are still locally valued. CM Knoble reviewed ongoing megatrends including a syndemic approach to HIV/HCV/STI/overdoses, long-acting injectables (LAIs) for antiretroviral therapy (ART) and Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP), Doxy-PEP, telemedicine, cluster detection and response, Monkeypox (Mpox), overdose deaths, and unstable funding. CM Knoble reviewed emerging and potential new megatrends including anti-trans policies, anti-immigration policies, deconstructing reproductive health, the ending of research contracts, and changes to harm reduction efforts. CM Knoble noted that the Health Access Point (HAP) Services had initially been built on 13 building blocks, but has been reduced down to 8 building blocks, noting these changes were made in order to help reduce the administrative burden on folks receiving funding and reduce the terminology around harm reduction. CM Knoble concluded by acknowledging community efforts.

- CM Thomas spoke to the changing landscape of HIV, transgender, and Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC) organizations, noting that we will lose those most rooted in community organizations.
    - ❖ CM Oskarsson asked if there was any rationale given.
        i. CM Knoble said no, just that there are changing priorities at the federal level.
- CM Lee-Miyaki asked if there was any language included about ending funding without notice.
    - ❖ CM Thomas said no, it was a multi-year grant cycle. The old CDC practice was that, as one grant cycle ended, they would send out a notice 6-9 months before it ended and organizations would apply for the new grant cycle. Now there is very little communication around what is happening.
- CM Blum noted that the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) is unlikely to continue to exist and will likely be rolled into Make America Healthy Again (MAHA) along with HRSA-HAB.

12. Next Meeting Date & Adjournment

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, August 24th, 2026, 4:00 – 6:30 pm at 25 Van Ness, 6th floor conference room.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:28 PM by CM Parada.

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Roll Call: **P**=Present; **A**=absent; **E**=Excused; **L**=Leave of Absence

Votes: Votes: **Y=**Yes; **N**=No; **B**=Abstain; **R**=Recused (deduct from quorum)

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