

HIV Community Planning Council

FULL COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, June 22nd, 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, Anna Branzuela, Jesse Brooks, Elyse Griffin, Ron Hernandez, Lee Jewell, Nga Le, T. J. Lee-Miyaki, Andre Robertson, Johnny Rodriguez, Richard Sullivan, Laura Thomas, Manuel Vasquez

HIV Community Planning Council Members Absent: Bill Blum [E], Franco Chevalier [LOA], Ed Chitty [LOA], Zachary Davenport [LOA], Elaine Flores [A], Jesus Guillen [A], Thomas Knoble [E], Helen Lin [A], Derrick Mapp [LOA], Marco Montenegro [A], Jon Oskarsson [E], Irma Parada [E], Charles Siron [E], John Paul Soto [E]

Others Present: Matt Foreman, Jonathan Frochtzwaig, Helen Hale, Molly Herzig, Martin Muneton, Sue Walburg-Smith, Stephen Spano

DPH Staff Present: John Aynsley, Natalie Basha, Aminah Habib, Hanna Hjord

Support Staff Present: Mark Molnar, Kira Perez, Kat Téllez

Minutes

1. Call Meeting to Order and Roll Call. Introduction of Public. Co-Chair Welcome.

The meeting was called to order at 4:05 pm by CS Molnar. Roll Call was called; everyone introduced themselves and quorum was established.

2. Review and Approve June 22nd, 2026 DRAFT Agenda – VOTE

The June 22nd, 2026 DRAFT Agenda was reviewed and approved by consensus.

3. Review and Approve May 18th, 2026 DRAFT Minutes – VOTE

The May 18th, 2026 DRAFT Minutes were reviewed and approved by consensus.

4. Announcements

- CM Thomas provided a brief update on the City's budget. She noted that there are substantial cuts to behavioral health, HIV prevention, and LGBTQ+ healthcare, particularly trans healthcare. She noted the mayor restored cuts that came from the Mayor's Office of Housing and Community Development (MOHCD) around LGBTQ+ but has not touched any of the DPH cuts. CM Thomas noted positive news about the Human Services Network getting a 2.4% cost of doing business increase for all general funds contracts for fiscal year starting on July 1st, 2026.

5. Public Comment

- None.

6. Staff Announcements

- CS Molnar reminded council members to turn in their renewal applications if they have not already done so. The renewal applications need to be turned in by the end of the week or else they will not be renewed.
- CS Perez reminded council members to fill out their meeting evaluations.

7. General Updates

- HHS – John Aynsley

- Due to CM Blum's absence, John Aynsley provided the HIV Health Services (HHS) update on his behalf. Aynsley provided a funding update, noting that they have received Ryan White Parts A & C and Ending the HIV Epidemic (EHE) awards. There was a 5% cut that the state was able to backfill. EHE also received a 2% increase, which will be going to food, housing, counseling, and medical case management.
- Aynsley highlighted the upcoming quarterly CQI meeting on July 9th. Council members are welcome to attend.
- CAEAR Coalition – CM Jewell
 - CM Jewell noted that lawmakers are advancing the fiscal year 2027 appropriations bills, including the House Appropriations Committee (HAC) Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies (LHHS) Subcommittee spending bill. The HAC met on June 9th, 2026 to mark up and advance the LHHS Subcommittee funding bill. If the bill is passed into law, it would reshape infectious disease prevention. Congress has until September 30th, 2026 to reach an agreement.
 - CM Jewell noted that CAEAR Coalition had their virtual meeting on June 8th, 2026 and they will discuss it next month.
- SOA & ADAP – CM Blea
 - CM Blea provided an update on the redistribution of Ryan White Part B (RWPB) funds to help cover San Francisco's Ryan White Part A (RWPA) cut, which is part of the State Office of AIDS' initiative to spend all the RWPB funding.
 - CM Blea highlighted a few upcoming events. First, California is hosting the upcoming United States Conference on HIV/AIDS (USCHA) in September. They are hoping to have a good turnout to showcase the work California is doing. The conference is looking for volunteers, and anyone interested can find more information on volunteering [here](#). The volunteer application can be found [here](#). Second, the Ending the Syndemics Symposium is happening virtually in October.
 - CM Blea highlighted a Medicare-Medicaid Dual Eligibility webinar taking place on June 23, 2026.

8. Hep C Microelimination Update – Aminah Habib

- Aminah Habib introduced the HIV/HCV Microelimination program, which aims to identify HIV/HCV coinfecting patients in San Francisco, collect data on their HCV status, treatment progress, demographics, and risk factors, and link interested patients to HCV navigation and treatment. She reviewed the program's timeline noting that program development and pilot implementation took place from 2021-2023, program evaluation took place in 2024, and phase 2 of the program took place in 2025. Habib explained how patients were identified through a match between the HIV and HCV case registries, along with the case categories used to classify them. Habib then reviewed the pilot process and outcomes, noting outreach was prioritized for high and medium category patients, and covered the data collected, program flow, and demographics, which skewed male and non-Hispanic/Latine. She discussed pilot outreach and HCV outcomes, along with the program's successes including strengthened provider relationships and the launch of care coordination meetings. Habib then covered the 2025 process and outcomes, noting a lower response rate compared to the pilot, and compared HCV outcomes across both phases. Habib closed by identifying areas for improvement, including provider education on current treatment regimens, more individualized follow-up for patients, and confirming patient contact information.

- CM Brooks asked if Habib made cold calls to patients or did the patient's provider have the patient get in contact with them?
 - ❖ Habib said providers tried to give patients a heads up that they would be receiving a call. However, there were cases where clients were not currently receiving care, so they did receive cold calls. The program also sent letters in the mail and incentivized participation.
 - i. CM Brooks suggested airing commercials about the successes in treatment to help get folks interested.
- CM Branzuela thanked Habib for this presentation. She said they are trying to identify priority populations in San Mateo County and are finding that incarcerated individuals are routinely tested but there is little follow up afterwards. They are trying to make sure incarcerated individuals are receiving treatment, not just routine testing.
 - ❖ Habib noted that this did come up a few times during the investigation.
- CM Robertson asked what treatments they are using to treat HCV? Additionally, since HCV can be common in people who inject drugs (PWID), did they work with folks who were still actively using?
 - ❖ Habib said when HCV treatment was introduced they were using Interferon but they now use a few different ones that are an 8-12 week regimen. She noted that PWID was a big population and they did work with some folks who were still actively using. She noted that this was less of a barrier now than in previous years due to a lot of folks moving towards smoking and away from injecting.
- CS Molnar asked for clarification about the definition of viremic.
 - ❖ Habib stated that viremic means the patient either had an active, untreated HCV infection, or were lacking confirmation that the patient cleared their HCV.
- Member of the public, Stephen Spano, noted that housing status has a strong correlation to health outcomes. They asked, for the purpose of this program, what the definition of unstably housed is and how that was reported (i.e. self-reported, didn't have an address, etc.)?
 - ❖ Habib said for the purpose of this project unstably housed included folks who were staying with a friend, living outdoors or in a vehicle, did not have a permanent address. She noted that addresses were collected either from Epic or from the community-based testing they had, noting that addresses collected in community-based testing are self-reported by the patient.

9. Break

10. Housing Update – Manuel Vasquez

- CM Vasquez shared the HIV Housing Programs in San Francisco presentation, which is overseen by the Mayor's Office of Housing and Community Development's (MOHCD). He reviewed the eligibility requirements folks must meet to be eligible for Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA), which include income limits, proof of HIV status, and San Francisco residency.
- Helen Hale shared the fiscal year 2026-2027 (FY26-27) MOHCD HOPWA funding allocation, noting a slight increase in funds. Hale shared the FY26-27 HIV housing grant awards, noting that funding is a blend of HOPWA, San Francisco General Funds and Housing Trust Funds. She reviewed the HOPWA Tenant Based Rental Subsidies (TBRA) program, highlighting that MOHCD staff administer this Federal Subsidy program. She discussed how MOHCD staff administers this program and discussed

the eligibility requirements for the program. Hale reviewed the total funding for FY26-27, including HOPWA and local funding sources.

- CM Thomas asked if any HOPWA funding is going into the development of affordable housing units?
 - ❖ Hale stated that there is no HOPWA funding for the current units in the pipeline due to HOPWA funding being depleted. However, it is a priority at MOHCD to make sure that HIV units are designated.
 - i. CM Thomas said they can designate HIV housing units without putting HOPWA dollars into it.
 - Hale said they have prioritized HIV as a population that needs attention.
- CM Thomas noted the increase in HOPWA funding this year and asked Hale to speak to how the increase is being spent.
 - ❖ Hale stated that the increase this year is going to landlord increases or moving expenses for people moving to a new unit.
- CM Vasquez reviewed data points relating to service utilization and housing placement and referral for FY25-26 including Residential Care Facilities for the Chronically Ill (RCFCI) and Transitional Residential Care Facilities (TRCF) placements and exits; Plus Housing applicants, referrals, and placements; and total number of people served. CM Vasquez reviewed the referral process for clients, and the documentation clients will need to provide. The presentation covered available housing options such as permanent and transitional housing, rental subsidies and supportive services, and care facilities (RCFCI and TRCF). CM Vasquez highlighted the Plus Housing waitlist for eligible residents needing rental assistance or subsidized housing. He reviewed the referral and application processes for RCFCI and TRCF, noting key differences between the programs. CM Vasquez finished by reviewing upcoming new units being created for people living with HIV/AIDS.

11. Carry Forward Allocation – VOTE

- CS Molnar reviewed a brief overview of the annual Carry Forward Funding process, shared the Carry Forward Allocation presentation and reviewed the HRSA service categories that HIV Health Services (HHS) are recommending the Carry Forward funds are used for:
 - ❖ Emergency Financial Assistance – \$120,000
 - ❖ Food Bank/Home Delivered Meals – \$207,593
 - ❖ Mental Health, Trainings – \$49,302
 - ❖ Other Professional Services, Legal Stipends – \$20,000
- CS Molnar said there is a motion on the floor from the Steering Committee to approve the Carry Forward Allocation recommendations.
 - Member of the public, Stephen Spano, spoke in support of the Legal Stipends and highlighted that the legal field relies heavily on legal interns. The eviction defense team appreciates the support from the community to increase their capacity, especially when they oftentimes have to put a pause on taking new cases due to capacity. They have a history of being able to use these stipends in a lean, mean, efficient way.

The motion passed through roll call vote, refer to column (1).

12. Next Meeting Date & Adjournment

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, July 27th, 2026, 4:00 – 6:30 pm at 25 Van Ness, 6th floor conference room.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:30 PM by CS Molnar.

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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: June 22, 2026	[roll]	[1]	[2]	[3]	[4]	[5]	[6]	[7]	[8]	[9]	[10]
Chuck Adams	P	Y									
Robert Arnold	P	Y									
Erwin Barrios	P	Y									
Leroy Blea	P	Y									
Bill Blum	E										
Anna Branzuela	P	Y									
Jesse Brooks	P										
Franco Chevalier	LOA	-									
Ed Chitty	LOA	-									
Zachary Davenport (Co-Chair)	LOA	-									
Elaine Flores	A	-									
Elyse Griffin	P										
Jesus Guillen	A										
Ron Hernandez	P	Y									
Lee Jewell	P	Y									
Thomas Knoble (Co-Chair)	E	-									
Nga Le	P	Y									

T. J. Lee-Miyaki	P	Y										
Helen Lin	A	-										
Derrick Mapp (Co-Chair)	LOA	-										
Marco Montenegro	A											
Jon Oskarsson	E	-										
Irma Parada (Co-Chair)	E	-										
Andre Robertson	P											
Johnny Rodriguez	P											
Charles Siron	E	-										
John Paul Soto	E	-										
Richard Sullivan	P	Y										
Laura Thomas	P	Y										
Manuel Vasquez	P	Y										
Ayes		12										
Nayes		0										
Abstain		0										
Recusal		0										
Total	16	12										