

HIV Community Planning Council

FULL COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, March 23rd, 2026

25 Van Ness Ave Room 610

4:00-6:30 pm

HIV Community Planning Council Members Present: Chuck Adams, Robert Arnold, Leroy Blea, Bill Blum, Anna Branzuela, Ed Chitty, Elaine Flores, Jesus Guillen, Ron Hernandez, Lee Jewell, Thomas Knoble, Nga Le, Derrick Mapp, Jon Oskarsson, Irma Parada, John Paul Soto, Laura Thomas, Manuel Vasquez

HIV Community Planning Council Members Absent: Erwin Barrios [A], Franco Chevalier [LOA], Zachary Davenport [LOA], Elyse Griffin [A], T. J. Lee-Miyaki [E], Helen Lin [LOA], Marco Montenegro [A], Charles Siron [A], Richard Sullivan [LOA]

Others Present: Justice Dumlao, Matt Foreman, Jordan Gewin-Mullins, Molly Herzig, Marco Montenegro, Damon Powell, Johnny Rodriguez, Andre Robertson, Kimberly Scrafano, Stephan Spano, Ande Stone, Joseph Tuohy

DPH Staff Present: John Aynsley, Natalie Basha, 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 4:03 pm by CM Knoble. Roll Call was called; everyone introduced themselves and quorum was established.

2. Review and Approve March 23rd, 2026 DRAFT Agenda – VOTE

The March 23rd, 2026 DRAFT Agenda was reviewed and approved by consensus.

3. Review and Approve February 23rd, 2026 DRAFT Minutes – VOTE

The February 23rd, 2026 DRAFT Minutes were reviewed and approved by consensus.

4. Announcements

- GM Guillen announced that April 8th is the anniversary of *Last Men Standing*, the documentary released by the San Francisco Chronicle.
- CM Knoble announced that CM Sullivan is open to visits from folks and to contact them if they would like more information.

5. Public Comment

- Matt Foreman highlighted the city's long tradition of backfilling cuts to Ryan White funding. He added that Mayor Lurie promised to do that, but the city is facing a \$600,000 cut in federal Ryan White funding. Thanks to the advocacy done, the state will be backfilling the cuts. Foreman thanked the folks that made this possible and is thankful that, as the city directs DPH to make additional cuts, at least there is \$600,000 that doesn't need to be cut.
- Ande Stone announced that DPH has identified \$17M they want to cut from the budget of which \$1.3-1.4M would be to HIV funding. Stone noted that they were able to successfully mobilize and fight back against some of those cuts. They wanted to highlight that this is a moment to show up and demand more for the community, and that city leaders need to step up and take care of the community, as promised on the campaign trail.

6. Staff Announcements

- CS Perez reminded folks to complete their 700 forms, as we are rapidly approaching the April 1st deadline.
- CS Molnar noted that there is a vote for General Fund & Ryan White Part A (RWPA) allocation, and he will pass out the motion during the break.
- CS Molnar provided an update on CM Sullivan, noting that he is stepping down from his role as Council co-chair but intends to remain on the Council.

7. General Updates

- HHS – CM Blum
 - CM Blum provided a funding update, noting that both Ryan White Part A (RWPA) and Ryan White Part B (RWPB) have been flat funded, and that an upcoming formula change shifting Ryan White funding calculations from address at time of diagnosis to current address will impact San Francisco's Ryan White funding. Updates on Ending the HIV Epidemic (EHE) funding are still pending and HHS is uncertain if EHE funding will also be subject to a formula change. Regarding the city's General Fund, CM Blum noted that San Francisco has been significantly impacted by changes to Medicaid. Mayor Lurie is targeting reductions of \$17 million and \$40 million beginning July 1st, which also prompted the recent General Fund and RWPA allocation vote.
- CHEP, CPG, ETE – CM Knoble
 - CM Knoble highlighted the community engagement work Facente Consulting is doing for the Ending the Epidemics (ETE) plan for 2027-2029. CM Knoble added that Facente Consulting held a meeting today with the HIV/AIDS Provider Network (HAPN). CM Knoble noted that Onboard S.F. is returning for its second year and will be a one-day event for people new to the fields of HIV, HCV, STI, sexual health, and drug user health care. CM Knoble highlighted Latinos Americanos Trabajando por la Inclusion, Diversidad, Organizacion y Salud (L.A.T.I.D.O.S., translated as “Latin Americans Working for Inclusion, Diversity, Organization, and Health”), which will take place on June 3, 2026.
- CAEAR Coalition – CM Jewell
 - CM Jewell provided an update, noting that on March 10, the House Appropriations Committee subcommittee held its budget oversight hearings and is accepting programmatic requests for federal health programs through March 27. The Subcommittee held its Member Day Hearing on March 5, which is a day where members of the public can testify. The Senate will hold their Member Day hearing on April 19.
- SOA & ADAP – CM Blea
 - CM Blea shared that drafts of the State Integrated Plan will be ready for review in April and will come in two versions—one sanitized version that meets Federal requirements and one community-facing version that captures all populations and data across San Francisco and California. He recommended scheduling a concurrence vote at the April or May Full Council meeting. CM Blea also noted that the Ending the Syndemic Symposium 2026 now has a website, and that the free virtual symposium will run September 29–October 1st from 12–4 PM each day, with speakers covering Racial Equity, Housing First, and Health Access for All. They also shared that a Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) representative will be permanently assigned to planning councils across California, once that person returns from leave in April.

8. State Update – Laura Thomas

- CM Thomas introduced herself and provided an update on State Public Policy. She highlighted the instability at the Federal level and noted the local level is also facing budget challenges. She stated that California has a substantial amount of money set aside for HIV from the AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP). She explained the rebate process the state uses when purchasing HIV medications and discussed how Governor Newsom borrowing \$900M from the ADAP rebate funds. The ETE coalition has been working for years to get that money back and ETE is urging the Legislature to reinvest these funds into the community through eight key priorities: \$33.8M over four years for PrEP & PEP Initiation and Retention, \$14.5M for Rapid ART to ensure newly diagnosed individuals begin treatment as quickly as possible, \$14.1M for Project Cornerstone targeting people living with HIV who are 50 and older, \$30M to expand routine HIV/hepatitis/syphilis testing in emergency rooms, \$50M for rental and housing assistance for unhoused people living with HIV, and \$550,000 for hepatitis C point-of-care RNA test training. ETE is also requesting opioid settlement funds to support drug checking programs (\$10M annually for five years) and continuation of the California Overdose Prevention Harm Reduction Initiative (\$13M annually for five years).

- ❖ CM Mapp said, given that money isn't coming from the federal government and instead coming from the state, these are big number asks but fairly general categories. When talking about health disparities and social determinants of health, it's important to confirm that there will be a purposeful effort for these asks that Black and brown communities will be a focus?

- i. CM Thomas said this effort is a pillar of the state's strategy. This money will go to the State OA and they will distribute the funds. The ETE coalition is counting on SOA to distribute funds in a way that will address racial disparities and will need to hold them to their commitments to distribute the funds to those who need it most.

- ❖ CM Jewell asks how these programs are being funded by ADAP when there are cuts happening to these programs?

- i. CM Thomas said they have been focused on backfilling federal cuts.
- Ande Stone plugged ways for folks to get involved. He noted that ETE's Day of Action is scheduled for May 6th, and there will also be an advocacy meeting in April in the Castro for those interested in getting more involved.

9. Break

10. Co-Chair Nominations – VOTE

- CS Molnar noted that CM Sullivan will be stepping back from his role at Co-Chair, which means there is currently one Co-Chair seat open for nomination. He stated that this seat needs to be filled by an HIV+ consumer of services. He added that the nominations will be voted on at April's Full Council meeting.

Motion: CM Mapp moved to nominate himself as Council Co-Chair.

Second: CM Jewell seconded this motion.

Motion passed through consensus, refer to column (3).

Motion: CM Hernandez moved to nominate CM Guillen as Council Co-Chair, CM Guillen accepted this nomination.

Second: CM Flores seconded this motion.

Motion passed through consensus, refer to column (4).

11. General Funds & RWPA Resource Allocation – VOTE

- CS Molnar noted that there is a motion on the floor coming from the Steering Committee, which is “CM Jewell moves to respond to potential General Fund reductions by proportionally reducing both General Fund and Ryan White Part A service categories.” CS Molnar provided further information about the motion on the floor.
 - CM Hernandez asked about the state backfill and if that impacts the General Fund cuts?
 - ❖ CM Blum stated that the state’s backfill is for the reduction in Ryan White funding but does not cover reductions to General Funds.
 - CM Thomas said she supports this motion and believes this is the most equitable option. She would like to amend the motion on the floor to add “The HCPC asks SFDPH to not cut HIV services, towards our goal of Getting to Zero in SF and in line with San Francisco’s historical commitment to services for people living with HIV.”
 - CM Soto asked if the group had had a conversation around using the model HCPC uses for these cuts?
 - ❖ CS Molnar said there was no discussion and it is the model approved from last year’s summit.
 - CM Oskarsson asked if they could explain the various funding scenarios.
 - ❖ CM Blum said this motion mirrors the process of allocation for the last 15 years and explained the various funding scenarios.

Motion: The HCPC asks SFDPH to not cut HIV services, towards our goal of Getting to Zero in SF and in line with San Francisco’s historical commitment to services for people living with HIV. If cuts do occur, CM Thomas moves to respond to potential General Fund reductions by proportionally reducing both General Fund and Ryan White Part A service categories.

Second: CM Jewell seconds this motion.

Motion passes through roll call vote, refer to column (5).

12. HCAP Annual Report – Stephen Spano

- Stephen Spano provided background and an overview of the HIV Consumer Advocacy Project (HCAP), including its goals, how it operates, and the services it provides. Spano defined what constitutes a consumer and service provider, and reviewed the Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) process, including the connection between stress levels and T-cell count. They highlighted the number of consumers served in the 2025–26 contract year, noting a 1% increase in unduplicated clients (UDC), and presented self-reported consumer data, including demographics such as age, gender, race/ethnicity, sexual orientation and income. They reviewed the top service categories for the contract year, which included Housing Services, Ambulatory/Outpatient Medical Services, and Dental Services. He also highlighted the top issues, which included Information and Referral, Access, and Quality of Care. Spano highlighted information about terminations/suspensions, noting he filed less grievances this year and had a 50% success rate in turning over terminations. Spano shared several notable client outcomes, including matters involving substance use services, a medical suspension for a client with complex physical and mental health challenges, and two cases involving dental services. They also highlighted ongoing challenges, including clients aging with HIV/AIDS who

have not been effectively connected to supportive services, while underscoring HCAP's role in repairing consumer and provider relationships.

- CM Mapp asked, when looking at where clients are coming from, like Marin and San Mateo, are the lower client numbers due to awareness of HCAP or are they reflective of Spano's ability to support clients in these areas?
 - ❖ Spano noted that when they do HCAP outreach in these areas it does tend to pull in clients.
- CM Mapp asked if there has ever been an effort to replicate HCAP in other places of interest?
 - ❖ Spano noted that they wanted to be able to talk about this at the Ryan White conference.

13. Next Meeting Date & Adjournment

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

Meeting was adjourned at 6:27 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 23, 2026	[roll]	[1]	[2]	[3]	[4]	[5]	[6]	[7]	[8]	[9]	[10]
Chuck Adams	P	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y					
Robert Arnold	P	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y					
Erwin Barrios	A	-	-	-	-	-					
Leroy Blea	P	Y	Y	Y	Y	B					
Bill Blum	P										
Anna Branzuela	P	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y					
Franco Chevalier	LOA	-	-	-	-	-					
Ed Chitty	P	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y					
Zachary Davenport	LOA	-	-	-	-	-					
Elaine Flores	P	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y					
Elyse Griffin	A	-	-	-	-	-					

Jesus Guillen	P	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y					
Ron Hernandez	P	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y					
Lee Jewell	P	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y					
Thomas Knoble (Co-Chair)	P	Y	Y	Y	Y	B					
Nga Le	P	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y					
T. J. Lee-Miyaki	E	-	-	-	-	-					
Helen Lin	LOA	-	-	-	-	-					
Derrick Mapp	P	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y					
Marco Montenegro	A	-	-	-	-	-					
Jon Oskarsson	P	A	A	Y	Y	Y					
Irma Parada	P	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y					
Charles Siron	A	-	-	-	-	-					
John Paul Soto	P	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y					
Richard Sullivan	LOA	-	-	-	-	-					
Laura Thomas	P	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y					
Manuel Vasquez	P	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y					
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