

SAN DIEGO HIV PLANNING GROUP (HPG)



Wednesday, January 24, 2024, 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM
Southeastern Live Well Center
5101 Market Street, San Diego, CA 92114
(Tubman Chavez Room A)

A quorum for this meeting is fourteen (14).

HPG Members present: Marco Aguirre Mendoza | Amy Applebaum | Alberto Cortes | Beth Davenport | Tyra Fleming | Felipe Garcia-Bigley | Robert Lewis | Michael Lochner | Moira Mar-Tang | Venice Price | Shannon Ransom | Raul Robles | Winston Tilghman | Regina Underwood | Rhea Van Brocklin | Freddy Villafan | Jeffery Weber | Michael Wimpie | Adrienne Yancey

HPG Members absent: Allan Acevedo | David Grelotti | Pamela Highfill | Delores Jacobs | Karla Quezada-Torres

HPG Members joining remotely: Cinnamen Kubricky (Just Cause) | Abigail West (Just Cause)

ORDER OF BUSINESS

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1. Call to order	Mikie Lochner called the meeting to order at 3:00 PM and noted the presence of an in-person quorum.	
2. Welcome, roll call, moment of silence	Roll call was performed, and a moment of silence was observed.	
3. Matters from the Chair	Mikie Lochner reminded HPG members to submit County Form 700 and other required HPG forms by March 29, 2024 and thanked those with lived experience who continue to participate in the HIV planning process.	
4. Public comment	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• A member of the public expressed concern about not being able to access meeting materials on the HPG website.• A member of the public applauded staff for having meetings in community spaces that are more accessible.	
5. HPG Member Open Forum	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• An HPG member expressed concern of trying to join the Membership Committee for over a year and would like an update.• An HPG member expressed concern for unstable housing, especially for people who use wheelchairs to get around and for pet owners.• An HPG member congratulated Townspeople and The LGBT Center on their collaboration with the County to add funds for emergency housing services.	

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	They also expressed concern about flooding on Euclid and issues with access.	
6. ACTION: Approve the HPG agenda for January 24, 2024	<p>Motion: Approve the HPG agenda for January 24, 2024</p> <p>Motion/Second/Count (M/S/C): Van Brocklin/Davenport/18-0</p> <p>Abstentions: Lochner</p> <p>Motion carries</p>	
7. Old Business		
a. Needs Assessment Working Group <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Update ii. Discussion : 2024 Survey on HIV Impact iii. Next steps 	<p>Beth Davenport provided a summary on the Needs Assessment Working Group process. She acknowledged the length of the survey and added that the group also added questions on the aging population. The survey has been reviewed at the Priority Setting and Resource Allocation Committee (PSRAC), Steering Committee, and the Community Engagement Committee (CEG). The next steps are to pilot the survey in English and Spanish.</p> <p>The HPG made the following recommendations/comments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The last survey with a large sample size was in 2017 which will be used for comparison. • It is important for the survey to be distributed widely and everywhere, including medical provider offices, hard to reach areas, etc. It's also important to spread the word to providers serving consumers. • Take those that are hard to reach, isolated and out of care into account. • Consider mechanisms by which this survey will be implemented, including incentives to participate. • A large Spanish speaking cohort will occur for the Project PEARL shortly. Consider using this group for the pilot. <p>Mikie Lochner will appoint the next working group to establish a strategy for disseminating the survey across the county.</p>	Mikie Lochner to assign members and interested consumers to participate in the next working group.
8. New Business		

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<p>a. ACTION (Membership Committee): Approve Dr. Stephen Spector's re-appointment to the HPG seat #31 for a second term</p>	<p>Motion: Reappoint Dr. Spector to the seat #31 (Recipient for Ryan White Part D Program) for a second term. Public comment: A member of the public expressed concern about the reappointment of Dr. Spector due to his absences and non-engagement with CARE Partnership. M/S/C: Membership Committee/18-0 Abstentions: Lewis, Ransom Motion carries</p>	
<p>b. ACTION (Membership Committee): Approve Tyra Fleming's re-appointment to the HPG seat #3 for a second term</p>	<p>Motion: Reappoint Tyra Fleming to seat #3 (General Member) for a second term. Public comment: A member of the public expressed concern about the HPG Bylaws. M/S/C: Membership Committee/18-0 Abstentions: Fleming, Lewis, Lochner Motion carries</p>	
<p>c. ACTION (Membership Committee): Approve Ivy Rooney's appointment to the HPG seat #43 for a first term</p>	<p>Motion: Appoint Ivy Rooney to the seat #43 (Prevention Intervention Representative) for a first term. M/S/C: Membership Committee/19-0 Abstentions: Lewis, Lochner Motion carries</p>	
<p>d. ACTION (Priority Setting and Resource Allocation Committee): Approve re-allocations for FY23 or budget changes for FY24</p>	<p>None</p>	
<p>e. Discussion – announcing open nominations for Vice-Chair</p>	<p>Mikie Lochner announced that nominations for Vice-Chair of HPG are open until the February 2024 HPG meeting. There are currently two openings, including one for a consumer. Please send any nominations to HPG Support Staff (HPG SS) or to Mikie Lochner. Rhea Van Brocklin provided a summary of being a Vice-Chair and the responsibilities involved, including being on the executive committee during the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) visits. The Vice-Chair also steps in during the Chair's absences.</p>	
<p>f. 2024 meeting calendar</p>	<p>The calendar is available in the packet. It will be updated as needed.</p>	

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9. Routine Business		
<p>a. ACTION: Approval of consent agenda for January 24, 2024</p>	<p>Motion: Approve consent agenda for January 24, 2024, which includes: Approval of HPG minutes from November 29, 2023; Acceptance of the following committee minutes: Steering Committee (November 21, 2023); Membership Committee (November 15, 2023); PSRAC (November 9, 2023); and CEG (October 18, 2023; December 13, 2024). (The following is provided for HPG information, not for acceptance): CARE Partnership (October 16, 2023; November 20, 2023; December 11, 2023). M/S/C: Cortes/Lewis/15-0 Abstentions: Applebaum, Kubricky, Lochner, Villafan Motion carries</p>	
<p>10. HIV, STD, and Hepatitis Branch (HSHB) Report – Patrick Loose, Maritza Herrera</p>	<p>Lynn Carson reviewed the new dashboard for the service utilization data.</p> <p>Patrick Loose reviewed the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The high viral suppression rate for Ryan White (RW) clients is getting the County of San Diego closer to the national goal of 95%. • There is an increase in utilization of services, especially HIV Primary Care, and we anticipate an additional \$500,000 may be needed, some of which can be from savings in other service categories. There will be reallocation recommendations for FY 24 (next fiscal year) in February. • Permanent housing is necessary. • The latest budget data currently available go back to November 2023; with 75% of the fiscal year expended, 71% of funding has been expended. <p>A member of the public expressed concern about housing funding. An HPG member shared information on the Housing Opportunities for People With HIV (HOPWA) waiting list, which is currently at 4,050.</p>	

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11. HPG Support Staff Report – Dasha Dahdouh		
a. Administrative Budget Review	Dasha Dahdouh noted that the most current administrative budget is not available at this time.	
b. Email delivery platform changes	The email platform the HPG SS previously used has changed. Please contact staff if you are not receiving emails.	
c. Staffing update	Interviews for a Health Information Specialist are being conducted, and there is a plan to hire a temporary Office Assistant.	
12. Committee Reports		
a. HPG committees	No updates	
b. State Office of AIDS (OA) and AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP) – Abigail West	No updates	
c. Housing Committee Report – Freddy Villafan	Freddy provided an update on the housing committee. There are 4,050 people on the HOPWA waiting list, 23 people seeking vouchers. If there are any concerns with non-Ryan White housing, HPG is encouraged to reach out to Freddy Villafan.	
d. California HIV Planning Group (CHPG) – Mikie Lochner	<p>Mikie Lochner reminded HPG about the survey for LGBTQI+ persons 50 years of age or greater and updated the HPG on the process to fill the Medi-Cal seat.</p> <p>If HPG members are going to reach out to the Clerk of the Board, do it as a member of the public, not an HPG member.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A member of the public was unsure how to contact HPG members. Send any message to staff who will forward it to the HPG member(s). • An HPG member requested clarification on the District seat process. The application for District seats is different from the HPG one, and HPG membership has no control over that process. • A member of the HPG expressed frustration about one of the District seats that has been on hold for many months. 	HPG SS will send another reminder regarding the aging population survey.

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13. Announcements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Christie’s Place is having a National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day event on Friday, February 9, 2024 at 12:00 PM – 3:00 PM with catering and arts activities. • Registration for a Women’s Voice conference, which is Saturday, March 9, 2024 is now open. There will be a virtual live stream option. • Pozabilities is holding a town hall on Aging with HIV on Saturday, February 3, 2024 at 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM. 	
14. Next meeting date	<p>Date: Wednesday, February 28, 2024 Time: 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM Location: Southeastern Live Well Center, 5101 Market Street, San Diego, CA 92114 (Tubman Chavez Room A) and via Zoom.</p>	
15. Adjournment	The meeting was adjourned at 4:29 PM.	