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SAN DIEGO HIV PLANNING GROUP MEDICAL STANDARDS & EVALUATION COMMITTEE (MSEC)

**Tuesday, February 14, 2023
4:00 PM**

Meeting via teleconference (Zoom)

DRAFT MINUTES

Quorum = Seven (7)

Members Present: Dr. Jeannette Aldous (Co-chair) / Dr. Laura Bamford / Dr. David Grelotti / Yessica Hernandez / Mikie Lochner / Karla Quezada-Torres / Shannon Ransom / Dr. Stephen Spector / Lisa Stangl / Dr. Winston Tilghman (Chair)

Members Absent: Bob Lewis / Dr. Stephen Spector / Dr. Adam Zweig

Agenda Item	Action	Follow-up
1. Welcome and moment of silence, comments from the Chair	Dr. Winston Tilghman called the meeting to order at 4:15 PM and noted the presence of a quorum. A moment of silence was observed.	
2. Action: Authorization of Teleconferencing Meeting Option Pursuant to Government Code Section 54953(e)	All votes at the meeting were taken by roll call. Action: Find the HPG has reconsidered the circumstances of the state of emergency and State and local officials have imposed or recommended measures to promote social distancing authorizing teleconferenced meetings pursuant to Government Code section 54953(e). Motion/Second/Count (M/S/C): Lochner/Ransom 7/0 Abstentions: Tilghman Motion carries	
3. Public Comment	A member of the public expressed concern for in-person meetings and AB 2449. Item was further discussed in item 8 c. on the agenda.	
4. Sharing our Concerns	None	
5. Review and approve the February 14, 2023 meeting agenda	Motion: Approve the February 14, 2023 meeting agenda as presented. M/S/C: Lochner/Aldous 8/0	

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	Abstentions: Tilghman Motion carries	
6. Review and approve the September 13, 2022 meeting minutes	Motion: Approve the September 13, 2022 meeting minutes as presented. M/S/C: Grelotti/Bamford 5/0 Abstentions: Aldous, Hernandez, Lochner, Tilghman Motion carries	
7. Old Business:		
a. Review final chart review tool	The final chart review tool, that was used for the review which has already taken place, was reviewed; the tool was included in the meeting packet. The executive report is currently being drafted and it is anticipated that the executive report will be presented at the May 2023 meeting.	
b. Discussion: GTZ Community Engagement – Next Steps	Suggestions for discussion for the committee to consider at the May 2023 meeting was discussed by Dr. Delores Jacobs: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What are the current obstacles for provider systems in terms of being able to meet the requests of some consumers to have non-urgent appointments (e.g., <i>primary care, labs, case management, mental health</i>) coordinated into a single trip to their health center? This is particularly an issue for those with childcare issues, transportation issues, and other challenges in attending multiple appointments. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. <u>Summary of discussion:</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. While some patients may prefer bundling their visits or some clinics may prefer to have this done, it may not be in the realm of standards of HIV care to dictate if a medical appointment should or should not be bundled. We can say that bundling appointments are medically acceptable. It is important for providers to realize the psychosocial barriers for consumers to get access to care. Specifying care models is outside of the scope of the mandate and 	

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	<p>possibly problematic. Patient preferences are variable.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ii. Consumers, particularly those with transportation issues, spend a long time in transportation for appointments that may be relatively short. Also, side effects of medication may be a barrier and may cause consumers to be reluctant to arrive at their appointment. iii. It is important to state items along the lines with “supporting flexible and individualized care plans and access enhancing measures such as telehealth and providing transportation.” iv. Some clinics, if they are receiving mostly Medicare, are allowed to bill for only one service per day, so they tend to split up appointments. <p>2. What is within the purview of MSEC?</p>	
8. New Business:		
<p>a. Action: Add occlusal guards, including hard appliance (D9944) and soft appliance (D9945) to list of covered oral healthcare services</p>	<p>Action: Add occlusal guards, including hard appliance (D9944) and soft appliance (D9945) to list of covered oral healthcare services. M/S/C:</p> <p>It was asked if restrictions or a frequency specified and there were none specified. It was recommended to have the expertise of dental professional(s) to provide input.</p> <p>There are times when certain dental procedures are disallowed. If there is an urgent need for a procedure, providers may ask Recipient’s office to approve it.</p> <p>If these are appliances that are not covered under other programs, it is possible you will see an increase of people utilizing. Recommendation did not come from dental subcommittee and was based on consumer</p>	<p>Recipient to include these two services in the next Needs Assessment to find any unmet needs, gaps, and to do a cost analysis.</p>

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	<p>and public input and request. It was asked if there was a prior example.</p> <p>The HPG will conduct a needs assessment this year and work with the Recipient's office to get it done. The Recipient's office anticipates completing the needs assessment in the fall of this year.</p> <p>The committee discussed whether dental expertise is needed to determine the need for occlusal guards and recommended seeking input from individual dental providers who were part of the dental task force.</p> <p>Follow up on this agenda item in September/November. It was requested to add this topic to the MSEC Workplan.</p>	
<p>b. Discussion: 2023 meeting dates, priorities, and work plan</p>	<p>May 9, 2023: Finalize Practice Guidelines, Executive Report for review.</p> <p>September 12, 2023/November 14, 2023: Further discussion on adding occlusal guards, including hard appliance (D9944) and soft appliance (D9945) to list of covered oral healthcare services.</p>	
<p>c. Discussion: Discuss committee location for in-person meetings</p>	<p>Future meetings will be in person. This is the last meeting where we will be able to conduct business completely via teleconference.</p> <p>Assembly Bill (AB) 2449: Once the COVID-19 local emergency lapses, we will be required to meet in person, which means that the committee must have a quorum in person. There is an option for virtual participation by members, however, there are specific criteria for that must be met, and the public must be allowed to participate virtually if desired. All committees are considering meeting locations. Location of March HPG committee meetings were shared to attendees. April committee meetings will take place at the County Operations Center (COC). If there are meetings outside of public spaces, specifically non-County spaces, it required to have County approval which takes about 8 weeks to obtain.</p>	

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	<p>This committee is a body of the HIV Planning Group regardless of how many times the committee meets each year.</p> <p>One item for consideration is that there are several medical providers on this committee so in-person meetings would impact patient care. Many of the providers are located in the Central Region or South Bay. If the group feels we need to change the time, it could change to 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM or 11:30 AM – 1:00 PM as examples. Traffic was another item to take into consideration.</p>	
<p>d. Discussion: Committee data requests for 2023</p>	<p>No additional committee data requests given.</p>	
<p>e. Discussion: Revisions to Ryan White primary care practice guidelines</p>	<p>Table to next meeting.</p>	
<p>f. Review and approval of revised committee operational guidelines</p>	<p>Motion: Accept draft recommendations which will be incorporated into main Committee Operating Guidelines document and presented to the Steering Committee.</p> <p>M/S/C: Lochner/Grelotti 8/0 Abstentions: Tilghman Motion carries</p>	
<p>9. Other Updates:</p>		
<p>a. STD and Mpox Update (Dr. Tilghman)</p>	<p>County of San Diego Monthly STD Report is included in the meeting materials packet.</p>	
<p>10. Agenda items for future meeting</p>	<p>Tabled to next meeting.</p>	
<p>11. Reminder of upcoming meeting date:</p>	<p>Date: Tuesday, May 9, 2023 Time: 4:00 PM Location: TBD</p>	
<p>12. Adjournment</p>	<p>5:47 PM</p>	