

STRATEGIES AND STANDARDS COMMITTEE



Thursday, June 20, 2024, 3:00 PM – 4:30 PM
County Operations Center
5560 Overland Ave, San Diego, CA 92123
Conference Room 172

A quorum for this meeting is six (6).

Members Present: Amy Applebaum | Dr. Beth Davenport | Moira Mar-Tang | Joseph Mora | Shannon Ransom (Chair) | Ivy Rooney | Jeffery Weber | Michael Wimpie

Members Absent: Allan Acevedo | Dr. Winston Tilghman

Members Joining Virtually: Venice Price (Emergency Circumstance)

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Agenda Item	Discussion/Action	Follow-Up
1. Call to order, roll call, comments from the chair, and a moment of silence	Shannon Ransom called the meeting to order at 3:04 PM.	
2. ACTION: Approve Emergency Circumstance for Venice Price to participate in the meeting remotely via Zoom	Motion: Approve Emergency Circumstance for Venice Price to participate in the meeting remotely via Zoom Motion/Second/Count (M/S/C): Applebaum/Wimpie/5-0 Abstentions: Ransom, Price Motion carries	
3. Public comment (for members of the public)	None	
4. Sharing our concerns (for committee members)	None	
5. ACTION: Approve the Strategies and Standards Committee agenda for June 20, 2024	Motion: Approve the Strategies and Standards Committee agenda for June 20, 2024 as presented. Motion/Second/Count (M/S/C): Applebaum/Davenport/5-0 Abstentions: Ransom Motion carries	
6. ACTION: Approve meeting minutes from October 3, 2023	Motion: Approve meeting minutes for October 3, 2023 as presented. M/S/C: Davenport/Applebaum/4-0 Discussion: The Committee Chair noted there are follow-up items in the minutes that have been added to the draft workplan.	

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	<p>Abstentions: Mar-Tang, Ransom, Rooney, Weber</p> <p>Motion carries</p>	
<p>7. Review follow-up items from last meeting</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review draft changes to Trauma- Informed care: In draft work plan for October • Transportation Services Standards: In progress • Recipient’s Office to invite California Department of Public Health to report on statewide plan: Upcoming in August • Mental Health Services Standards: In draft work plan for October 	
<p>8. Old Business</p>		
<p>a. Update: 2024 Needs Assessment Survey of HIV Impact.</p>	<p>The HPG Support Staff (HPG SS) provided an update on the survey, which is still ongoing with just under 250 surveys completed. The HPG SS and the Recipients’ Office are discussing other strategies for engaging the community, as we are still in the process of collecting surveys. The survey end date has been extended. The committee discussed the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Lack of incentives continues to be a barrier. - Length of survey may also be a barrier and people may be experiencing survey fatigue. - One alternative to taking a survey can be to interview people instead. 	
<p>b. Update: Consider changes to Transportation Standards</p>	<p>The committee reviewed the Key Findings: Barriers to Transportation that were presented at the October 2023 committee meeting.</p> <p>The committee discussed the following:</p>	<p>The Recipient’s Office will draft updates to the Medical Transportation Services for the August 6, 2024^h meeting which will include the following :</p> <p>Make more clear, types of services allowable/when</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - There isn't a clear distinction between assisted and unassisted transportation language and what is allowable. - What qualifies a consumer for a disabled bus pass? - While ridesharing is costly, it is allowable and can be added to the standards as there may be Ryan White Part A funds available to compensate programs that offer this service. - Assessing transportation is part of the standard and is in the contracts now. <p>The committee reviewed the current Medical Transportation Service Standards and discussed the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The document appears to have been not written with the client in mind as the language is not easy to interpret and is too technical. The Recipient's Office suggested reducing the complexity of the language is required to access these services. - The current document is too lengthy and filled with jargon that clients may not be interested in. It was recommended to shorten the document. - All the Service Standards are for both providers and clients. - Recommendation to update the document to list what is available and remove what is required and how it will be monitored. The monitoring 	<p>allowable, who/what/why/where/how, list what services place you on the eligible list</p>

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	<p>component should exist in another document meant for contracts.</p> <p>Recommendation to list the specific services that are allowable.</p>	
<p>c. Update: California Statewide Integrated Strategic Plan – Recipient’s Office</p> <p>i. Next steps</p>	<p>The Recipients’ Office provided an update on the progress and of the California Statewide Integrated Plan.</p>	<p>HPG SS will work with the Recipients’ Office to prepare a presentation on a crosswalk document that outlines the status of progress and the next steps for the committee meeting in August.</p>
<p>9. New Business</p>		
<p>a. Chair recruitment</p>	<p>The committee chair noted there will be many committee chair vacancies beginning in September and that chairs of the committees need to be a HPG member and be a member of the Steering Committee. This committee will need to find a chair and co-chair. Committee members should think of recommendations on who should take this position. Shannon Ransom’s seat is terming out in September 2024, so her last meeting will be in August.</p>	
<p>b. Discussion: HIV and Aging</p>	<p>The committee brainstormed on what HIV and Aging should look like within the service standards and discussed the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - There will be an HIV and Aging Conference in San Diego from September 18-20th. - A committee member has a network of providers, social workers, and other professionals of interest that can be brought together to have this discussion. - The Recipients Office noted that care coordination, 	<p>HPG SS to distribute the information on the upcoming HIV and Aging conference.</p> <p>The Recipients’ Office to work with the Medical Standards and Evaluation Committee (MSEC) Chair to add the recommended components into the medical service standards.</p>

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	<p>behavioral healthcare, and housing may be topics of strong interest to consider addressing within this group. The Recipient’s Office is open to working together to organize trainings on these topics.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A participant recommended having focus groups with consumers would be a great way to look into what services are needed. - A participant recommended having a senior advisor to coordinate housing issues. - There is a section in the needs assessment specifically geared towards the aging population. - People aging with HIV feel isolated, so it is important to take this into account when planning services. - How can housing needs be supported? - How do we ensure that people living with HIV don’t get lost in the system. - Testing resources and education need to be geared towards an aging population. <p>Recipients Office and this committee should share responsibilities on how to move forward.</p>	
<p>c. Draft Work Plan for FY 25 (March 1, 2024 – February 28, 2025)</p>	<p>August additions to the work plan will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - HIV and Aging - Statewide Integrated Strategic Plan - Review and approval of draft transportation standards. 	<p>HPG SS to add the integrated plan presentation to the August meeting agenda.</p>

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	Review of Mental Health Service Standards has been moved to October.	
10. Routine Business		
a. Discussion: Recommendations from Priority Setting & Resource Allocation Committee (PSRAC)	None.	
11. Recommendations to the HIV Planning Group (HPG), HPG committees, and requests of the Recipient	<p>The Recipients' Office noted that the Status Neutral Initiative has been renamed the Whole Person Approach to Care. It is a competitive application process that the San Diego County was one of four in the United States to be awarded.</p> <p>The County is experiencing a large influx of refugees and asylum seekers with a high rate of being HIV positive. This is important to monitor and address.</p> <p>A committee member recommended a focus on the youth population. There are youth who are not able to navigate the system and continue with Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP) either orally or injections. If feasible, gather data on this demographic to inform where we can provide better services to them.</p>	<p>Presentation on the goals of the funding at a future committee meeting.</p> <p>HPG SS to work with the Recipients' Office to provide data that are available on the refugee population.</p>
ACTION: Extend today's meeting time to 4:45 PM	<p>Motion: Extend today's meeting time to 4:45 PM. M/S/C: Davenport/Weber/6-0 Abstentions: None Motion carries</p>	
12. Suggested items for future committee agenda a. Anti-racism statement	Request the Community Engagement Group (CEG) to review and revise the anti-racism	HPG SS will add this to the CEG agenda for September 2024.

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	statement and then send for review by the HPG.	
13. Announcements	<p>There will be a panel discussion on research at UCSD tomorrow, in person and virtual. Contact Mikie Lochner if you are interested.</p> <p>Today is Dr. Wooten’s last day at the County as the Public Health Officer. She will be replaced by the Interim Deputy Public Health Officer, Dr. Kadakia.</p>	
14. Next meeting date	<p>Date: Tuesday, August 6, 2024 Time: 3:00 PM – 4:30 PM Location: In-person and via Zoom Southeastern Live Well Center, 5101 Market Street, San Diego, CA 92114 (Tubman Chavez Room C)</p>	
15. Adjournment	Meeting adjourned at 4:45 PM.	