



SAN DIEGO HIV PLANNING GROUP (HPG)
MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE
MEETING PACKET
WEDNESDAY, JULY 12, 2023, 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM
COUNTY OPERATION CENTER (COC)
5560 OVERLAND AVE, (ROOM 172) SAN DIEGO, CA 92123

The Charge of the Membership Committee: Committee: To recruit, interview, select and coordinate training for Planning Group Members.

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Membership Committee

When: Wednesday, July 12 from 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Where: San Diego County Operations Center (COC)

5560 Overland Avenue San Diego, CA 92123

Training Room 172 (5560 Building)



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From 163 Freeway:

1. From 163, exit onto Clairemont Mesa Blvd – *Eastbound*
2. Turn left onto Overland Ave.

From I-15 Freeway:

1. From 15, exit onto Clairemont Mesa Blvd – *Westbound*
2. Turn right onto Ruffin Rd
3. Turn left onto Hazard Way

Or

1. From 15, exit onto Clairemont Mesa Blvd – *Westbound*
2. Turn right onto Overland Ave

****ATTN:**

Please note that directions depicted on given directions to location may not reflect info on the MTS phone application.

Refer to HPG directions and County Operations Center map provided for detailed instructions on how to get to meeting location. Additional resource map available from County Operations Center on **PAGE 4**.

Via MTS/Public Transportation:



From Ruffin Road:

1. Head north towards Ruffin Road.
2. Turn left on Farnham Street.
Access to County Operations Center buildings will be on your right.

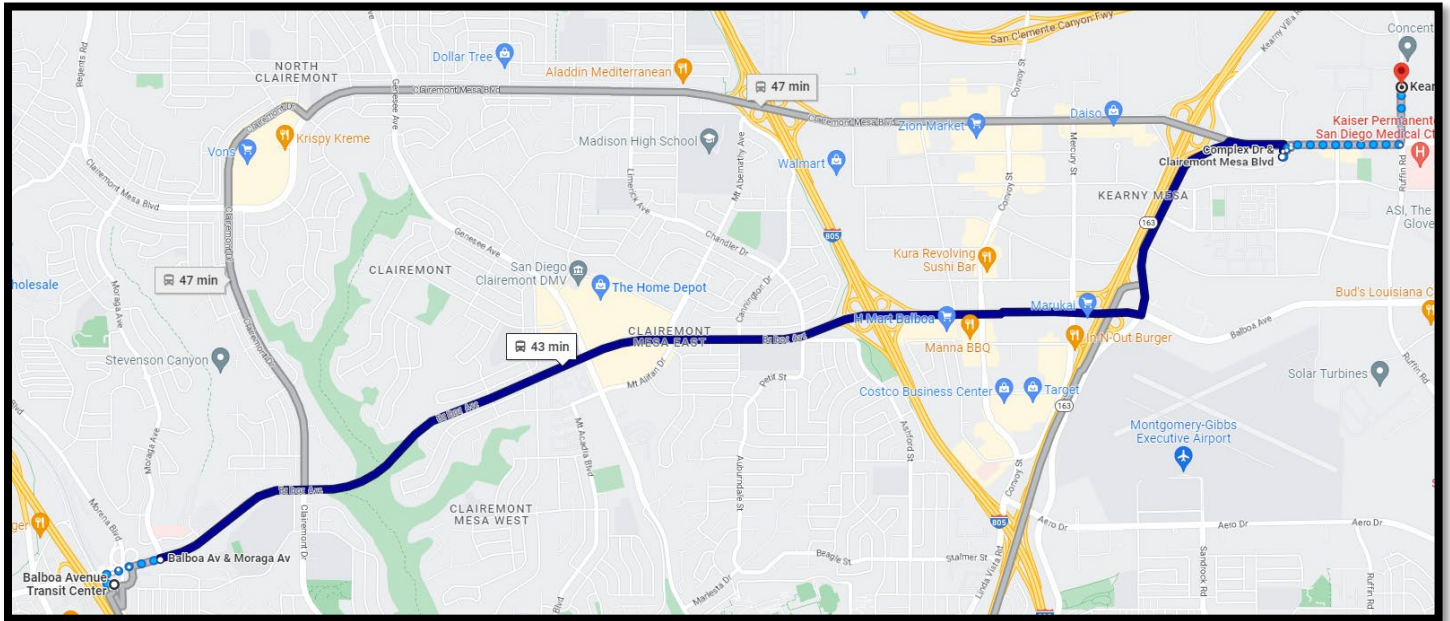
OR

2. Turn left on Hazard Way.
3. Enter through County Operations Center entrance/black gate and head further west.
Access to County Operations Center buildings will be on your left.

From Overland Avenue:

1. Head north on Overland Ave.
2. Enter east through County Operations Center entrance/black gate.
3. Turn left on pedestrian walkway. Building 5560 will be on your left.

**Full Route from Balboa Ave Transit Center to Overland Ave
(if coming off Blue Line trolley):**



If Using Trolley & Bus:

1. Take the [Blue Trolley Line](#) to the [Balboa Avenue Transit Center](#).
2. Walk to **Balboa Ave & Moraga Ave** bus stop (about 7-minute walk, 0.3 miles).
3. Take **Route 27** bus from **Balboa Ave & Moraga Ave** to **Complex Dr & Clairemont Mesa Blvd**.
4. Head north on Complex Dr.
5. Cross the street and turn right on Clairemont Mesa Blvd (after U.S. Bank Branch on the right).
6. Cross the street and turn left onto Overland Ave. and head north.
7. Enter east through County Operations Center entrance/black gate.
8. Building 5560 will be on your left.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES:

County Operations Center (COC) CAMPUS MAP



County of San Diego
County Operations Center

5500-5595 Overland Avenue, 9325-9355 Hazard Way
San Diego, CA 92123

(858) 694-3610

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Directions to the
County Operations Center
5500-5600 Overland Avenue
9325-9355 Hazard Way
San Diego, 92123

From the North or South (Airport)

From **163**, exit onto Clairemont Mesa Blvd. Eastbound
Turn Left (North) onto Overland Avenue
From **I-15**, exit onto Clairemont Mesa Blvd. Westbound

*All: To access Parking Structure from Overland turn right
onto Farnham Street. Parking Structure is on the left.

From the East or West

From **52**, exit onto Ruffin Road Southbound
Turn Right (West) onto Farnham Street

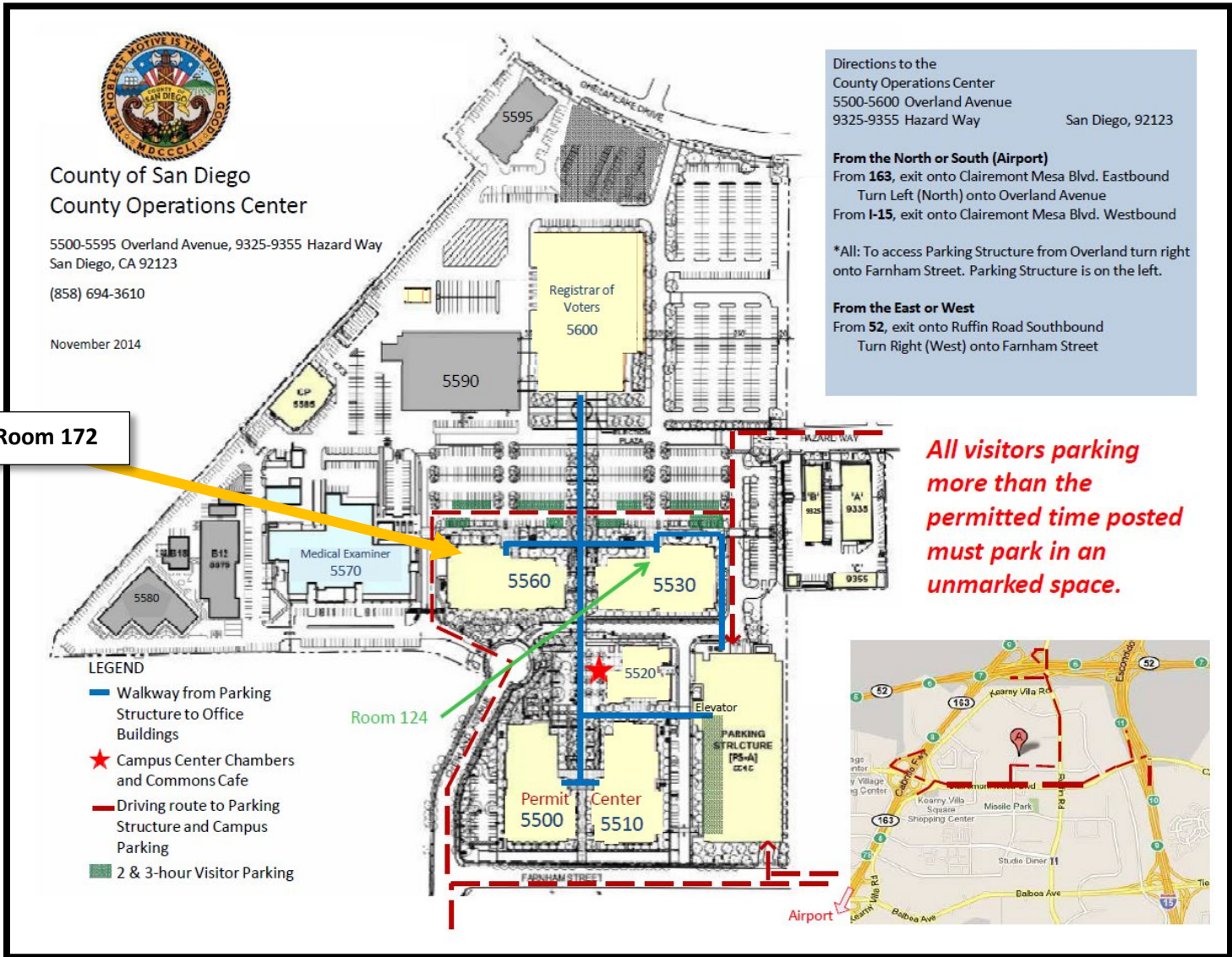
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LEGEND

- Walkway from Parking Structure to Office Buildings
- Campus Center Chambers and Commons Cafe
- Driving route to Parking Structure and Campus Parking
- 2 & 3-hour Visitor Parking

Room 124



County Operations Center (COC) CAMPUS DIRECTORY



5500 Permit Center

Environmental Health and Quality
San Diego County Credit Union
Public Works Engineering
Parks & Recreation
Aging & Independence Services
24/7 Library To Go

5510 Permit Center

Planning and Development Services
Public Works
SanGIS

5520 Campus Center

Campus Center - Chambers
Campus Center - Commons

5530

Primary Public Defender
Alternate Public Defender
County Counsel/Juvenile Dependency
Human Resources
Sheriff Detention Medical Services
Auditor & Controller
Revenue & Recovery

5560

County Library
Public Administrator
Public Guardian
Public Conservator
Purchasing & Contracting
Sheriff Data & Computer Training
Security Services

5560 cont.

Property Manager
Aging & Independence Services
General Services
County Fire/EMS

5570

Medical Examiner
Environmental Health & Quality
- Vector/HIRT
Public Health Services
- Laboratory

5590

Crime Lab

5595

Sheriff Wireless Services
General Services Maintenance

5600

Registrar of Voters
County Mail Center
Probation

5610

General Services Fleet

9325

Agriculture, Weights, & Measures

9335

University of California Cooperative Extension
Vital Records
Public Health Services



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WEDNESDAY, JULY 12, 2023, 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM
COUNTY OPERATION CENTER (COC)
5560 OVERLAND AVE. (ROOM 172) SAN DIEGO, CA 92123

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Meeting ID: 133 686 8789

Password: Member.20

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A quorum for this meeting is Three (3)

Committee Members: Bob Lewis (Chair), Mikie Lochner, Regina Underwood, Rhea Van Brocklin

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Call to order, roll call, comments from the chair
2. Public comment on non-agenda items (for members of the public)
3. Sharing our concerns (for committee members)
4. **ACTION:** Approve the Membership Committee agenda for July 12, 2023
5. **ACTION:** Approve the Membership Committee minutes for May 10, 2023
6. Review follow-up items from the last meeting
7. **ACTION:** New Applications: Rhea Van Brocklin 2nd Term Reappointment Application
8. Old Business:
 - a. Getting to Zero (GTZ) 3-Year Action Plan
 - i. Membership Committee Plan/Strategy for Recruitment
 - b. Focused Recruitment
 - i. Open Seats
 - ii. New Committee Members
 - iii. Underrepresented Groups – Demographics
 - iv. Consumer Recruitment
 - c. Term Expired Dates

9. New Business:
 - a. Discussion and review: Membership Committee Operating Guidelines
 - b. Discussion and review: Membership Application
10. Routine Business
 - a. Attendance
 - b. Mentor Appointments
 - i. Evaluation Appointments
 - ii. Discussion: How to bring current HPG members into the Mentorship Program
11. Suggested items for the future committee agenda
12. Announcements
13. Next meeting date: **August 9, 2023, from 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM.**
Location: **County Operation Center (COC) 5560 Overland Ave. (Training Room 172) San Diego, CA 92123**
14. Adjournment



SAN DIEGO
 HIV PLANNING GROUP
 SAN DIEGO HIV PLANNING GROUP (HPG)
 MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE
 MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, MAY 10, 2023, 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM
 COUNTY OPERATION CENTER (COC)
 5560 OVERLAND AVE. (ROOM 171) SAN DIEGO, CA 92123

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Present: Bob Lewis, Mikie Lochner, Regina Underwood

Absent: Rhea Van Brocklin

Agenda Item	Action	Follow-up
1. Call to order	Bob Lewis called the meeting to order at 11:02 a.m. and noted that a quorum was established.	
2. Public Comment/Non-committee members' comment	Welcome back to Bob Lewis.	
3. Action: Review and approve the March 8, 2023 agenda	Motion: Approve the May 10, 2023 meeting agenda as presented. M/S/C: Lochner/Underwood 2/0 Abstentions: Lewis Motion: Carries	
4. Action: Review and approve the February 8, 2023 meeting minutes	Action: Approve the March 8, 2023 meeting minutes as presented. M/S/C: Lochner/Underwood 2/0 Abstentions: Lewis Motion carries	
5. Old Business		
a. Discussion: HPG in-person meeting logistics	Review the schedule for Priority Setting Resource Allocation and Strategies and	

Agenda Item	Action	Follow-up
	<p>Standard -alternate every other month Steering 3:00-4:30 pm. HPG will remain monthly The membership committee discussed reducing meeting frequency to every other month, possibly meeting monthly when new applications are received, or conducting interviews. The Group decided to stay monthly until we have more membership participation.</p> <p>The committee recommended having a membership contact list with term seat expiration date information.</p> <p>The committee discussed how to strengthen participation and what makes the Ryan White process different by making the consumers our priority.</p>	
<p>b. Getting to Zero (GTZ) 3-Year Action Plan</p>		
<p>i. Membership Committee Plan/Strategy for Recruitment (Dr. Jacobs)</p>	<p>Dr. Jacobs led a discussion of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consumer recommendations: • set the goals for recruitment since many long-term members will term out in 2024 • How to keep members engaged • How can we make HPG a more welcoming and warmer place for members/consumers • How to better support the community and their needs <p>• The committee recommended asking members' input on "What is HPG" messaging to support recruitment efforts. All ideas and recommendations should be forwarded to Joyce Ann.</p> <p>• Strategies to increase participation in the Community Engagement Committee, including 1) – meetings in each of the regions; 2) including food; and 3) enhancing fun & social aspects and feedback opportunities at each</p>	<p>What is HPG? - please forward your idea to Joyce Ann.</p> <p>Bob will contact Patrick regarding the HPG planning group website permission and restrictions.</p>

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	<p>part with the HPG leadership and committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expanding the leadership training program at Christie’s Place as a recruitment tool. • HPG marketing materials to provide at clinics <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Trifold ○ Open Opportunities Sheet • Enhance the HPG website using personalized stories and more inviting images. • Explore Separate taskforce – HPG Support Staff will look for old planning council – S-drive and past methods used to encourage consumer participation • Remind the Chairs that we need to promote/ recruit more members. • HPG meeting time to talk about recruitment and participation • Ryan White providers don’t see value for themselves in consumer participation • Other meetings and groups to assist with recruitment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Regina Underwood - Monthly meeting Ryan White People of Color Case management meeting ○ Lori Jones - Prevention providers ○ Bob - Clinical Quality Management meetings ○ Amy Applebaum - Case management <p>The committee member questioned the possibility of providing gift cards to recruit new members; the discussion will continue at the next Steering meeting. The committee also recommends to asked those who will be terming out 2024 to come to</p>	

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	<p>Membership and brainstorms ideas to find a replacement.</p> <p>The Board will approve the New HPG Bylaws changes of Supervisors on June 13th</p> <p>Have a Co-chair for meetings and share responsibility – and knowledge?</p> <p>Schedule a meeting with Allan, Dr. Jacobs, and Mikie for at least 2x year – consumer needs and membership committees are both facing low membership participation.</p>	
c. Focused Recruitment		
i. Open Seats	Reviewed	
ii. New Committee Members	Reviewed	
iii. Underrepresented Groups (demographics)	Reviewed and pending the regional data	HPG Support Staff will ask Dr. Tweeten for the regional data
iv. Consumer Recruitment	Reviewed	
d. Terms Expired Dates	The committee discussed that a third of the HPG membership would be terming out by Sept 2024. The HPG Chair recommended inviting those who will be released in 2024 to come and join the Membership committee to create a recruitment plan to fill the seat they are vacating.	
6. Review Attendance		
a. HPG Attendance	Committee Chair recommended emailing those who have missed more than four consecutive meetings.	HPG Support Staff will inform the committee chair to send out the absent meeting reminders
b. Committee Attendance	The committee questioned Abigail West Non-voting and how it plays a role in the new bylaws.	HPG Support Staff will review the Bylaws language for Abigail West Seat 29
7. New Business		
a. Action Item: Approve the updated Membership	Table until the bylaws are approved	

Agenda Item	Action	Follow-up
Committee Operating Guidelines		
b. Discussion: Review and update the HPG Membership Application		HPG Support Staff America Gonzalez will make the changes to the membership application
c. Discussion: Requirements of completion of HPG Membership Application	Committee members recommended making the Membership application changes after the changes in the HPG bylaws on June 13 th	
d. Discussion: Eliminate Hepatitis C Virus (HCV) Task Force – HPG Member participation		Chair Bob Lewis will communicate with Patrick regarding the HCV.
8. Routine Business		
a. Mentor Appointments		
i. Evaluation for Mentors/Prospective Mentors	Table	
ii. Continue discussion: How to bring current HPG members into the Mentorship program.	Table	
9. Agenda items for future meetings	Review Membership applications, Committee guidelines, and mentorship guidelines.	
10. Announcement	None	
11. Next Meeting Date	June meeting was canceled.	
12. Adjourn	Meeting adjourned at 5:05 p.m.	

Brief Listing Consumer Recommendations & Committee Progress thru June 2023

Background

The San Diego County HIV Planning Group's (HPG) *Community Engagement Project for Getting to Zero and Ending the HIV Epidemic* began in January 2020 and the recommendations continue to help to guide HPG planning and HPG committee work. The Consumer Recommendations and the 2022-23 committee progress are contained in this report. HPG has envisioned a 3-year Action Plan to incorporate this consumer feedback and 2022-23 is year 1 of this 3-year Action Plan. A total of 30 Action Items were presented for HPG Committees to address. 40% of items (12 items) were fully completed, An additional 30% (9 items) are currently in various stages of completion in the committee process; and 30% (9 items) remain not yet addressed by the committees. Items and their completion status are listed in this report. Finally, consultant observations and recommendations are provided at the end of this report.

Community Engagement Methodology

This project included **160 community participants** living with or vulnerable to HIV. Participation included: 1 large group, in-person community member event (98 participants), 2 rounds of extended key informant telephone interviews (64 participants), 12 Advisory Committee meetings, 32 small regional team meetings, and a final framework for a 3-year action plan for HPG implementation. The final action plan contains 11 recommendations for addressing consumer needs and redressing disparities in late HIV diagnoses, retention in care and viral suppression rates.

Participant Demographics & Descriptors

- ¾ participants living with HIV, ¼ participants vulnerable to HIV
- 78% identified as MSM, 8% of participants identified as women, and 14% as Transgender/Nonbinary.
- 77% of interview participants identified as community members of color: 36% as Black/African American; 36% as Latinx; 20% as White; and 6% as Bi-racial;
- Ages of participants ranged from 20-71 years of age
- Among interview participants, 70% endorsed a history of **one of the following experiences** -
 - Substance use (primarily alcohol and/or methamphetamine)
 - or homelessness & food insecurity,
 - or significant traumatic experiences
 - or mental health symptoms.
- For 11% of the 70% indicating at least one of the above difficulties, the use of drugs included injection drug use.
- Further, among the 70% endorsing at least one of above, 83% of those participants discussed a history **that included all of the above experiences** - not only drug and alcohol use, but also struggles with homelessness, food insecurity, significant traumatic experiences, and mental health symptoms.
- 90% of **those indicating all of the experiences** above also indicated periodic struggles to remain in HIV care and adherent to medication protocols.

Consumer Recommendations Overview

Participants appeared very engaged and thoughtful. Responses were focused both on broad themes including: experiences which have created and reinforced care system mistrust, the need for greater transparency and improved communication about available resources, and the need for greater access to mental health and substance use treatment resources. Participants also offered descriptions of their every-day challenges in prioritizing their healthcare and the barriers to accessing the systems of HIV care, as well as their suggestions for improvements that might reduce those barriers. These suggestions included improved workforce representation, enhanced communications and improved access to service and health information, greater and more rapid access to mental health and substance use treatments, greater and more rapid access to basic support resources (housing, food, transportation, emergency financial assistance), improved access to peer navigators, and access to social support groups and reduced duplicative, confusing bureaucratic barriers to service.

GTZ Consumer Recommendations & Committee Progress thru June 2023

<p>Recommendation 1: Acknowledge and address medical system mistrust</p>
<p>REPRESENTATION</p> <p>1a. Ensure progress toward a contracted HIV service-delivery workforce representative of those living with and at higher risk for HIV in San Diego County and ensure ongoing recruitment, support and retention of this representative workforce</p> <p>PROGRESS: Completed. Cultural Humility and Competence Standards including instruction to service providers to “Recruit staff members with lived experience at all levels of the organization and provide appropriate supports to ensure their success.”</p>
<p>1b. Acknowledge systemic racism, missteps, mistakes and harms of the past and ensure plans are created and implemented to ensure ongoing training to help to ensure this past is not repeated.</p> <p>PROGRESS: Partially completed. Anti-racist Retreat conducted, now awaiting consultant recommendations for further training or dialogues.</p>
<p>1c. WORKFORCE TRAINING CULTURAL HUMILITY, TRAUMA INFORMED CARE</p> <p>Provide access via links to enhanced, skill-based trainings to HIV service-delivery staff which improve the ability to consistently communicate cultural respect, knowledge and humility, as well as the skills required for trauma-informed care.</p>
<p>Recommendation 2: Improve communications and outreach strategies for those living with and at higher risk for HIV who live, work or participate in historically-underserved, Low Information communities.</p>
<p>2a. Use multiple communications platforms and outreach strategies to better provide HIV services information to HIV community members and historically-underserved communities impacted in San Diego County, including the following HIV services information: What services are available? Where are services located? Who is eligible for services? What is the cost of services to the eligible community member? What is the contact information for scheduling or for more information? This recommendation is intended to proactively provide the information to the community rather than placing the burden of information seeking solely on consumers.</p> <p>PROGRESS: Partially completed and ongoing. Enhanced Communication Plan begun and continuing weekly via email and social media. Awaiting app completion and deployment. Awaiting completion of services App.</p>
<p>2b. Provide increased and readily available basic health information to low information, historically-underserved community members and communities, including: What is early disease detection and why is it important? Where is HIV, HCV, STD testing available? What is PrEP and who is eligible? Importance of early connection to HIV treatment and medication, What does an undetectable viral load mean for transmission of HIV? Information regarding mental health or substance use treatment (both out-patient and residential treatment).</p> <p>PROGRESS: Completed and ongoing. Health messaging via social media begun and continuing X2 monthly.</p>
<p>Recommendation 3: Ensure that all HIV community members have opportunities for equitable access to tele-health appointments and to participation in public meetings, address the digital disparities present for those with lower-income who are also living with or at higher risk for HIV</p>
<p>3a. For low-income HIV consumers, and HPG members, who have not been able to access County or City digital resource programs, provide opportunities to gain access to affordable or no-cost, broadband internet connectivity and the hardware necessary to participate in healthcare appointments and public meeting opportunities.</p> <p>PROGRESS: Completed and ongoing. Addressed via standards to allow telehealth to continue (as appropriate) and to provide for access to internet and hardware to those who need it.</p>
<p>3b. For those HIV community members who have experienced digital disparities, provide information regarding virtual training opportunities to learn digital/virtual skills that can allow them to more easily participate in virtual meetings and resources.</p> <p>Recommendation 4: Provide increased mental health and alcohol/substance use treatment opportunities for those living with or at higher risk for HIV. Additionally, more widely communicate information about these opportunities to HIV community members.</p>
<p>4a. Coordinating with the existing harm reduction task force, provide guidance to contracted HIV service providers designed to increase the availability of harm reduction services for substance misuse treatment.</p> <p>PROGRESS: Completed and ongoing. Guidance provided</p>

<p>4b. Expand and augment the current syringe exchange program(s) in San Diego County to allow services to be provided for an increased number of community members (including HIV community members) and to include more opportunities for connection to additional needed services (i.e., wound care, MAT, Case management, vaccinations, etc.)</p> <p>PROGRESS: Completed approval syringe exchange (BOS), 2 programs up in County and ongoing.</p>
<p>4c. Coordinating with County drug and alcohol services personnel, ensure the design and implementation of a coordinated system for rapid response for HIV community members who desire to enter substance use residential or out-patient treatment.</p>
<p>4d. In light of reported treatment disruptions which often occur for those without secure housing, design and deploy more rapid interventions for consumers, particularly when insecure housing and either substance misuse or mental health symptoms are co-occurring.</p>
<p>4e. Investigate the current opportunities for substance use treatment for methamphetamine and, if inadequate opportunities exist, expand those available.</p>
<p>4f. Continue to increase the opportunities for same-site location of medical providers, mental health providers and alcohol/substance use counselors for those living with or at higher risk for HIV.</p>
<p>4g. In collaboration with UCSD and AETC, provide links and resources for skill-based training for HIV service personnel regarding the stigmatizing behaviors faced by substance using HIV community members and ways to reduce those stigmatizing behaviors within the health care system itself.</p> <p>Recommendation 5: More consistently provide rapid access to basic support services: housing, food, transportation, emergency financial assistance including shut-off & eviction prevention. Additionally, more widely communicate information about these opportunities and the processes to access them.</p>
<p>5a. Chief among those mentioned and directly related to community members' ability to meaningfully participate consistently in health care is Housing.</p> <p>PROGRESS: Partially completed and continuing. Emergency Housing resources increased and continuing to monitor. Continuing to monitor PARS. Awaiting guidance/outcome of transportation recommendations.</p> <p>Recommendation 6: Continue to expand the opportunities to hire, support and utilize peer navigators, peer health educators, peer outreach specialists, benefits navigators, and housing specialists.</p> <p>PROGRESS: Partially completed. Peer Navigation deployed, awaiting housing case management and benefits specialists.</p> <p>Recommendation 7: Design, integrate and deploy strategies to address the stigmas faced by HIV community members; including the multiple layers of stigma faced by those living with HIV who are also Black and Latino MSM, Transgender persons, Immigrants who may be under-documented or undocumented, those struggling with mental health symptoms or alcohol/substance use challenges or those without stable housing.</p>
<p>7a. Increase opportunities/programs for participation in Psychosocial Support Groups for those living with or at higher risk for HIV who may, as a function of family or community stigma, have fewer social supports.</p> <p>PROGRESS: Partially completed. Provided funding for Psychosocial support groups category but not yet deployed.</p> <p>Recommendation 8: Increase the number of HIV service sites that have the capacity for whole person-whole health services including PrEP, mental health services, substance use treatment services, hormone treatment, case management, and housing resources. This should include the capacity for coordinated, integrated, same-day, appointments when requested.</p> <p>PROGRESS: Partially completed. Standard approved to ensure inclusion of Transgender/Nonbinary clients and hormone treatments. Coordinated service centers include mental health and substance use treatment services. Same-day appts not yet widely available to those who prefer them.</p> <p>Recommendation 9: Design, create and execute improved community engagement and outreach strategies that utilize community organizing principles and personal relationship building. Strategies should include: transportation and meal reimbursements, as well as appropriate and respectful incentives, engaging, interesting meeting opportunities for planning participation and routine report-outs regarding what has been done with HIV community feedback.</p> <p>Recommendation 10: Revise and refine the documentation processes that create a barrier to access services for persons living with or at increased risk for HIV.</p>
<p>10a. Reduce the duplication of forms and paperwork required to access HIV services.</p>

PROGRESS: Awaiting completion of reduced paperwork process for initial/renewal RW eligibility.

10b. Explore use of an electronic signature system that does not require in-person, wet signatures for eligibility or authorization forms.

PROGRESS: Not available at this time in RW or County systems.

Recommendation 11: Design and deploy a variety of brief, on-line trainings for those living with or at higher risk for HIV. Trainings include but are not be limited to: what is the HIV Planning Group and options for involvement; What is the HPG Consumer group and how to get involved; What are HPG committees and how to get involved; How to effectively advocate for the HIV community.

HIV Planning Group Membership Open Seats:

- Persons Living with HIV/AIDS who use Ryan White Part A service (employees or board members of a Ryan White funded service provider not eligible for this category)
Unaffiliated Consumer - 10 open seats
- Prevention Intervention Representative Formerly: Risk Reduction Activities Representative
- Prevention Services Consumer
- Representative appointed by the Board of Supervisors District 1
- Representative appointed by the Board of Supervisors District 5
- Representative of the Hospital Planning Agency or Health Care Planning Agency
- Representative of State Government- State Medicaid (Medi-Cal) program

	Name	SEAT NAME	Member Term Expires:	Term 1&2
1	Michael Wimpie	Unaffiliated consumer 1	5/21/2027	2
2	VACANT	Unaffiliated consumer 2		Officially Vacant since 6/23/2023
3	Tyra Fleming	Unaffiliated consumer 3	3/10/2023	1
4	Cinnamen Kubricky	Unaffiliated consumer 4	11/2/2025	1
5	VACANT	Unaffiliated consumer 5		
6	VACANT	Unaffiliated consumer 6		
7	Raul Robles	Unaffiliated consumer 7	9/13/2024	2
8	Allan Acevedo, JD	Unaffiliated consumer 8	4/6/2025	1
9	VACANT	Unaffiliated consumer 9		
10	VACANT	Unaffiliated consumer 10		
11	VACANT	Unaffiliated consumer 11		
12	VACANT	Unaffiliated consumer 12		
13	VACANT	Unaffiliated consumer 13		
14	VACANT	Unaffiliated consumer 14		
15	VACANT	Unaffiliated consumer 15		
16	Mikie Lochner	Chairperson	6/23/2024	1
17	Robert Lewis	Healthcare Provider, including Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC)	9/13/2024	2
18	Rhea Van Brocklin	Community-based organization serving affected populations and AIDS service organization	10/15/2023	1
19	Regina Underwood	Social Service Provider, including providers of housing and homeless services	9/13/2024	2
20	Dr. Delores Jacobs, PhD	Mental Health Provider Formerly a combined seat; now just Mental Health	9/13/2024	2
21	Pamela Highfill	Substance Abuse Treatment Provider Formerly a combined seat; now just Substance Abuse	2/8/2026	1
22	Adrienne Yancey	Local Public Health Agency: HHSA Director or Designee	5/2/2027	1
23	Dr. Winston Tilghman	Local Public Health Agency: Public Health Officer or Designee	10/18/2024	2
24	VACANT	Hospital Planning Agency or Health Care Planning Agency		
25	Karla Quedaza-Torres	Non-Elected Community Leader	9/13/2024	2
26	Estaban Martin Duarte	Prevention Services Consumer/Advocate	5/2/2027	1
27	VACANT	Prevention Services Consumer		
28	VACANT	State Government-State Medicaid		
29	Abigail West	State Government-CDPH Office of AIDS (OA) Part B	3/12/2027	2
30	Dr. David Grelotti	Recipient of RW Part C	3/10/2024	1
31	Dr. Stephen Spector	Recipient of RW PART D	1/14/2024	1

32	Amy Applebaum	Rep of individuals who formerly were federal, state, or local prisoners who were released from custody of the penal system during the preceding 3 yrs. and had HIV/AIDS as of date of release	9/13/2024	2
33	VACANT	Board of Supervisors Designee: District 1		
34	Alberto Cortes	Board of Supervisors Designee: District 2	7/19/2024	2
35	Dr. Beth Davenport, PhD	Board of Supervisors Designee: District 3	2/9/2025	1
36	Shannon Ransom (Hansen)	Board of Supervisors Designee: District 4	9/13/2024	2
37	VACANT	Board of Supervisors Designee: District 5		
38	Felipe Garcia-Bigley	Recipient of other Federal HIV Programs- Prevention Provider	10/11/2026	1
39	Moira Mar-Tang	Recipient of other Federal HIV Programs- Part F, AIDS Education and Training center and/or Ryan White Dental Provider	9/13/2024	2
40	Freddy Villafan	Recipient of other Federal HIV Programs- HOPWA / HUD	1/11/2026	1
41	Jeffery Weber	Recipient of other Federal HIV Programs- Veterans Administration	12/13/2026	1
42	James Rucker	HIV Testing Representative	6/23/2024	1
43	VACANT	Prevention Intervention Representative Formerly: Risk Reduction Activities Representative		
44	Venice Price	Affected community including people with HIV/AIDS, member of a federally recognized Indian tribe as represented in the population, individual co-infected with Hep B or C, and historically underserved group and/or subpopulation	8/17/2025	1

**SAN DIEGO HIV PLANNING GROUP (HPG)
MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE
OPERATING GUIDELINES**

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APPLICATION PROCESS:

Application

The Membership Committee works in conjunction with the Steering Committee and the HIV Planning Group (HPG) to recommend members for seats on the HPG that do not require direct appointment from the Board of Supervisors. Appointed seats, such as those appointed by governmental entities do not go through the Membership and Steering Committees and HPG. Rather, those applications are handled by the HIV, STD and Hepatitis Branch (HSHB) of Public Health Services. All HPG members, regardless of how they are appointed, must submit an application.

The process begins with the membership application which can be found on the HPG website www.sdplanning.org. Applications are available at all public meetings of the HPG and its committees. A completed application includes an application, at least one letter of reference and a brief biography of the applicant. The biography should be one paragraph written by the applicant. The biography is presented as written to the Membership Committee, the Steering Committee and the HPG for review. No interview shall occur without a completed application. Completed applications are submitted to HPG support staff. The application can be submitted via email, fax, mail or in person. Applications received in Spanish are translated by a professional translator coordinated by support staff and certified by the applicant.

The committee monitors membership, composition and attendance, and recommend applicants for appointment through an open nominations process, which includes recruiting widely, clarifying the membership criteria, publicizing the membership criteria, addressing conflict of interest requirements, using an application form, maintaining an active committee and providing recommendations to the Steering Committee and HPG for recommendations to the Board of Supervisors. The solicitation of nominations for consideration for appointment to the HPG through an open nominations process is required in the Ryan White legislation and detailed in the HPG Bylaws.

Screening

After reviewing the application to ensure completeness, support staff provides the application to the committee to conduct an initial screening to assess if the applicant meets requirements for a current

vacant seat on the HPG. If the applicant meets all the requirements for an open seat, the applicant is invited to participate in an interview with the committee. If the application is submitted for an Unaffiliated Consumer seat, support staff provides the applicant with a list of Ryan White Part A providers to ensure the applicant is receiving services from at least one of the service providers. If there is no open seat the applicant could potentially fill, or if applicant is a potential member for a seat that is not vacant at that time, the application is held on file. The applicant is referred to other opportunities to be involved in the planning process.

At least once a year, and as needed, the committee reviews applications of those not selected for HPG membership for any reason (incomplete application, ineligibility for a vacant seat, or the committee did not recommend membership at the initial interview). A completed application for membership on the HPG is reviewed by committee members when submitted and again one month prior to the interview, if needed. Support staff maintains a list of applications on file with the date the application was reviewed and seats the applicant is eligible to fill. Support staff with assistance and guidance from the committee maintains contact with non-selected applicants to ascertain if eligibility has changed and to inform applicant of opportunities for continued participation in the planning process by attending meetings and/or joining committee(s).

Interview

Interviews are conducted at the County Health Services Complex, or other designated location, by the committee members and are by invitation only. Interview invitations are extended via telephone or e-mail, and applicants are requested to respond within two weeks. If an applicant cannot appear for a scheduled interview, they are requested to provide notification of cancellation to support staff 48 hours prior to the scheduled interview time. Applicants may participate in one, or more, 30-45-minute interview(s) with the committee. Members of the public and persons who are not committee members may be present for the interview, though they are not permitted to participate in the questioning, discussion, scoring or voting. An applicant may be asked to wait outside of the conference room until the committee is prepared to begin their interview or after the interview is completed.

Committee Evaluation

The interview is conducted by committee members and consists of questions regarding knowledge and experience with HIV services in San Diego County. The committee members conducting the interview score the applicant's answers based on a scoring sheet (see Appendix 1). The score is based on an evaluation of the written application and the in-person interview. The evaluation form includes a place to recommend, or not recommend, an applicant. If an interviewer marks "NOT Recommended for HPG membership", they must include comments with an explanation, reason(s) and suggestions to prepare for a future interview.

After the interview, the total scores of all members scoring sheets are combined by support staff and the average score is shared with the committee. If the average score is over 14 out of 20, the applicant is voted on by the members to recommend or not recommend the applicant. If the average score is less than 14 out of 20, the committee members discuss areas where further effort or information could increase the score and any comments noted on the form related to not recommending an applicant, a vote occurs to recommend or not recommend the applicant. While the score is taken into consideration, the vote of the committee members is the deciding factor to move a recommendation for HPG membership forward to the Steering Committee. If an applicant is not recommended for HPG membership by the committee, they receive feedback at the time of the interview from the committee members with suggestions that may help the applicant prepare for a future interview. All applicants are encouraged to participate as a member of the public at HPG and committee meetings.

Approval Process

Applicants voted to be recommended as member of the HPG by the majority of the committee are forwarded to the Steering Committee for membership on the HPG. A summary of the committee recommendations is prepared by support staff and forwarded to the Steering Committee for consideration. If the Steering Committee concurs, the recommended applicant(s) are forwarded to the HPG for review and approval to forward to the Board of Supervisors. If recommended for membership by the HPG, the recommendation is forwarded to the Board of Supervisors via the standard process for the County of San Diego Health and Human Services Agency.

Once the applicant's information has been forwarded to the Board of Supervisors, they are considered a pending member of the HPG. Pending members are invited to sit at the table with other HPG

members, and can participate in discussion on all agenda items. Pending members are not permitted to vote on agenda items until they have been formally notified of their appointment by the Board of Supervisors. The average length of time to obtain approval from ranges between one and four months.

Board of Supervisors Appointment

Once appointed by the Board of Supervisors, the member receives an approval packet. The packet contains an appointment letter and a Form 700, which must be filed within 30 days from the appointment date. Support staff is available to assist members with the completion of forms. The member is be contacted by support staff to discuss the new member orientation schedule. complete required paperwork and solicit information about the members interest and availability to serve on committees. The appointee is then an HPG member and can participate in discussion at all meetings and may vote on matters at all HPG meetings.

TERMS AND SUBCOMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

HIV Subcommittee Appointments

Members of the HPG are appointed to one or more subcommittee(s) by the HPG chair, after review and recommendation from the Membership Committee, which includes a discussion of member's preference, availability, and needs of the HIV Planning Group. Support staff provides the subcommittee a summary of the member's preferences and availability to participate on subcommittee(s). Members of the public who are not HIV Planning Group members are also appointed by the HPG chair after a similar review by the Membership Committee.

End of Term and Second Term Process

For appointed HPG members, when members get within six (6) months of the end of the first term, the Membership Committee reviews the HPG members' attendance, participation and contribution to the HPG, its committees and the HIV planning process and membership composition and profile. The committee votes on each member to make a recommendation for the member to continue or not continue on to a second term on the HPG. The recommendation to continue for the member for a second term goes to the Steering Committee for approval, after which time it is forwarded to the HPG and subsequently the Board of Supervisors. The member is notified at each step of the process by support staff. Subsequently the member is either approved or not approved by the Board of

Supervisors to continue on to a second term on the HPG. The HPG member may continue on the HPG as a voting member until a replacement is made. The chair of the HPG sends a letter to the HPG member informing him/her of the end of his/her term on the HPG.

MONITORING ACTIVITIES

Attendance and Absence Notification

For HPG and committee attendance requirements please refer to the HPG Bylaws and the Subcommittee Guidelines. Two meetings prior to the point of recommendation for removal from the HPG based on the HPG Bylaws, the Membership Committee chair requests support staff to send the member a letter as a warning that the member is in jeopardy of being recommended for removal (see Appendix 2). One meeting prior to recommendation for removal from the HPG based on the HPG Bylaws, the Membership Committee chair or his/her designee contacts the member as a final warning that the member is in jeopardy of being recommended for removal from the HPG. The chair or designee emails support staff to confirm the person was contacted. Support staff maintains documentation and reports at monthly committee meetings on any attendance issues. If an HPG member misses the number of HPG meeting established in the HPG Bylaws for removal within a rolling 12-month period, the member is sent a letter by the HPG chair notifying the member a recommendation for vacating the seat is being sent to the Board of Supervisors via the Steering Committee (see Appendix 3). The member continues as a voting member of the HPG until removed by the Board of Supervisors.

Form 700

Per the HPG Bylaws, members are required to file a Statement of Economic Interest (Form 700) with the Clerk of the County Board of Supervisors within 90 days of appointment, each year by March 31 and upon leaving the HPG. HPG members who have not filed a Statement of Economic Interest by March 31 of each year shall be recorded in meeting minutes as absent and shall not be permitted to vote on matters before the HPG starting April 1. Members who are more than 90 days delinquent in filing a Statement of Economic Interest shall be notified that a letter recommending termination from the HPG is forwarded to the Board of Supervisors, via the Steering Committee. Beginning in January of each year HPG support staff assists HPG members with the filing of the required Statement of Interest and tracks which members have filed the form. Support staff tracks the date the Form 700 is

submitted and notifies the Membership Committee if the form is late and by how many days and/or months. The Membership Committee reviews the status of completion of Form 700s in March of each year.

Ethics Training

HPG members are required to complete a biennial (every two years) ethics training per the Fair Political Practices Commission and California Law AB1234. A free online training is offered on the California Fair Political Practices Commission website and may be accessed at <http://fppc.ca.gov/learn/public-officials-and-employees-rules-/ethics-training.html>. Members must remain online during the training for two (2) hours in order to obtain the completion certificate. Support staff assists HPG members in completing the training by referring members to resources, tracking HPG members' completion of the training and assisting members with no or limited internet access or who are mono-lingual Spanish speakers (with simultaneous interpretation) to complete the required training. Support staff tracks the date the ethics training is completed and notifies the Membership Committee if the training is late and by how many days and/or months.

Vacating Seats

The Membership Committee notifies the Steering Committee if there is a recommendation to vacate a seat on the HPG due to an HPG member not completing the Form 700 within 30 days of the due date, not completing the ethics training within 30 days of the due date, due to non-adherence to the attendance requirement outlined in the HPG Bylaws or if an issue is repeatedly reported of a member violating the standard of conduct. The HPG member may continue as a member of the HPG until replaced; however, the member's ability to vote is determined by the HPG Bylaws. The chair of the HPG sends a letter to the HPG member informing him/her of the end of his/her term on the HPG. Other committees may forward recommendations for removal from the HPG to the Membership Committee.

Standard of Conduct

Refer to the HPG Bylaws regarding the Standard of Conduct.

Appendix 1 HIV Planning Group Application and Interview Scoring Sheet

Interviewer: _____

Applicant Name: _____ Date: _____

Seat(s) Applied: _____

0	Does not meet requirement or irrelevant.	1	Partially meets requirement or somewhat relevant.	2	Fully meets requirements or greatly relevant.
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WRITTEN APPLICATION

Please rate applicant's			
1. Expressed understanding of teamwork and description of his/her ability to work constructively as a team member.	0	1	2
2. Special knowledge, skills or attributes and their benefit to the HIV Planning Group.	0	1	2
3. Expressed commitment to attend monthly HIV Planning Group and subcommittee meetings.	0	1	2
4. Letter of reference and the strength of his/her endorsement.	0	1	2
5. Overall ability to adequately address each question and fully complete the application packet.	0	1	2
6. Based on recent membership profile applicant represents an underrepresented area or group.	0	1	2

Written Application Score: _____

0	No answer given or answer completely irrelevant. No examples given.	1	Some points covered. Relevant information given. Some examples given.	2	Great answer. All points addressed. All examples and points relevant.
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INTERVIEW

Introductions and reminder to applicant that interview is open for public to attend but not participate			
7. Why are you interested in serving on the HIV Planning Group? What do you currently know about the HIV Planning Group, its' purpose and processes?	0	1	2
8. If appointed to the HIV Planning Group, what might be your approach to engaging members of the community in HIV Planning Group activities (e.g. speaking in public forums, special events, and committee involvement)?	0	1	2
9. Please describe your knowledge of HIV/AIDS services available in San Diego County and any significant connections you have with certain services or providers.	0	1	2
10. Please describe any work you have done in the community related to HIV awareness and prevention, including any special population.	0	1	2

Interview Score: _____

TOTAL WRITTEN APPLICATION SCORE + INTERVIEW SCORE (20 total points possible) = _____

<p>Please check applicable box:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Applicant Recommended for HPG Membership</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Applicant NOT Recommended for HPG Membership.</p> <p>Please provide comments, questions, concerns or discussion regarding the applicant and suggestions to support future interview (on the reverse side).</p>
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Please provide comments, questions, concerns or discussion regarding the applicant here.

Guideline for minimum scoring requirement to recommend for membership on the HPG: 14 out of 20. **If applicant did not meet scoring requirements, what additional experience/knowledge/training would be helpful for the applicant to consider in the future?**

For Planning Group Support Staff Only		
Applicant notified of results:		Date:
Other follow up:	Date sent:	Date approved:
Record all dates the applicant was contacted:		
Additional other comments, questions, concerns or issues to be addressed; include committee preferences and availability:		

Appendix 2

SAN DIEGO COUNTY HIV PLANNING GROUP

HIV, STD & Hepatitis Branch, MS: P505
3851 Rosecrans Street, Suite # 207
San Diego, CA 92110-3115

DATE

ADDRESS

Dear NAME,

Thank you for your participation in the HIV Planning Group. Your commitment to help San Diegans in need is greatly appreciated.

As you know, the HIV Planning Group (HPG) is responsible for planning services for people vulnerable to infection or transmission as well as living with HIV/AIDS in San Diego, and for allocating funding for these services under the federal Ryan White HIV/AIDS Treatment Extension Act of 2009 (RWTEA), Parts A and B as well as support planning for HIV prevention services.

In order for the HPG to achieve the best outcomes for the community it is essential that each member actively participate in the proceedings, and consistently attend publicly noticed meetings. As of DATE our records indicate that you have missed (#) HPG meetings in the past twelve (12) months. In accordance with the HPG Bylaws, you are at risk of not meeting the attendance requirement and your seat could be vacated.

The HPG and I thank you for your service and are available for any support you may need to help you increase your attendance. The Membership Committee and HPG support staff are dedicated to providing additional support for members who require reasonable accommodations to fulfill their attendance requirements.

We look forward to seeing you at the next scheduled HPG meeting on DATE AND TIME. Please do not hesitate to contact me, HPG support staff at (619) 293-4700 or (firstname.lastname@sdcounty.ca.gov) with any questions or concerns you may have regarding this matter.

Once again, thank you for your dedication and continued service to the San Diego HIV community. Your expertise and experience are assets to the HPG.

Sincerely,

(Signed)

(NAME)
Chair, Membership Committee
E:
XY/Support staff

Appendix 3

SAN DIEGO COUNTY HIV PLANNING GROUP

HIV, STD & Hepatitis Branch, MS: P505
3851 Rosecrans Street, Suite # 207
San Diego, CA 92110-3115

DATE

NAME
AFFILIATION
ADDRESS 1
ADDRESS 2
CITY, STATE ZIP

Dear NAME:

Upon reviewing San Diego HIV Planning Group (HPG) meeting attendance, the HPG Membership Committee determined your absences from regularly scheduled HPG meetings exceed the guidelines outlined in the HPG Bylaws.

There are many reasons why members miss HPG meetings, but the group has an important responsibility to plan and allocate resources for Ryan White Treatment Extension Act services and supports planning HIV prevention services in San Diego County. The HIV Planning Groups Bylaws affirm that absence from six regularly scheduled meetings in any 12-month period shall result in the vacancy of that seat. Given you have missed this number of meetings, your name has been forwarded to the County Board of Supervisors to have you removed from the HPG membership roster, and the HPG will begin to actively recruit someone else to fill the seat you occupied, "SEAT NAME" (SEAT NUMBER). You may continue as a member of the HPG; however your ability to vote is determined by the HPG Bylaws.

The HIV Planning Group and I thank you for your participation and service to the community. Please feel free to attend HPG meetings and/or reapply for HPG membership. Contact (NAME), HPG support staff, at (619) 293-47XX or (firstname.lastname@sdcounty.ca.gov) if you have any questions regarding this letter.

Thank you,

(Signed)

NAME
Chair, San Diego HIV Planning Group
XY/support staff

Cc: Chair, HIV Planning Group Membership Committee
Lead Health Planner, HIV Planning Group support staff
NAME, County Board of Supervisors



San Diego County HIV Planning Group (HPG)

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

The mission of the HIV Planning Group is to plan for the delivery of HIV services to reduce the impact of HIV. To help us process your membership application to the HIV Planning Group, please provide all of the information requested. You may enter N/A (not applicable) where appropriate. ***Please type or print clearly.*** If there is any part of the application that you do not understand, please contact HIV planning group support staff at the HIV, STD and Hepatitis Branch (HSHB) of Public Health Services at: 619-403-8899.

Section 1: Contact Information

Name:	
Home Address:	
City:	State:
ZIP Code:	
Home Phone Number: ()	
Current Employer (if applicable):	
Work Address:	
City:	State:
ZIP Code:	
Work Phone Number: ()	Cell Phone Number: ()
Accept Text Messages? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
E-mail Address: (personal) (work)	Fax Number (if available): ()
Please be aware that the HIV Planning Group is a public body. You will receive mail and phone calls from the HIV, STD and Hepatitis Branch and members of the HIV Planning Group. Would you prefer to receive phone calls, messages, and/or e-mail at home or at work?	
I prefer to receive phone calls and messages at: <input type="checkbox"/> Personal <input type="checkbox"/> Work <input type="checkbox"/> Cell	
I prefer to receive email at: <input type="checkbox"/> Personal <input type="checkbox"/> Work	

Section 2: Personal Information

The composition of the HIV Planning Group is required to (1) reflect the demographics of the HIV/AIDS epidemic in San Diego County, (2) include representation from a range of federally mandated categories and 3) include representation from impacted communities. The gender, race/ethnicity, and HIV status categories on this form are those required by our federal funding sources to monitor and measure reflectiveness and representation on the HIV Planning Group. By providing information for the following sections A-J, you will help ensure the HIV Planning Group reflects parity, inclusion and representation (PIR) of those impacted by HIV/AIDS in San Diego County.

A. I am:				
<input type="checkbox"/> Male	<input type="checkbox"/> Transman	<input type="checkbox"/> Non-Binary	<input type="checkbox"/> Decline to Answer	
			<input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____	
B. <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/> Transwoman <input type="checkbox"/> Gender Non-Conforming				
B. I am a person living with HIV/AIDS: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Decline to Answer				
(NOTE: This information will only be available to the HIV Planning Group Membership Committee and support staff.)				
If "yes," as a member of the HIV Planning Group, I am willing to self-identify as a person living with HIV/AIDS?				
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No				
C. My race is (please check most prominent):				
<input type="checkbox"/> American Indian or Alaskan Native	<input type="checkbox"/> Black / African American	<input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic / Latino / Chicano	<input type="checkbox"/> More than one race	<input type="checkbox"/> Decline to Answer
<input type="checkbox"/> Asian	<input type="checkbox"/> Native Hawaiian / Other Pacific Islander	<input type="checkbox"/> White / Caucasian	<input type="checkbox"/> Unknown/Other	
D.				
D. My ethnicity is:				
E. <input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic or Latino <input type="checkbox"/> Not Hispanic or Latino <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown/Other <input type="checkbox"/> Decline to Answer				
E. My date of birth is: ____/____/____				
F. I have an understanding of the process and procedures of the HPG: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No				
G. Number of HPG meetings attended in the last 6 months: _____				
H. Number of subcommittee meetings attended in the last 6 months: _____ (It is suggested that you attend at least (2) meetings prior to becoming a member: one (1) committee meeting and one (1) HIV Planning Group Meeting)				
I. I am a currently a member of the following community liaison and/or affiliated groups, and/or have the following relevant experience: _____				
J. I am interested in becoming a voting member on the following committees (participation in at least one of the committees is required):				
<input type="checkbox"/> Community Engagement Group	<input type="checkbox"/> Membership Committee			
<input type="checkbox"/> Strategies & Standards Committee				
<input type="checkbox"/> Medical Standards & Evaluation Committee	<input type="checkbox"/> Priority Setting & Resource Allocation Committee			

K. I qualify to serve as an HPG member in one of the following seats (Please check all that apply):

<input type="checkbox"/> Unaffiliated Consumer <ul style="list-style-type: none"> are receiving HIV-related services” from Ryan White Part A funded providers are not officers, employees, or consultants to any providers receiving Ryan White Part A funds, and “do not represent any such entity;” 	<input type="checkbox"/> Rep of individuals who formerly were federal, state, or local prisoners who were released from custody of the penal system during the preceding 3 yrs. and had HIV/AIDS as of date of release.
<input type="checkbox"/> Healthcare Provider, including Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC)	<input type="checkbox"/> Board of Supervisors Designee: Districts 1 - 5
<input type="checkbox"/> Community-based organization serving affected populations and AIDS service organization	<input type="checkbox"/> Recipient of other Federal HIV Programs – Prevention Provider
<input type="checkbox"/> Social Service Provider	<input type="checkbox"/> Recipient of other Federal HIV Programs – Part F, AIDS Education and Training center and/or Ryan White Dental Provider
<input type="checkbox"/> Mental Health Provider	<input type="checkbox"/> Recipient of other Federal HIV Programs – HOPWA / HUD
<input type="checkbox"/> Substance Abuse Treatment Provider	<input type="checkbox"/> Recipient of other Federal HIV Programs – Veterans Administration
<input type="checkbox"/> Local Public Health Agency: HHSA Director or Designee	<input type="checkbox"/> HIV Testing Representative
<input type="checkbox"/> Local Public Health Agency: Public Health Officer or Designee	<input type="checkbox"/> Prevention Intervention Representative
<input type="checkbox"/> Hospital Planning Agency or Health Care Planning Agency	<input type="checkbox"/> Affected community including people with HIV/AIDS, member of a federally recognized Indian tribe as represented in the population, individual co-infected with Hep B or C, and historically underserved group and/or subpopulation
<input type="checkbox"/> Non-elected Community Leader	<input type="checkbox"/> Prevention Services Consumer/Advocate
<input type="checkbox"/> Prevention Services Consumer	<input type="checkbox"/> State Government – State Medicaid
<input type="checkbox"/> State Government – CDPH Office of AIDS (OA) Part B	<input type="checkbox"/> Recipient of RW Part C
<input type="checkbox"/> Recipient of RW Part D	

Please list any agency affiliations (work and/or board member). If you need more space than provided, please attach a separate sheet of paper.

Section 3: Short Answer

Please respond briefly to the questions below. If you need more space than provided, please attach a separate sheet of paper.

1. The ability to work as a team member of a large and diverse group is crucial to the work of the HIV Planning Group. Teamwork allows the planning group to conduct business efficiently and to fulfill its mission successfully. **Please tell us about your ability to work as a member of a team.**

2. What special skills, knowledge, qualities, or life experience would you bring to the HIV Planning Group?

Please include a list of educational and professional degrees, certifications, credentials, or other experiences. You may attach a current resume and/or other documentation that you wish to provide.

3. Active member participation is vital to the work of the HIV Planning Group (HPG). The full board typically meets one time per month for two to three hours. HIV Planning Group members are also required to participate in at least one subcommittee which typically meets once per month, for two hours. **Please tell us about your ability to attend monthly planning group meetings and one committee meeting each month.**

4. Is there anything else you would like us to know about you?

Section 4: Attachments

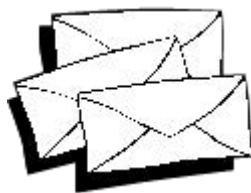
1. **Brief Biography**: Please write a brief biography (2-5 sentences) that describes your interests, accomplishments and experience related to the field of HIV/AIDS.
2. **Letter of Recommendation (optional)**: Please ask someone who knows you well (may be a colleague or personal) to write a letter of recommendation for you explaining how he/she knows you and describing your work in the area of HIV/AIDS and other issues, your community participations, your meeting skills, and any other personal qualities or experiences that you have.
3. **Were you referred by someone? If so, list the name of the individual (optional):**
4. **Do you have any limitations? (transportation, childcare, etc.):**

Section 5: Signature and Date

I agree that the information provided in this application, (including attachments), is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature _____ Date _____

If any information on your application changes, or if you wish to withdraw your application from consideration by the HIV Planning Group Membership Committee, please contact the HIV, STD & Hepatitis Branch as soon as possible. Please note, membership interviews will be conducted as needed. If you have any other questions or comments, call Support Staff at 619-403-8899.



Email your completed application to:

HPG.HHSA@sdcounty.ca.gov

**SAN DIEGO COUNTY HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES AGENCY
HIV, STD and Hepatitis Branch
ATTN: HIV PLANNING GROUP SUPPORT
3851 Rosecrans Street, Suite #207, MS: P-505
San Diego, CA 92110-3115**

HIV PLANNING GROUP
12-MONTH ATTENDANCE TRACKING
Jul 2022- June 2023

HPG Member	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	10
Total Meetings	Jul	3-Aug	10-Aug	24-Aug	28-Sep	28-Oct	27-Nov	21-Dec	25-Jan	22-Feb	22-Mar	26-Apr	24-May	26-Jun	TOTAL
Acevedo, Allan, 8	*	*	*	1	1	*	NM	NM	*	*	*	*	*	*	1
Applebaum, Amy, 32	*	1	*	1	*	*	NM	NM	1	*	*	*	*	*	1
Cortes, Alberto, 34	*	1	*	*	*	1	NM	NM	*	1	*	*	*	*	2
Davenport, Elizabeth, 35	*	*	1	*	1	*	NM	NM	*	*	JC	*	*	*	1
De Jesus, Alfredo, 2	1	1	1	*	1	1	NM	NM	1	1	1	1	1		
Duarte, M. Esteban													*	*	0
Fleming, Tyra														*	0
Garcia-Bigley, Felipe						1	NM	NM	*	*	*	*	*	*	1
Grelotti, David, 30	*	*	*	*	*	*	NM	NM	*	*	1	*	*	*	1
Highfill, Pamela, 21	1	*	*	*	*	*	NM	NM	*	1	*	*	EC	1	3
Jacobs, Delores, 20	*	*	*	*	*	*	NM	NM	*	*	*	*	*	*	0
Kubricky, Cinnamen, 4	*	*	1	*	1	1	NM	NM	*	1	*	*	1	*	4
Lewis, Bob, 17	*	*	*	*	*	1	NM	NM	*	1	1	1	*	*	4
Lochner, Mikie, 16	*	*	*	*	*	*	NM	NM	*	*	*	*	1	*	1
Mar-Tang, Moira, 39	*	1	*	*	1	*	NM	NM	1	*	1	*	*	*	3
Price, Venice, 44	*	*	*	*	*	*	NM	NM	*	1	*	*	*	1	2

HIV PLANNING GROUP
12-MONTH ATTENDANCE TRACKING
July 2022- June 2023

Total Meetings	Jul	3-Aug	10-Aug	24-Aug	28-Sep	28-Oct	27-Nov	21-Dec	25-Jan	22-Feb	22-Mar	26-Apr	24-May	26-Jun	TOTAL
Quezada-Torres, Karla, 25	*	*	1	*	*	*	NM	NM	1	*	*	1	*	*	2
Ransom, Shannon, 36	*	*	*	*	*	*	NM	NM	*	*	*	*	*	1	1
Robles, Raul 7	*	1	1	*	*	*	NM	NM	*	*	1	1	1	*	3
Rucker, James,42	1	*	*	*	*	*	NM	NM	*	*	*	*	*	*	1
Spector, Stephen 31	*	1	1	*	1	*	NM	NM	*	*	1	*	EC	*	2
Tilghman, Winston, 23	*	*	*	*	*	*	NM	NM	*	1	*	*	*	*	1
Underwood, Regina, 19	*	1	*	*	*	*	NM	NM	*	*	1	*	*	*	1
Van Brocklin, Rhea, 18	*	*	1	*	*	*	NM	NM	*	*	*	*	1	JC	1
Villafan, Freddy 40	*	*	*	*	*	*	NM	NM	*	*	1	*	*	*	1
Weber, Jeffery, 41									*	*		*	1	*	1
West, Abigail, 29	*	1	1	1	1	*	NM	NM	1	*			*	*	3
Wimpie, Michael, 1	*	*	*	*	*	*	NM	NM	*	1	*	*	*	*	1
Yancey, Adrienne													EC	*	0
To remain in good standing and eligible to vote, the HPG member may not miss 3 consecutive meetings or 6 meetings within 12 months.															
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HIV PLANNING GROUP
12-MONTH COMMITTEE TRACKING
 Jun 2022 - Jun 2023

STRATEGIES	June	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	#
Total meetings	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	8
Member														
Acevedo, Allan	*	*	NM	*	1	*	1	NM	1	NM	1	NM	NM	4
Applebaum, Amy	1	*	NM	*	*	*	*	NM	*	NM	1	NM	NM	2
Davenport, Dr. Beth	1	*	NM	*	*	*	*	NM	*	NM	1	NM	NM	2
Franco, Lucia	1	1	NM	*	*	1	*	NM	*	NM	*	NM	NM	4
Mora, Joseph	*	1	NM	*	*	*	*	NM	*	NM	*	NM	NM	1
Mar-Tang, Moira	*	1	NM	*	1	*	*	NM	*	NM	*	NM	NM	2
Price, Venice	1	1	NM	*	*	*	*	NM	1	NM	*	NM	NM	4
Ransom, Shannon	*	*	NM	*	*	*	*	NM	*	NM	*	NM	NM	0
Tilghman, Dr. Winston	*	1	NM	*	*	*	1	NM	*	NM	*	NM	NM	2
Weber, Jeffery			NM	*	*	*	*	NM	*	NM	*	NM	NM	0
Wimpie, Michael	*	1	NM	*	*	*	*	NM	*	NM	*	NM	NM	1

To vote, a member may not miss four (4) consecutive meetings or six (6) meetings within twelve (12) months.

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HIV PLANNING GROUP
12-MONTH COMMITTEE TRACKING
Jul 2022 - Jun 2023

MEMBERSHIP	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	#
Total meetings	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	0	9
Member													
Lewis, Bob	*	NM	*	*	1	*	*	*			*	NM	1
Lochner, Mikie	*	NM	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	NM	*	NM	0
Underwood, Regina	*	NM	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	NM	*	NM	0
Rhea Van Brocklin				*	1	*	*	*	*	NM	1	NM	2

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**HIV PLANNING GROUP
12-MONTH COMMITTEE TRACKING
Jul 2022 -Jun 2023**

PRIORITY SETTING & RESOURCE ALLOCATION COMMITTEE																	
PSRAC	7-Jul	14-Jul	21-Jul	28-Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	8-Jun	20-Jun	#
Total meetings	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	11
Member																	
Jacobs, Dr. Delores ^C	*	1	*	*	*	*	*	NM	*	*	*	*	NM	*	*	*	0
Carroll, Reginald												*	NM	*	*	*	0
Cortes, Alberto	*	*	1	*	*	1	*	NM	*	*	1	JC	NM	*	1	1	3
Davenport, Beth	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	NM	*	*	*	*	NM	*	*	*	0
Garcia-Bigley, Felipe						*	*	NM	*	*	*	*	NM	1	*	*	1
Highfill, Pam	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	NM	*	*	*	JC	NM	*	*	*	0
Kubricky, Cinnamen ^U	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	NM	1	*	*	*	NM	1	*	*	2
Mueller, Chris	*	*	1	*	*	*	1	NM	*	1	*	1	NM	*	*	*	3
Robles, Raul	*	1	1	1	*	*	*	NM	1	*	1	JC	NM	*	*	*	2
Rucker, James	*	*	*	*	*	1	*	NM	*	*	*	*	NM	*	*	*	1
Quezada-Torres, Karla	*	*	*	*	1	*	*	NM	*	*	*	JC	NM	*	*	1	2
Underwood, Regina	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	NM	*	*	*	*	NM	*	1	*	1
Van Brocklin, Rhea	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	NM	*	*	*	*	NM	1	*	*	1
Villafan, Freddy						*	*	NM	*	*	1	*	NM	*	*	*	1

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HIV PLANNING GROUP
12-MONTH COMMITTEE TRACKING
Jul 2022 - Jun 2023

STEERING	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	#
Total Meetings	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	1	1	1	8
Community Engagement Group	1	NM	*	*	NM	NM	1	1	NM	1	*	1	5
Medical Standards	*	NM	1	1	NM	NM	*	*	NM	*	*	*	2
Membership	*	NM	*	1	NM	NM	*	1			*	*	2
Priority Setting and Resource Allocation	*	NM	*	*	NM	NM	*	*	NM	*	*	*	0
Strategies & Standards	*	NM	*	*	NM	NM	*	*	NM	*	*	*	0
Chair- Mikie Lochner	*	NM	*	*	NM	NM	*	*	NM	*	1	*	1
Vice Chair - Rhea Van Brocklin	*	NM	*	*	NM	NM	*	*	NM	*	*	*	0

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HIV PLANNING GROUP
12-MONTH COMMITTEE TRACKING
Jul 2022 - Jun 2023

Community Engagement Group	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	#
Total Meetings	1	0	0	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	10
Member														
Acevedo, Allan ^{UC}	*	NM	NM	*	*	NM	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	0
De Jesus, Alfredo ^U	*	NM	NM	1	1	NM	*	*	*	*	1	*	1	4
Donovan, Michael	*	NM	NM	*	*	NM	*	*	*	JC	*	*	*	0
Duarte, Esteban										JC	*	*	1	1
Fleming, Tyra										*	*	JC	*	0
Lochner, Mikie ^U	*	NM	NM	*	*	NM	*	*	1	*	*	1	*	2
Lothridge, Jen										*	*	*	*	0

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HIV PLANNING GROUP
12-MONTH COMMITTEE TRACKING
Sep 2022 - May 2023

Medical Standards & Evaluation Committee

MSEC

	Sep	Nov	Feb	May	#
Total Meetings	1	0	1	1	3
Member					
Tilghman, Dr. Winston ^C	*	NM	*	*	0
Aldous, Dr. Jeannette ^{NCC}	1	NM	*		1
Bamford, Dr. Laura	*	NM	*		1
Grelotti, Dr. David	*	NM	*	*	0
Hernandez, Yessica			*		0
Lewis, Robert	1	NM	1	1	3
Lochner, Mikie	1	NM	*		1
Ransom, Shannon	*	NM	*		0
Spector, Dr. Stephen	*	NM	1	1	2
Stangl, Lisa ^N	*	NM	*		0
Quezada-Torres, Karla	*	NM	*		0
Zweig, Dr. Adam ^N	*	NM	1		2

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HIV PLANNING GROUP:
MENTOR-MENTEE ASSIGNMENTS

<u>(Less than 2yr tenure)</u>	<u>Affiliation</u>	<u>Mentor</u>	<u>Dates Met</u>
Allan Acevedo	Unaffiliated Consumer	Rhea Van Brocklin	
Beth Davenport	District 3	Shannon Ransom	
Cinnamen Kubricky	Unaffiliated Consumer	Mikie Lochner	
Felipe Garcia-Bigley	Recipient of other Federal HIV Programs- Prevention Provider	Bob Lewis	
James Rucker	HIV Testing Representative	Mikie Lochner	
Jeffery Weber	Recipient of other Federal HIV Programs- Veterans Administration	Rhea Van Brocklin	
Venice Price	Unaffiliated Consumer	Mikie Lochner	
Freddy Villafan	Recipient of other Federal HIV Programs- HOPWA / HUD	Bob Lewis	
Pamela Highfill	Substance Abuse Treatment Provider	Dr. Delores Jacobs	
Tyra Fleming	Unaffiliated Consumer		

Pending members who will need mentors:

None

Appointed more than 2 years ago

Mentor Program Guidelines

Overview:

This guide explains the mentor program developed by the HIV Planning Group (HPG). All members of the Planning Group can learn from the guide because:

- Everyone has been a new member at some point and can appreciate how a mentor would help navigate the complex, wide-ranging issues engaged by the HPG.
- Members who are considering leadership roles have the option of requesting a mentor.
- All HPG members learn complex information throughout the year, often by listening to other HPG members. This accumulated learning can serve new members during meetings and through the mentor program.
- New members of the HPG will want to know how to select a mentor and best use their mentor's expertise.
- Members who have served on the HPG for at least a year may become mentors, and they need to understand that role.

Vision of the Mentoring Program:

This program has been designed to cultivate leadership and community spirit in all HPG members as well as provide supportive guidance for navigating the HPG system and structure. Additionally, mentoring intends to deepen HPG members' cross-cultural communication and trust as well as to broaden understanding of the system of care and prevention. The desired outcomes of the mentoring program include:

- Nurture the leadership capacity in all HPG members through giving and receiving support in one-on-one mentoring.
- Develop skills for reflective/critical thinking and decision making around important HPG issues.
- Develop skills for understanding HPG processes.
- Increase the retention of new HPG members, in particular the consumer base.

What are the Goals of the Mentor Program?

The goal of the mentor program is to nurture leadership by providing one-on-one support for each new HPG member. Mentoring furthers the larger goal of the HIV Planning Group which is to create a culture of understanding and decision making where each HPG member appreciates their unique contribution to the group. The mentor program is designed to integrate more than forty HPG members from wide-ranging backgrounds.

Successful mentoring ensures continuity of membership and enhanced participation. Mentoring teaches how to contribute by answering questions common to all new members about process, funding and other key issues.

How does the Mentor Program Function?

To address the potential confusions faced by new members, it was decided to set up a one-on-one match where veteran HPG members would volunteer to give advice and historical background to new HPG members. The mentor program formalizes knowledge transfer between established HPG members and new arrivals.

Once the new HPG member selects a mentor and the mentor agrees to the match, it's up to the two members to coordinate their connection. The key agreement is that the mentor be available to explain HPG-related issues. They can visit over coffee, by email, over the phone, etc.

Mentors agree to give HPG information to the new members. A key part of delivering knowledge includes giving all members the freedom to vote with their own conscience.

How Does a New HPG Member Select a Mentor?

New HPG members select their mentor, who is ideally an established member with experience on the HPG. New HPG members may ask for guidance from HPG **Staff** about which HPG members are available to serve as mentors. The Membership Committee then approves the mentor relationship.

The mentor relationship is administered by the HPG Membership Committee. Prospective HPG members are told about the mentoring program during their pre-orientation. Once voted onto the HPG, new members, HPG Support staff and the pool of available mentors complete the following steps:

- 1) **HPG Support** explains the mentor program and asks the new members to read these guidelines.
- 2) The new HPG member drafts a short list of people on the HPG who they would like to be their mentor.
- 3) **HPG Support** provides the Membership Committee a list of prospective mentors. The Membership Committee determines if the top choice is already mentoring numerous people. If new member requests a mentor who is unavailable, the Membership Chair asks the new member to work with their second choice. If the second choice is also fully booked, then the third-choice mentor will be selected.
- 4) **HPG Chair or Membership Chair** calls the requested mentor and asks if they will work with the new member.
- 5) Mentors stepping into this role for the first time attend a meeting with the **HPG and Membership Chairs**, set up by **HPG Support**, to review these guidelines and clarify the expectations and duties for both mentors and new HPG members.
- 6) The mentor and the new HPG member build their relationship. It's suggested that they meet at least once or twice in person plus phone conversations and email check-ins during the new HPG member's first three months on the HPG. They may set up a regular meeting time or meet on an as needed basis.
- 7) If a new HPG member wishes to have a different mentor, that request should be made to **HPG Support**.
- 8) The intention of the mentoring program is to support new members until they are sufficiently grounded in HPG activities.
- 9) The mentoring cycle is complete when an HPG member feels sufficiently adept at HPG activities to become a mentor for new members.

How will the Mentor Program be Implemented?

The Mentor training will be supported by a combination of HIV Planning Group bodies including:

- **Membership Committee:** in conjunction with the HPG **support** identifies mentors and negotiates the matches between mentors and new HPG members and monitors the mentor program. In conjunction with HPG Support, the Membership Committee prepares, sends out and gathers results from the mentoring survey. This annual evaluation of the mentoring program solicits information about how the program is effective and what can be done to improve the program.
- **HPG Support:** HPG Support assists the new HPG members in selecting a mentor during orientation training.

What is the Mentor Skill Set?

The Membership Committee determines which HPG members are ready to be mentors based on criteria that include:

- Mentors have been on the HPG long enough to have participated in a complete yearly HRSA and CDC funding cycle, as well as the local HPG budget cycle. These cycles drive the allocation and prioritization efforts that are the HPG's main responsibility, and it's important that mentors understand these annual rhythms that move the HPG forward.
- A demonstrated ability to teach and explain HPG concepts. Since mentors are asked to provide guidance, it's important that they be able to clarify concepts.

The Mentoring Lifecycle

On a semi-annual basis, The Membership Committee will review the currently active mentor relationships. On behalf of the Membership Committee, HPG **Support** checks in with both the mentor and the new HPG member after the mentoring relationship has been active for a full year. In an email or phone call, HPG Support asks if the mentoring relationship is still ongoing, or if the mentoring relationship can be dissolved.

The mentoring relationship may continue at the request of the participants. If the mentoring relationship is dissolved, the mentor may request another new HPG member, or the mentor may request a break from mentoring.

Frequently Asked Questions

Is it required to have a mentor? Having a mentor is voluntary. No new HPG member is required to be assigned to a mentor.

How often should I meet with my mentor? That will be determined by you and your mentor.

Can I request a different mentor? Yes, contact HPG Staff if you feel you need a new mentor.



SAN DIEGO HIV PLANNING GROUP (HPG)
STRATEGIES & STANDARDS COMMITTEE
MEETING PACKET

APPENDIX

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ARTICLE 1: PURPOSE AND AUTHORITY

Section A: Establishment. On December 15, 2015, the San Diego County Board of Supervisors established the County of San Diego HIV Planning Group (HPG).

Section B: Purposes. The HIV Planning Group is established in order to participate in the Federal Ryan White HIV/AIDS Treatment Extension Act of 2009, and any subsequent amendments. The HIV Planning Group is also established in accordance with guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) for purposes of developing an engagement process to plan for services to prevent new HIV infections, identify, inform, link and retain people with HIV in care to achieve viral suppression.

Section C: Getting to Zero Initiative. Finally, the HIV Planning Group provides planning and coordination of the County of San Diego's Getting to Zero initiative. This initiative was adopted in recognition that, due to advances in HIV treatment as well as development of highly effective HIV prevention interventions, HIV has become a winnable battle. Getting to Zero focuses on:

1. Ensuring the wide availability of testing in community-based and health care settings;
2. Providing access to treatment and supportive services that promote retention in care for all persons living with HIV;
3. Preventing new infections through a combination of evidence-based interventions; and
4. Engaging communities in developing strategies to improve health outcomes related to HIV.

Section D: Type of Organization. The HIV Planning Group is a non-partisan, non-sectarian, non-profit making organization. It does not take part officially in, nor does it lend its influence to any political issues.

ARTICLE 2: MEMBERSHIP AND TERM OF OFFICE**Section A: Open Nomination Process****1. Nomination of New Members**

- a. The HIV Planning Group shall solicit nominations for consideration for appointment to the HIV Planning Group through an open nominations process, and as required by the Ryan White legislation.
- b. Nominees shall be recommended for membership based on legislative requirements and criteria publicized by the HIV Planning Group. The criteria shall include representation, reflectiveness and Conflict of Interest standards.
- c. Each county supervisor selects an individual to represent that district. The HPG assists with identification of such individuals as appropriate. If no representative is named, the Membership Committee shall recruit and nominate an individual from that district using the open nominations process.

2. Renominations

- a. HIV Planning Group members who have served only one term and are in good standing are eligible for renomination by the HPG for a second 4-year term. These members may express interest in renomination and will be considered for reappointment in accordance with HPG-established standards, policies, and procedures. Renomination is not automatic.
- b. After completion of two consecutive terms, an individual must be off the HPG for at least one year before they may be renominated.
- c. Supervisors will be informed when the term of their representative is nearing an end, and asked whether they are renaming an eligible representative for a second term or naming a new representative.
- d. If the supervisor does not respond, or indicates that the current representative will not be renamed but does not name a successor, after several contacts and offers of assistance from the HPG, the HPG will identify an individual from that supervisorial district to nominate to the Board of Supervisors using the open nominations process.
- e. In such a situation, the member will be considered a representative of the district, but not a representative of the supervisor.
- f. A performance assessment will be conducted with all HPG members at the end of their first term, regardless of how they are nominated.

3. Authority of Board of Supervisors

- a. Requirements for open nomination process do not eliminate or change the authority of the County Board of Supervisors to appoint members of the HIV Planning Group.
- b. The County Board of Supervisors will approve and/or appoint as HIV Planning Group members only individuals who have gone through the open nomination process.

Section B Membership Composition. The membership of the HIV Planning Group consists of up to forty-four (44) members. The HIV Planning Group will limit the number of individuals from HIV, STD and Hepatitis Branch of Public Health Services (HSHB) or a single agency/entity to two (2); however, the Membership Committee will consider the needs of the HIV Planning Group, including subject matter expertise, and recommend a waiver to consider more than two (2) individuals from HSHB or a single agency/entity. The waiver must provide justification for why having an additional member from HSHB or single agency/entity outweighs the membership requirement. The waiver will be reviewed and voted on by the HIV Planning Group.

Members who presently are on the HIV Planning Group in which there are more than two (2) members from HSHB or a single agency may fulfill their current term. The Membership Committee will consider appointments when seats are being renewed and/or filled.

HIV Planning Group members shall be appointed by the Board of Supervisors, as follows:

1. General Member (#1)*
2. General Member (#2)*
3. General Member (#3)*
4. General Member (#4)*
5. General Member (#5)*
6. General Member (#6)*
7. General Member (#7)*
8. General Member (#8)*
9. General Member (#9)*
10. General Member (#10)*
11. General Member (#11)*
12. General Member (#12)*

13. General Member (#13)*
14. General Member (#14)*
15. General Member (#15)*
16. Chairperson
17. Health care provider, including Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC)
18. Community-based organizations serving affected populations and/or AIDS service organizations (one seat)
19. Social service provider, including providers of housing and homeless services
20. Mental health provider
21. Substance abuse treatment provider
22. Local public health agency – Health and Human Services Director or designee
23. Local public health agency – Public Health Officer or designee
24. Hospital planning agency or health care planning agency
25. Non-elected community leader
26. Prevention services consumer/advocate
27. Prevention services consumer
28. State government—State Medicaid
29. State government— California Department of Public Health (CDPH) Office of AIDS (OA) Part B
30. Recipient of Ryan White Part C
31. Recipient of Ryan White Part D
32. Representative of individuals who formerly were federal, state or local prisoners, were released from custody of the penal system during the preceding 3 years, and had HIV/AIDS as of the date of release
33. Board of Supervisors – District 1 representative
34. Board of Supervisors – District 2 representative
35. Board of Supervisors – District 3 representative
36. Board of Supervisors – District 4 representative
37. Board of Supervisors – District 5 representative
38. Recipient of other federal HIV programs – prevention provider

39. Recipient of other federal HIV programs – Part F, AIDS Education and Training Center and/or Ryan White dental provider
40. Recipient of other federal HIV programs – Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA)/Housing and Urban Development (HUD)
41. Recipient of other federal HIV programs – Veterans Administration
42. HIV testing representative
43. Prevention intervention representative
44. General Member (#16)

Up to 16 “General Member” seats are available for individuals who provide needed expertise and representation to the HPG and ensure that all federal requirements are met.

At least thirty-three percent (33%) of HPG members must be unaligned consumers of Ryan White Part A services.*

At least two of these unaligned consumers must publicly disclose their status.

The membership shall include the following: member of a federally recognized Indian tribe as represented in the population, individual co-infected with hepatitis B or C, and representatives of historically underserved groups and/or subpopulations.

As required by the legislation, the HIV Planning Group shall reflect in its composition the demographics of the population of individuals with HIV in San Diego County, with particular consideration given to disproportionately affected and historically underserved groups and subpopulations.

* Section 2602 (b)(5)(C) of the Public Health Services Act defines unaffiliated consumers as consumers who:

- “are receiving HIV-related services” from Ryan White Part A-funded providers;
- “are not officers, employees, or consultants” to any providers receiving Ryan White Part A funds, and “do not represent any such entity;” and
- “reflect the demographics of the population of individuals with HIV/AIDS” in the eligible metropolitan area.

Section C: Term of Office

1. Members shall serve a term of four years.

2. A member shall be appointed to no more than two consecutive four-year terms. The terms shall begin on the day of appointment by the Board of Supervisors and end in four years. For the purpose of this term limitation, a term shall include any appointment for one-half or more of a four-year term.
3. Members whose terms have expired and who have not been reappointed are no longer on the HPG and may not vote.

Section D: General Members-Elect. The Board of Supervisors may appoint three General Members-elect, recommended by the HIV Planning Group. Each General Member-elect shall be able to participate in the HIV Planning Group discussions. Term limit shall be four-years from the date of appointment. Persons appointed under this subsection shall not be officers, employees, or consultants to, and may not represent, any entity that receives Ryan White Part A funding.

Section E: Requirements

1. Each newly appointed member shall file a Statement of Economic Interest (Form 700). Annual Statements of Economic Interest shall be filed within 30 days of appointment and no later than March 31 of each year.
2. Each member shall also complete the following forms no later than March 31 of each year: an annual HIV Planning Group Disclosure Form, a Statement of Confidentiality, a form confirming their continued eligibility for the membership seat they currently occupy, and other required documents included in the Membership Policies and Procedures.
3. Members are required to complete periodic Ethics Training as required by the Fair Political Practices Commission and California Law AB 1234.
4. New members are required to attend an orientation session at the beginning of their appointment and to participate in annual mandatory training.
5. Voting members are expected to meet HPG attendance requirements and to serve actively on a standing committee. Exceptions to the requirement for committee membership can be made by the Steering Committee in unusual circumstances, primarily for members who live and work outside San Diego County and for the public health officer's representative.

6. HPG members are expected to meet stated attendance requirements for HPG meetings and for committee meetings for all committees of which they are members.
7. HPG members are expected to follow the Code of Conduct at all times.
8. Members who meet these requirements are considered to be in good standing.
9. Members who have not met requirements 1 -3 within 30 days of appointment or by March 31 of each year shall not be considered in good standing. Member who are out of compliance with requirements 4 - 6 for more than 90 days shall likewise not be considered in good standing.
10. Members who are not in good standing shall not be permitted to vote on matters before the HIV Planning. Membership Committee shall review all members who are not in good standing and develop a plan to assist the member in meeting the requirements and/or consider referring the member to the HPG for a vote to recommend termination from the HIV Planning Group to the Board of Supervisors.

ARTICLE 3: CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Section A: Conflict of Interest Definition and Scope

1. As defined in the Ryan White Part A Manual, Conflict of Interest (COI) is “an actual or perceived interest in an action that will result or has the appearance of resulting in a personal, organizational, or professional gain” for the HPG member or their immediate family members. Conflict of Interest does not refer to persons living with HIV disease whose sole relationship to a Part A funding provider is as a client receiving services or an uncompensated volunteer.

2. Ryan White legislation does not permit the HPG to “be directly involved in the administration of a grant,” or to “designate (or otherwise be involved in the selection of) particular entities as recipients of any of the amounts provided in the grant.” In addition, the legislation states that: “A Planning Body member who has a financial interest in an entity, is an employee of or consultant to a public or private entity, or is a Board member of a public or private organization that receives or is seeking funding from Ryan White [Part A] grant funds, will not participate, directly or in an advisory capacity, in the process of selecting entities to receive such funding for such purposes.” [Ryan White HIV/AIDS Treatment Extension Act, Section 2602(b)(5)(A) and (B)]

Section B: Management of Conflict of Interest. Members may be appointed to the HIV Planning Group who will, from time to time, have conflicts of interest in matters before the HIV Planning Group. Conflicts of interest shall be managed as follows:

1. Per Article 2, Section G (1), each newly appointed member of the HIV Planning Group shall file a statement of economic interest, pursuant to the Conflict of Interest Code adopted by the HIV Planning Group. Failure to file a statement of economic interest in the specific time period is subject to vacancy provisions in Article 2, Section G.
2. Member responsibility during meetings: HPG members are expected to follow applicable local, state and federal rules governing COI. It is the responsibility of each HPG member to disclose all conflicts of interest.
3. Members shall refrain at all times from referring to specific agencies that are funded or seeking funds.
4. The HIV Planning Group is prohibited from participating in the making of contracts.
5. Members who have a conflict of interest, or who appear to have a conflict of interest shall abstain from all voting on the action item. HPG who have a COI may speak to points of information to provide subject matter

expertise in response to a question and as requested from the Chair. A subject matter expert may ask permission to speak on a subject for which he/she has expertise. The member must raise their hand for discussion, and once called upon by the Chair, shall state their conflict prior to speaking on the matter.

6. If the HIV Planning Group discovers a member was in conflict subsequent to the vote, the vote is invalid and shall be retaken.

ARTICLE 4: DUTIES

Section A: Determination of Duties. Duties and responsibilities of the HIV Planning Group shall be as set forth in the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Treatment Extension Act legislation and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention planning guidance as listed below:

Section B: Needs Assessment. Assess needs, with particular attention to:

1. Individuals who are at high-risk for acquiring HIV;
2. Individuals who are unaware of their HIV status;
3. Individuals living with HIV disease who know their HIV status and are not receiving HIV-related services;
4. Individuals at risk of falling out of care;
5. Communities that experience disparities in access and services; and
6. Establishing methods for obtaining input on community needs and priorities, which may include surveys, public meetings, focus groups, and ad hoc panels.

Section C: Priority Setting and Resource Allocation. Establish priorities for the allocation of Ryan White HIV/AIDS Treatment Extension Act funds. The HIV Planning Group should consider the following:

1. Size and demographics of the population of individuals with HIV disease and needs of such population;
2. Demonstrated (or probable) cost effectiveness and outcome effectiveness of proposed strategies and interventions, to the extent that data are reasonably available;
3. Priorities of the communities with HIV disease for whom the services are intended;
4. Coordination of services with HIV prevention and substance abuse treatment, mental health services and housing;
5. Availability of other governmental and non-governmental resources to cover health care costs; and
6. Capacity development needs resulting from disparities in the availability of HIV-related services in historically underserved communities.

Section D: Comprehensive/Integrated Planning. Develop a comprehensive plan for individuals living with or at risk of acquiring HIV for the delivery of health services in accordance with applicable Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)/HIV/AIDS Bureau (HAB) Ryan White HIV/AIDS

Program legislation and guidance, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention requirements and compatible with the Statewide Coordinated Statement of Need.

- Section E:** **Assessment of the Administrative Mechanism.** Assess the efficiency of the administrative mechanism in rapid allocation of Ryan White HIV/AIDS Treatment Extension Act funds to the areas of greatest need within San Diego County and assess the effectiveness of the services offered in meeting the identified needs.
- Section F:** **Statewide Coordinated Statement of Need.** Participate in the development of the Statewide Coordinated Statement of Need initiated by the California Department of Public Health, Office of AIDS.
- Section G:** **Coordination of Services.** Coordinate with other federally funded programs that provide HIV-related services in San Diego County.
- Section H:** **Compliance with Legislation.** Assist the Board of Supervisors in ensuring San Diego County's full and complete compliance with the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Treatment Extension Act and its subsequent amendments.
- Section I:** **System of Care.** Advise and make recommendations to the San Diego County Board of Supervisors pertaining to the HIV continuum of care.
- Section J:** **HIV Prevention.** Gather information to support/inform health department decisions regarding HIV prevention priorities and interventions.

ARTICLE 5: OFFICERS

Section A: Chairperson. The chairperson of the HIV Planning Group shall be appointed by the chairperson of the Board of Supervisors, and cannot be an employee of HSHB or the County of San Diego, for a length of term decided upon by the Board of Supervisors. The chairperson acts as the sole spokesperson for the HIV Planning Group.

Section B: Vice-Chairpersons. HIV Planning Group members will elect two vice-chairpersons, one of whom shall be a Ryan White consumer. An employee of HSHB cannot be a vice-chair. The vice-chairpersons shall serve a term of two years.

Section C: Duties of the Chairperson:

1. Presides over the HIV Planning Group and Steering Committee
2. Recommends committees, ad hoc committees and task force meetings
3. Appoints the chair and members to the committees
4. Directs Planning Group Support Staff

Section D: Duties of the Vice-Chairperson(s):

1. If the chair is unable to perform the duties of the position for sixty days or more, the chair and/or Steering Committee shall provide a letter of designation to delegate the duties to the vice-chairperson(s).
2. The vice-chairperson(s) can assume responsibility for all meetings in the absence of the chair including conducting and convening meetings.

ARTICLE 6: ORGANIZATION PROCEDURES

- Section A:** **Robert's Rules of Order.** Robert's Rules of Order shall govern the operation of the HIV Planning Group in all cases not covered by the Ralph M. Brown Act, or these bylaws. The HIV Planning Group may formulate specific procedural rules of order to govern the conduct of its meetings.
- Section B:** **Voting.** Any group voting is on the basis of one vote per person and no proxy, telephone or absentee voting is permitted.
- Section C:** **Open Meetings.** All meetings of the HIV Planning Group and its committees are open to the public to the extent required by the Ralph M. Brown Act and the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Treatment Extension Act. Meetings are held in accessible, public places. Notice of all meetings shall be posted in a publicly accessible place for a period of 72 hours prior to the meeting. Special meetings require 24 hour notice. In addition, such notice will be emailed and posted on www.sdplanning.org. Notices will be mailed upon request.
- Section D:** **Regular Meetings.** The HIV Planning Group shall establish a regular meeting schedule, shall meet a minimum of six (6) times each year, and shall give public notice of the time and place of meetings in compliance with the requirements of the Ralph M. Brown Act and the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Treatment Extension Act.
- Section E:** **Quorum.** Greater than 50% of members currently appointed shall constitute a quorum and a simple majority must be participating in a meeting to take action. Unless otherwise indicated in the bylaws, an action by HIV Planning Group is considered to be consensus or majority vote of a quorum of voting members in a publicly noticed HIV Planning Group meeting. If a quorum cannot be established, no official business can be conducted. However, presentations may be made and public comments received.
- Section F:** **Minutes.** The HIV Planning Group shall keep detailed minutes of its meetings, electronic or hard copies of which shall be available for inspection and copying at the HIV, STD and Hepatitis Branch of Public Health Services. The minutes are also posted on the HIV Planning Group website, www.sdplanning.org. The accuracy of all minutes shall be certified by the chairperson of the HIV Planning Group, following approval of the meeting minutes by action of the HIV Planning Group.

ARTICLE 7: COMMITTEES

- Section A: Use of Committees.** The HIV Planning Group has the authority to establish and to disband, as appropriate, standing and ad hoc committees/task forces as necessary to conduct its business. The actions and recommendations of committees shall not be deemed the action of the HIV Planning Group or its members. A Standing and ad hoc committee may bring an action item to the HIV Planning Group for approval.
- Section B: Composition and Chairs.** All standing and ad hoc committee meetings shall be chaired by a member of the HIV Planning Group, shall consist of no fewer than three HIV Planning Group members. Where possible, at least one member will be a publicly disclosed unaligned consumer or another person with HIV. Standing committees and ad hoc committees may elect to establish a co-chair who does not have to be a member of the HIV Planning Group. The committee co-chairperson shall assume the role of the committee chairperson should the chairperson become unable to fulfill the role of committee chairperson for three (3) consecutive meetings. If the co-chairperson is not a member of the HIV Planning Group the co-chairperson may assume the role of committee chairperson and may attend the Steering Committee, but may not vote. If the committee chairperson is unable to attend three (3) consecutive meetings, a new committee chairperson may be appointed per Article 5, Section C of these bylaws.
- Section C: Appointments.** Members of the HIV Planning Group are appointed to a committee by the HIV Planning Group chairperson, after review and recommendation from the Membership Committee, which will include a discussion of member's preference, availability, and needs of the HIV Planning Group.
- Section D: Operations.** All committees shall operate under the bylaws of the HIV Planning Group. Each committee may adopt/establish ground rules and operating procedures, subject to review and approval by the Steering Committee.
- Section E: Steering Committee.** The HIV Planning Group shall establish a Steering Committee, led by the chairperson, to set the agenda for HIV Planning Group meetings and to address issues of HIV Planning Group governance. The Steering Committee shall be comprised of the HIV Planning Group chairperson, elected vice chairperson(s) and chairs of all standing committees. In the absence of a committee chairperson, a committee co-chairperson can attend to establish quorum. When the co-chairperson is not a member of the HIV Planning Group, they must abstain from voting. A quorum will be 33% of the number of current members of the Steering Committee and a simple majority must be participating in a meeting to take

action. Non-HIV Planning Group member committee co-chairpersons who attend the Steering Committee in place of the committee chairperson count towards establishing a quorum, but do not vote at the Steering Committee.

Section F: Membership Committee. The HIV Planning Group shall establish a Membership Committee to monitor membership, composition and attendance, recruit candidates for existing and anticipated vacancies, and recommend applicants for appointment through an open nominations process, which includes recruiting widely, clarifying the membership criteria, publicizing the membership criteria, addressing conflict of interest requirements, using an application form, maintaining an active Membership Committee and providing nominees to the Board of Supervisors as appropriate. All members of the Membership Committee shall be members of the HIV Planning Group. The Membership Committee shall forward recommendations to the HIV Planning Group for approval.

ARTICLE 8: GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES

Section A: **Grievances Related to Services.** HIV Planning Group Grievance Procedures as it relates to Ryan White services can be found in Attachment 1.

Section B: **Other Types of Grievances.** Other grievances based on outlined process for making decisions shall be addressed by the Steering Committee.

1. Members have the right to grieve any decision made by the HIV Planning Group they feel did not follow established process.
2. To file a grievance, member will contact HIV Planning Group Chairperson and HIV Planning Group support staff, who will forward to the Steering Committee.
3. Member will be invited to the Steering Committee to present grievance.
4. Steering Committee will decide on grievance or ask for more information.
5. Steering Committee will resolve grievance within two regularly scheduled meetings.

ARTICLE 9: STAFF ASSISTANCE

Section A: **Staff Assistance to the HIV Planning Group.** The HIV, STD and Hepatitis Branch of Public Health Services, Health and Human Services Agency shall provide staff assistance pursuant to the legislative requirements and guidelines. The HIV Planning Group oversees the work of the HIV Planning Group support staff who will report to non-Recipient County staff for supervision.

Section B: **Recordkeeping and Reporting.** HIV Planning Group support staff shall be responsible for the keeping of records of all actions and reports of the committee and shall submit these actions and reports to the HIV Planning Group on a regular basis.

ARTICLE 10: COMPENSATION AND EXPENSE

Section A: **Voluntary Service.** Members of the HIV Planning Group shall serve without compensation.

Section B: **Reimbursement for Expenses.** HIV Planning Group members and members-elect appointed pursuant to Article 2, Section B and D who are consumers of Ryan White services may be reimbursed for expenses incurred in performing their duties under this article, including mileage reimbursement in accordance with Administrative Code Section 472, provided that the HIV Planning Group allocates Ryan White HIV/AIDS Treatment Extension Act funds for this purpose. Transportation and childcare reimbursements shall be limited to those eligible members.

**HIV Planning Group (HPG)
Committee Operating Guidelines
Ad Hoc Committee(s)**

Reviewed and approved by Steering Committee on _____

GUIDELINES:

1. Committee meetings provide opportunities for the public and planning group members who are not officially appointed to the committee to participate in committee via public comment. All are welcome to attend and have the right as well as are encouraged to participate in public comment throughout the duration of the meeting.
2. Meetings agendas are available at least 72 hours prior to the committee meeting (24 hours prior to special meetings) at www.sdplanning.org and posted physically at the location where the meeting will be held. Meeting agendas can be mailed upon request to HPG support staff. Committee agendas, minutes, and reports are available at the meeting. A sign-in sheet is used to track committee members in attendance.
3. Meetings presently occur in-person with a remote/virtual option for members of the public and for committee members who provide in advance notice of a “Just cause” or “Emergency circumstance” consistent with the guidelines of Assembly Bill 2449 (AB 2449). Please see the appendix for details of AB 2449. When members of a committee participate remotely/by teleconference, all decisions are made by a simple majority vote, which occur by roll call.

MEETING STRUCTURE:

1. The HIV Planning Group and all its committees operate in accordance with the State of California’s Robert M. Brown Act, which establishes guidelines that guarantee the public’s right to attend and participate in meetings of local legislative bodies. A sample meeting agenda appears at the end of this document.
2. Before the meeting begins, a quorum is established to confirm that a simple majority of the committee members are present. If a quorum is not present, the meeting is called to order, attendance is taken, and the meeting is adjourned or recessed until a quorum is present.
3. The meeting begins with a call to order and may include introductions, comments from the chair(s), and a moment of silence. Each committee member introduces themselves with their affiliations/conflicts. Comments from the chairs may include a welcome and reminders about the areas that are not the committee’s purview.
4. Prior to the review of the meeting’s agenda, there is an opportunity for public comment that concern items not listed on the day’s agenda. There is also an opportunity for public comment at the beginning of each agenda item (regardless of how many topics, discussions or actions the agenda item has) and for announcements at the end of the meeting. Discussion during the meeting will remain focused on the current agenda item being addressed.
5. Participation guidelines during the meeting are reviewed. To ensure ample opportunity for all present to speak and be heard, committee members are limited to two (2) minutes per comment and limited to two (2) comments per item. Public comments are welcomed prior to each agenda item. Public comments are limited to two (2) minutes per person (after they introduce themselves and state their affiliation (if any) so that all have an opportunity to participate.
6. During business portions of the meetings, to make certain all can participate, committees may utilize amended **Roberts Rules of Order**. These include six (6) basic steps that are followed in a vote of the committee:
 - o Once an action item is introduced, a member of the committee **makes a motion** for an action related to the item.

- The motion must be **seconded** by another member of the committee. If no one seconds the motion, it is dropped, and another motion can be made.
 - Once a motion is made and seconded, the committee chairperson will provide an opportunity for public comment and followed by **committee discussion**.
 - If there is any opposition to the motion and members have not discussed their reasons/rationale for their opposition, members in opposition will be offered a final opportunity before the vote to express their reason/rationale for opposition.
 - Following all discussion, the committee chair will ask for a **vote on the motion**, including any opposing votes and/or any abstentions.
 - The motion then either carries or fails by counting the majority of votes in support or in opposition.
7. Action items to approve the day's agenda and to review and approve the last meeting's minutes may be accepted by consensus, if no members of the committee are participating remotely/by teleconference, by verifying if any changes need to be made and confirming that committee members agree the minutes accurately represent the meeting.
 8. During the old business section of the agenda, the committee addresses topics already introduced at the previous meeting(s).
 9. After old business is concluded, new business agenda items are presented for the first time.
 10. During old and new business portions of the meetings to support participation and decision-making, the committee may attempt to reach a consensus, if no members of the committee are participating remotely/by teleconference.. If consensus cannot be reached, a formal vote of the voting members will be held. A simple majority will prevail.

ADDITIONAL GUIDELINES:

1. When speaking during the meeting, all are encouraged to participate and introduce themselves.
2. Minimize the use of acronyms and jargon. However, if utilized, please define them, and explain what they mean so that everyone understands.
3. To support the decision-making process, there may be requests for information from different sources outside of what is available at the meeting. This may require that the topic be deferred as old business until a future meeting when additional information is available. The agenda item would be tabled.

BECOMING A MEMBER OF THE COMMITTEE:

1. HIV Planning Group members are appointed to committees by the HPG Chair based on the member's preference, expertise, and availability.
2. Community members not on the HPG may also be appointed to the committee by informing the committee chair of their desire to participate on the committee. The committee chair confers with the HPG chair, who makes the appointment, and support staff will document their membership on the meeting agenda. Committee appointments must be made 72 hours prior to the committee meeting to establish a quorum. If the request to be on the committee is made at the committee meeting, the appointment will become official at the subsequent committee meeting.
3. To remain in good standing with the right to vote, members must not have more than three (3) HPG absences in a row or six (6) absences in a 12-month period. Attendance is tracked by support staff and reviewed at the committee meetings. Members not able to participate in the required number of committee meetings may participate as non-voting members.

SELECTION AND ROLE OF THE COMMITTEE CO-CHAIR:

1. Any committee member may be elected as the committee's co-chair by consensus or a simple majority vote of the committee members regardless of their membership status on

the HPG except for the Steering Committee and Membership Committee (the co-chair for both the Steering and Membership Committees must be an HPG member).

2. Nominees for the co-chair position can be made by committee members or through self-nomination.
3. Elections are held as vacancies occur.
4. The co-chair serves in the absence of the chair or when the chair has a conflict of interest. Duties include conducting committee meetings, attending Steering Committee, and acting as a liaison with HPG support staff.

SUBCOMMITTEE CHARGES AND DEFINITIONS:

Documentation with the charge of each committee and definitions are available at

https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/sdc/hhsa/programs/phs/hiv_std_hepatitis_branch/HIV_Planning_Group/Meetings.html.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the HIV Planning Group Support staff.

SAMPLE AGENDA:

HIV PLANNING GROUP
(Committee name)
Date, Time, Location
Remote access information and link

DRAFT AGENDA

1. Call to order; introductions; comments from the chair
2. Public comment
3. Review and approve agenda for _____
4. Review and approve minutes from _____
5. Old business
 - a) _____
6. New business
 - a) _____
7. Suggested items for the committee agenda
8. Announcements
9. Confirm next meeting: date, time, location:
10. Adjournment

CONDUCT GUIDELINES:

1. The HPG wishes to ensure that business is conducted in an orderly fashion and that all have an equal opportunity to observe and participate in the proceedings. Each person who addresses the HPG Group or a committee shall not use loud, threatening, profane, or abusive language that disrupts, disturbs, or otherwise impedes the orderly conduct of an HPG meeting. Any such language or any other disorderly conduct that disrupts, disturbs, or otherwise impedes the orderly conduct of the meeting is prohibited.
2. The Chairperson may rule that a speaker is impeding the orderly conduct of the meeting if the comment is "off topic," or otherwise unrelated to the agenda item under consideration, or if the speaker's conduct violates any other provision in these Rules of Procedure, and the speaker may forfeit their remaining time on that item.
3. No person in the audience at an HPG or committee meeting shall engage in conduct that disrupts the orderly conduct of any meeting, including, but not limited to, the utterance of loud or threatening language, whistling, clapping, stamping of feet, speaking over, or interrupting the recognized speaker, repeated waving of arms or other disruptive acts.
4. The Chairperson has the authority to issue a warning to a person violating the Rules of Procedure. If the person continues to violate the Rules of Procedure and disrupt the meeting, the Chairperson may request that person to leave the meeting and may seek assistance from the building Security and/or local police officers, if necessary.
5. Any person removed from a meeting shall be excluded from further attendance at the remainder of the meeting. The exclusion from the meeting shall be noted by the HPG Support staff upon being so directed by the Chairperson.
6. If any meeting of the HPG or a committee is willfully interrupted or disrupted by a person or by a group or groups of persons to render the orderly conduct of the meeting unfeasible, the Chairperson may recess the meeting or request the person, group or groups of persons who are willfully interrupting the meeting to leave the meeting or request assistance for the person(s) to be removed from the meeting.



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SAN DIEGO HIV PLANNING GROUP (HPG)

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

GUIDELINES FOR REAPPOINTING HPG MEMBERS

This document is intended to provide guidance and direction in the event that an HIV Planning Group Member reaches their term expiration and wishes to be reappointed/serve a second term.

Direction for reappointing members that resign and ask to be reappointed before their 4-year term expires

Direction for reappointing members whose 4-year term is expiring.

- Members looking to serve a second four-year term must complete and submit a new application and re-interview.
- Members who have served less than a four-year term can use their original application.
- Once interviews are conducted, the Membership Committee will discuss and vote on reappointing candidates.