

**STRATEGIES AND STANDARDS COMMITTEE**



Tuesday, August 6, 2024, 3:00 PM – 4:30 PM  
 Southeastern Live Well Center  
 5101 Market St, San Diego, CA 92114  
 Tubman Chavez Room C

**A quorum for this meeting is six (6).**

**Members Present:** Amy Applebaum | Dr. Beth Davenport | Joseph Mora | Shannon Ransom | Ivy Rooney | Dr. Winston Tilghman | Jeffery Weber | Michael Wimpie (Chair)

**Members Absent:** Allan Acevedo | Moira Mar-Tang | Venice Price

**ORDER OF BUSINESS**

Agenda Item	Discussion/Action	Follow-Up
1. Call to order, roll call, comments from the chair, and a moment of silence	Michael Wimpie called the meeting to order at 3:00 PM.	
2. Public comment (for members of the public)	None	
3. Sharing our concerns (for committee members)	None	
4. <b>ACTION:</b> Approve the Strategies and Standards Committee agenda for June 20, 2024	<b>Motion:</b> Approve the Strategies and Standards Committee agenda for August 6, 2024 as presented. <b>Motion/Second/Count (M/S/C):</b> Davenport/Ransom/7-0 <b>Abstentions:</b> Wimpie <b>Motion carries</b>	
5. <b>ACTION:</b> Approve meeting minutes from October 3, 2023	<b>Motion:</b> Approve meeting minutes for June 20, 2024 as presented. <b>M/S/C:</b> Davenport/Applebaum/6-0 <b>Abstentions:</b> Wimpie, Tilghman <b>Motion carries</b>	
6. Review follow-up items from last meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Recipient’s Office will provide updates and changes to the Transportation Services Standards at the next meeting. Status: In progress</li> <li>HIV and Aging presentation – will occur in October. Status: In progress</li> <li>September HIV and Aging Conference reminder for HPG. Status: Completed</li> </ul>	HPG Support Staff (SS) will request of Dr. Karris to add the following to the HIV and Aging presentation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Isolation and social needs</li> <li>- Service coordination</li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Whole Person Approach to Care presentation on goals and funding. Status Completed</li> <li>• The Recipient's Office will provide available data on the refugee population that is currently experiencing high rates of HIV positivity. Status: In progress</li> <li>• The Community Engagement Group (CEG) will review and discuss the anti-racism statement item at its September meeting. Status: In progress</li> </ul> <p>Committee should review the anti-racism statement and JEDI document, as it has already been worked on previously, before they determine what to do next and how to move forward regarding creating an anti-racism statement.</p>	
7. Old Business		
a. Presentation: California Statewide Integrated Strategic Plan – Felipe Ruiz and Maritza Herrera	<p>Felipe Ruiz and Maritza Herrera presented on the California Statewide Integrated Strategic Plan. Ending the Epidemic addresses HIV, HCV, and STI in California. The California Statewide Integrated Strategic Plan will be implemented from 2022 to 2026. The HIV, STD and Hepatitis Branch is partnering with Facente Consulting.</p> <p>The Final Blueprint for implementation was released on August 2023. It includes 30 different strategies with specific activities that work with existing programs, resources, education, and care to reduce new diagnoses</p>	HPG SS to follow up with Felipe to share the Strategic Plan with the committee.

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	<p>The Plan will be using a results-based accountability framework to measure the services with three key questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- How much did we do?</li> <li>- How well did we do it?</li> <li>- Is anybody better off?</li> </ul> <p>The focus is on Black/African American (AA) and Latinx Communities using the status neutral framework.</p>	
b. Update: Transportation Standards – Maritza Herrera	Maritza Herrera will provide a final draft in the next meeting.	
c. Draft Work Plan for FY 25 (March 1, 2024 – February 28, 2025)	Reviewed, no recommended changes from the committee.	HPG SS will update the work plan to move HIV and Aging to October.
8. New Business		
a. Presentation: Key Findings on HIV Positive Aware and Out of Care – Dr. Tweeten	<p>Dr. Tweeten presented on key findings on people living with and aware of their HIV status, but out of care. The following points were made:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Several age groups show a significant increase in out-of-care, particularly among youth.</li> <li>- The central region has the largest out-of-care population and the largest population, followed by the South region.</li> <li>- The highest race/ethnicity not in care is Black/AA, followed by Hispanic. The highest transmission risk is the Drug users, with 34%.</li> </ul>	HPG SS to follow up with Dr. Tweeten to obtain an updated data set to send to the committee
b. Status Neutral Approach to Improve HIV Prevention and Health Outcomes for Racial and Ethnic Minorities Initiative/Whole Person Approach to Comprehensive Services – Patrick	The Whole Person Care (Status Neutral Approach) is a two-year pilot program funded by the United States until July 2026. We are one of the four jurisdictions piloting the Whole Person Care program. Current service standards in the Ryan White program will be updated to include the Whole Person approach to care.	

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	<p>The pilot program currently focuses on the Latinx population in the South region. Once the program is successful, it will be rolled out to other demographics and will assist HIV patients and others who need support and care services, such as career development, housing, childcare, and health care. The pilot program is based on system navigation from recruitment and social networking to encourage individuals to get tested and stay in treatment.</p> <p>The Recipient’s Office is revising some Service Standards which will be released in October. These standards will serve as a universal language for all patients, ensuring a consistent and high-quality level of care.</p>	
c. Discussion: Co-chair	Joseph Mora was recommended for committee co-chair. He has experience as a co-chair from previous years.	HPG SS follow up with Joseph Mora to see if he is willing to accept the nomination and if so, have an action item on the next agenda to vote.
9. Routine Business		
a. Discussion: Recommendations from Priority Setting & Resource Allocation Committee (PSRAC)	<p>PSRAC had a focused and lengthy discussion on the Mental health service category. They were concerned about the decrease in allocation for the next fiscal year due to the lack of money spent last fiscal year.</p> <p>The committee recommended a thorough investigation of Mental Health Services procedures and services, including why the funds were not fully spent.</p>	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- What are the various issues that cause people to be unserved?</li> <li>- Should this go to the Medical Standards and Evaluation Committee (MSEC) for review?</li> <li>- How are the funds being utilized? Why are patients not getting access to start and complete their treatment?</li> <li>- MSEC may need to review the psychiatric medication management service category.</li> </ul>	
10. Recommendations to the HIV Planning Group (HPG), HPG committees, and requests of recipient	None	
11. Suggested items for future committee agenda	None	
12. Announcements	None	
13. Next meeting date	<p><b>Date:</b> Tuesday, October 1, 2024  <b>Time:</b> 3:00 PM – 4:30 PM  <b>Location:</b> In-person and via Zoom  Southeastern Live Well Center, 5101 Market Street, San Diego, CA 92114 (Tubman Chavez Room A)</p>	
14. Adjournment	Meeting adjourned at 4:26 PM.	