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## San Diego HIV Planning Group (HPG) Monkeypox (MPox) Task Force Thursday, October 6, 2022

3:00 PM

Meeting occurred via video teleconference (Zoom)

### MINUTES

Quorum is 6

Task Force Members Present: Allan Acevedo, Brenda Huerta, Dr. Ankita Kadakia; Cinnamen Kubricky, Bob Lewis, Mikie Lochner (Chair), Patrick Loose, Dr. Ken Riley; Dr. Stephen Spector

Task Force Members Absent: Alberto Cortes, Max Disposti, , Raul Robles,

Agenda Item	Action/Discussion	Follow-up
1. Call to Order/ Establishment of Quorum	Mikie Lochner, HPG Chair, called the meeting to order at 3:02 p.m. and noted the presence of a quorum.	
2. <b>Action:</b> Continuation of Teleconferencing	Continuation was considered and had been previously passed on 09.15.2022.	
3. Chair Comments; Ground Rules & Abstentions	Chair thanked the members and requested a moment of silence in remembrance of those who have died.	
4. Public Comment (See page 2 of agenda for rules)	None	
5. Sharing our concerns/Member Introductions	None	
6. <b>Action:</b> Approval of the Task Force agenda for October 6, 2022	<b>Action:</b> Approve Task Force agenda for October 6, 2022 with item 7a postponed until the October 27, 2022 meeting. Chair stated they will abstain from all votes unless there is a tie. <b>M/S/C:</b> Riley/Lewis 7/0 <b>Abstentions:</b> Lochner <b>Motion Carries</b>	
<b>7. Old Business</b>		

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a. Training: Health Equity	Postponed during approval of agenda.	
b. Data Report: Vaccine equity data	<p>Dr. Ankita Kadakia provided local, national, and international data report on monkey pox confirmed cases.</p> <p>There is a local decline in cases weekly, which is similar nationally and globally.</p> <p>The committee discussed representation of non-binary persons. Cases are reported based on California Department of Public Health (CDPH) categories. Case counts less than 5 are not reported to protect confidentiality. County collects and maintains more information than is required for State reporting. Statewide reports are based on categories defined in Title 17. County is considering this issue and working on how to record and report data to reflect all people.</p> <p>Data shows there is inequity between rates of infection in some communities and rates of vaccination.</p>	
c. Review Report of Vaccinations; Outreach, Health Education and Risk Reduction Activities; and Social Media Activities	<p>Outreach efforts to population of focus including Gay, MSM are underway and achieving a good click through rate.</p> <p>Efforts have included: Agency in-reach, In-person outreach, on-line outreach, and educational materials. On social media, 2.1 million impressions and 26 thousand click through to the MPOX website. Demand for vaccinations is going down.</p> <p>There has been a lot of collaboration with community organizations.</p> <p>Although the number of cases of MPOX is declining, this is a critical time in the effort to eliminate MPOX. The inequity in vaccine rates is a barrier to elimination.</p> <p>Education and availability of vaccine to all communities is critical.</p> <p>The role of contact investigation was discussed. Committee member asked if there are creative ways to work with identified index cases to help do community education. There is a web site that allows anonymous communication. 'TellYourPartner.org' is available for individuals.</p> <p>The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) put a call for pilot between community organizations and local health jurisdictions to provide vaccine. The Request for Proposals (RFP) includes suggestions.</p>	

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	<p>County is discussing using mobile foot pods to reach individuals in encampments. Also considering mobile van to provide vaccines in various neighborhoods. Dr. Kadakia has contacts with many organizations and will reach to discuss collaborations. Hoping to reach out to San Diego Black LGBTQ population</p> <p>Committee member mentioned the importance of understanding the barriers for the individual's point of view. Regarding stigma, the intradermal vaccination creates a mark that is visible and last for some time. Committee members wondered whether the potential impact of this visible mark on the willingness of the focus population to get vaccinated had been investigated.</p> <p>If there is information about where outbreaks are occurring, it may be possible to work with community organizations who are providing services.</p> <p>Committee members noted that the digital divide is real and that the current social marketing and web-based outreach and scheduling methods may not be accessible to those who do not use web-based communication.</p> <p>Committee members discussed the importance of partnering with community organizations.</p> <p>It is important to consider the impact of other events on the focus communities. For example, pending changes to Medi-Cal providers may affect access to vaccinations and health care.</p> <p>Advocacy with health care plans to promote understanding the MPOX vaccination is part of duty to provide health care.</p> <p>Members discussed the possibility of coordinating with Live WOW van (Mobile medical van that goes around communities). Live WOW van also provides self-sufficiency services including signing people up for Medi-Cal, Cal Fresh, etc.</p> <p>Committee members discussed the possibly of supporting sponsored vaccination events with trusted organizations in the community.</p> <p>Working with new transgender advocates at Christie's Place.</p> <p>A member spoke about the importance reaching out to Heterosexual women who are HIV+</p> <p>Committee discussed transportation is an issue - Equity California is providing Uber vouchers for those that need transportation to and from vaccination site. Flyer were shared.</p>	

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	Members noted that ideas discussed for item 7c also apply to items 7d and 7e.	
d. Discussion of vaccine efforts and suggestions for updates to strategy	<p>Food cards/hygiene cards would be helpful to support outreach efforts.</p> <p>Community members have questions about the cost or vaccination. Members of the community want to know if there any administrative fees that are charged to the patient.</p> <p>Education should be extended to administrative and finance staff, not only primary care physicians.</p> <p>There is speculation that second vaccines are no longer available.</p> <p>In-person/“Boots on the ground” engagement and interactions in some instances would be much more beneficial than social media presence, flyers, etc.</p>	
e. Discussion of outreach efforts and suggestions for updates to strategy	Discussion above also applies to this item.	
f. Discussion of social media efforts and suggestions for updates to strategy	Discussion above also applies to this item.	
g. Review of Work Plan	Reviewed	
h. Discussion: Ongoing Data and Reporting Requests to Support Work of Task Force	<p>A member asked what outreach is being done to drug used treatments programs.</p> <p>Currently there is no specific outreach treatment providers</p>	
i. Discussion: Additional Training Required to Support Work of Task Force		
<b>8. New Business</b>		
a. None		
9. Suggestions to Steering Committee for consideration of future items		
10. Announcements		
11. Next meeting date	Next Meetings: Thursday, October 27, 2022 and Thursday, November 10, 2022 Location: <b>WebEx</b>	
Adjournment	4:30 PM	