

Wednesday, October 23, 2024, 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM Southeastern Live Well Center 5469 Kearny Villa Rd, San Diego, CA 92123 1st Floor, Training Room D

The Charge of the HIV Planning Group: The HIV Planning Group Committee Charge is to set priorities & allocate funds to provide services for people living with HIV/AIDS.

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Meeting Location & Directions:

HIV Planning Group

Wednesday, September 23, 2024 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM

Seville Plaza - Live Well Support Center 5469 Kearny Villa Rd. San Diego, CA 92123 (1st Floor, Training Room D)



Parking is <u>free</u>. 2-hour parking and whole day parking is available in the parking lot. All visitors must check in with security at the main entrance of the building to be escorted to the elevator. Visitors include County employees who do not work in the building.

FROM I-63 S:

- 1.Use the right 2 lanes to turn left onto CA-163 N toward Escondido.
- 2. Merge onto CA-163 N
- 3. Take Exit 8 for Clairemont Mesa Blvd
- 4. Keep left, follow signs for Kearny Villa Rd
- 5. Sharp right onto Kearny Villa Rd





MTS Bus Routes: 27, 20, 120, 235





FROM 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 left on Clairemont Mesa Blvd
- 6. Turn right onto Kearny Villa Rd
- 7. Turn right onto Monel Ave
- 8.Building 5469/Seville Plaza Live Well Support Center will be on the **right** side at the end of the cul-desac

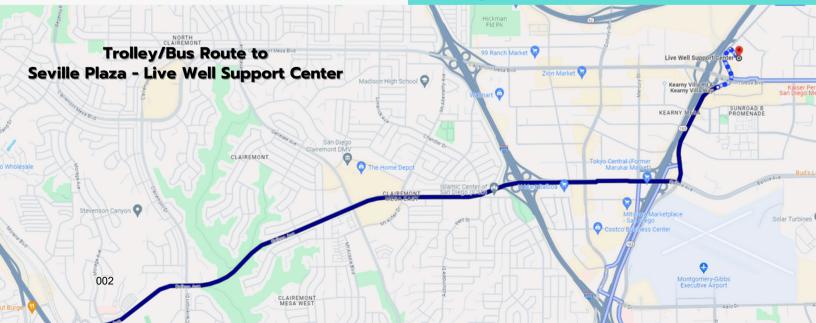
FROM BUS:

From Kearny Villa Rd & Kearny Villa Way:

- 1. Walk northeast on Kearny Villa Rd
- 2. Turn right onto Monel Ave
- 3. Enter the traffic circle
- 4.Building 5469/Seville Plaza Live Well Support Center will be on the **right** side

From Clairemont Mesa Blvd:

- 1. Walk north on Complex Dr toward Clairemont Mesa Blvd
- 2.Turn left onto Clairemont Mesa Blvd
- 3. Turn right onto Kearny Villa Rd
- 4. Turn right onto Monel Ave
- 5. Enter the traffic circle
- 6.Building 5469/Seville Plaza Live Well Support Center will be on the <u>right</u> side



Procedure of HPG Public Requests During HPG Meetings

During public comment periods of HPG meetings, public members sometimes request a variety of things directly or indirectly in their comments (e.g., information/clarification, data, investigation of a circumstance, etc. or may assert circumstances that require clarification to address either in 1:1 communication or in a subsequent meetings).

The process/procedure for responding is as follows.

During each HPG meeting (including the one in which the direct or indirect request is made), the chair or vice-chair will:

Explain the process for a response and indicate that:

- 1. HPG Support Staff has placed their email and phone number in the chat so that the speaker can contact the staff to discuss and clarify the request. The staff will obtain contact information for any needed follow-up (name, email address, phone number, and preference for communication).
- 2. When the speaker contacts HPG Support, staff will respond within one business day via email or phone call to obtain contact information and the basic details of the request.
- 3. The day following the HPG meeting, an internal debrief meeting will be held which includes the review of follow-up items. Follow-up items are discussed and assigned to appropriate personnel to respond further to obtain the required information/clarification. The requestor will be contacted the same business day as the meeting is held. *Items that involve or require provider contract information are assigned to Recipient staff.*
- 4. If the situation requires further research or data gathering, Support Staff will inform the requestor and provide a good faith estimate of the time required for the research and when the requestor may expect a fuller response from the staff.
- 5. Every attempt will be made to obtain and communicate the requested information within a 10-day period.
- 6. When a full response is provided, the follow-up item will be recorded as completed.



Wednesday, October 23, 2024, 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM Seville Plaza – Live Well Support Center 5469 Kearny Villa Rd, San Diego, CA 92123 (1st Floor, Training Room D)

Password: SDHPG

To participate remotely via Zoom:

https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85368987291?pwd=KnO1bBlgoyR53sVY04E8ymyNo6OUq4.1

Call in: +1 (669) 444-9171

Meeting ID (access code): 853 6898 7291

Language translation services are available upon request at least 96 hours prior to the meeting. Please contact HPG Support Staff via e-mail at <a href="https://meeting.ncbi.nlm.ncbi.

A quorum for this meeting is eleven (11).

Committee Members: Marco Aguirre Mendoza | Beth Davenport | Michael Donovan | Tyra Fleming | Felipe Garcia-Bigley | David Grelotti | Pamela Highfill | Ben Ignalino | Lori Jones | Cinnamen Kubricky (Vice-Chair) | Michael Lochner (Chair) | Skyler Miles | Veronica Nava | Venice Price | Ivy Rooney | Stephen Spector | Rhea Van Brocklin | Freddy Villafan | Jeffery Weber | Abigail West* | Michael Wimpie | Adrienne Yancey

*Participating virtually from 1616 Capitol Ave, Sacramento, CA 95814

ORDER OF BUSINESS

- 1. Call to order
- 2. Welcome, roll call, moment of silence
- 3. Matters from the Chair
- 4. <u>Public comment</u> (for members of the public) concerns/questions/suggestions for future topics
- 5. <u>HPG Member Open Forum</u> concerns/questions/suggestions for future topics
- 6. **ACTION:** Approve the HPG agenda for October 23, 2024
- 7. Member Recognition
- 8. Old Business:
 - a. None
- 9. New Business:
 - a. **Presentation**: Whole Person Approach to Care Initiative Lynn Carson
 - b. Presentation: Recap of June 2024 HPG Retreat Dasha Dahdouh
 - c. **Review**: In-depth review of the Mental Health Services category
 - d. **Discussion**: General member recruitment
 - e. **ACTION** (Membership Committee): Approve HPG appointments

f. **ACTION** (*Priority Setting and Resource Allocation Committee*): Reallocations for FY 24 (March 1, 2024 – February 28, 2025)

10. Routine Business:

- a. **ACTION:** Approval of consent agenda for October 23, 2024 which includes:
 - i. Approval of HPG minutes from September 25, 2024
 - ii. Acceptance of the following committee minutes:

Steering Committee	None
Membership Committee	None
Priority Setting and Resource Allocation Committee	June 6, 2024; June 13, 2024: July 11, 2024; July 18, 2024
Medical Standards and Evaluation Committee	None
Community Engagement Group	July 17, 2024
Strategies and Standards Committee	August 6, 2024

(The following is for HPG information, not for acceptance):

CARE Partnership	None
Housing Committee	July 17, 2024

- iii. Committee Reports
 - 1. HPG committees
 - State Office of AIDS (OA) and AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP) –
 Abigail West
 - 3. Housing Committee Report Freddy Villafan
- iv. California HIV Planning Group (CHPG) Mikie Lochner
- v. Administrative budget report
- 11. HIV, STD, and Hepatitis Branch (HSHB) Report
- 12. HPG Support Staff Updates
- 13. Announcements
- 14. Adjournment

Next Meeting Date: Thursday, November 21, 2024, at 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM

Location: Southeastern Live Well Center, 5101 Market Street, San Diego, CA 92114 (Tubman Chavez Room A) and via Zoom.

	HPG CONFLICT OF INTEREST (COI) SHEET											
		Garcia Bigley,	Grelotti, David	Ignalino,	Nava,	Spector,						
	Davenport, Beth	Felipe	J.	Ben	Veronica	Stephen A.	Van Brocklin, Rhea					
CHS: WICYF*	-	,										
Early Intervention Services: Regional Services												
Early Intervention Services: Minority AIDS Initiative												
Home-Based Health Care Coordination												
Medical Case Management												
Mental Health: Groups / Therapy												
Mental Health: Counseling / Therapy												
Mental Health: Psychiatric Medication Management												
Non-Medical Case Management												
Oral Health												
Outpatient Ambulatory Health Services: Medical Specialty												
Outpatient Ambulatory Health Services: Primary Care												
Outreach Services												
Peer Navigation**												
Subtance Use Disorder Treatment: Outpatient												
Subtance Use Disorder Treatment: Residential												
Transportation: Assisted and Unassisted												

^{*}Coordinated HIV Services for Women, Infants, Children, Youth and Families

No ConflictsAguirre Mendoza, MarcoJones, LoriPrice, VeniceWest, AbigailDonovan, MichaelKubricky, CinnamenRooney, IvyWimpie, MichaelFleming, TyraLochner, MichaelWeber, JefferyYancey, Adrienne

Miles, Skyler

^{**}Referral for Healthcare and Support Services





HRSA Status Neutral and Whole Person Care Approaches – Implementation Update

Lynn Carson September 25, 2024



Project Overview

- Develop, implement, and evaluate whole person strategies within Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program (RWHAP) Part A jurisdictions for racial and ethnic minority subpopulations who need HIV prevention services.
 - Ensures both people with HIV and vulnerable to HIV have access to a spectrum of tools and services to support overall health and wellbeing, such housing support, mental health care, etc.
- Focus on the prevention pathway and apply it to people who test negative for HIV and are at substantial risk for HIV in order to assist in improving access to needed services.
- Funding source: HRSA-23-126 Status Neutral Approach to Improve HIV Prevention and Health Outcomes for Racial and Ethnic Minorities – Implementation Sites







Project Activities





- Expand Ryan White Program Non-medical Case Management Services (NMCM) framework to individuals who are HIV negative leveraging existing infrastructure.
- Develop, implement, and evaluate Social Networking Strategy (SNS) that aligns with Centers of Disease Control and Prevention SNS recommendations and guidance.
- Update HIV Service Standards to align with whole person care practices.
 - Translating how existing tools, such as integrated care plans and risk assessment tools, could be redirected to assist people who are HIV positive, HIV negative and/or unaware of their status.
 - Introducing comprehensive HIV prevention approaches into an existing HIV care system that includes case management, behavioral health, and housing services.



Non-medical Case Management





- Ensures both people with HIV and vulnerable to HIV have access to a spectrum of tools and services to support overall health and wellbeing, such housing support, mental health care, etc.
- Develops critical service pathways for people vulnerable to HIV who would benefit from the more robust supportive services currently available to people with HIV through Ryan White.
- To implement, we will be partnering with a local organization currently funded to perform Ryan White NMCM to expand services to individuals vulnerable to HIV.
- · Technical assistance provider JSI will be conducting evaluation of the activity.



Social Networking Strategy





- SNS helps to identify, engage, and motivate people who are unaware of their status to accept HIV testing and engage in available care and prevention services.
- It is an evidence-based strategy founded on two principles:
 - People in the same social network share the same behaviors that increase the chances of getting or transmitting HIV; and
 - People in the same social network know and trust each other.
- To implement, we are partnering with a local organization to identify and work with members of focus population, who will serve as recruiters in their social networks.
 - They will work with the NMCM-funded organization to connect individuals to services.
- The local organization will also be conducting evaluation of the activity.



HPG Service Standards Timeline





April 2024

Initial internal revision of HIV service standards

June 2024 • Expert review of service standards with structural review in mind by technical assistance provider

August 2024 • Introduction to Strategies & Standards Committee

Sept 2024 Introduction to HPG

Octobei 2024 Begin socialization of updated service standards with HPG

March 2025 • Integration of HPG feedback and final review by technical assistance provider

Role of HIV Planning Group





- Review of changes
- · Discussion of barriers, challenges, and misgivings
- Inclusion of status-neutral approach in HPG work plan
- Eventual adoption of updated service standards reflecting status-neutral approach







Questions?







2024 HIV Planning Group Retreat

June 26, 2024 Summary of Discussion Points



Discussion: Motivation Themes

- Giving back to community
- Curiosity learning and growing
- Advocacy for consumers
- Knowledge to share
- Engagement/collaboration
- Feeling valued
- Representation of disadvantaged consumers and people of color

- Adapting to changes continuing of care
- Passion and connection to people
- Improving current service
- Health equity
- Empowerment
- Thriving
- Be with like-minded people





Discussion: Recruitment Challenges

- Style of meetings communication
- Support from the organization
- Lack of awareness at HPG
- Stigma (lack of confidence at contribution)
- Time commitment (false sense of assurance)

- Financial support (lack of equity at membership)
- Convenience/travel/access
- Bureaucracy follow-up (too much structure)
- Intimidation formality and acronyms





Discussion: Retention & Engagement Challenges

- Communication style and formality of meetings
- Interviews are intimidating
- Make it more accessible to consumers (locations of meetings)
- How to live/thrive with HIV
- Different life stages

- Health
- Ideas: Peer to peer trainings
- Leadership empowerment
- Sustained effort over time





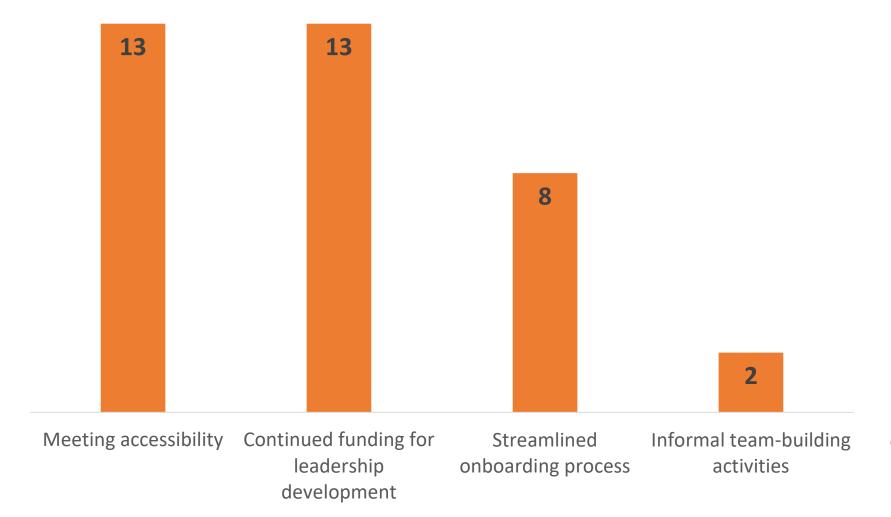
Discussion: Onboarding

- Explaining commitment and roles
- Expectations of participation
- Bureaucracy of process
- How to engage incoming members
- Use language that is inclusive, inviting, and accessible





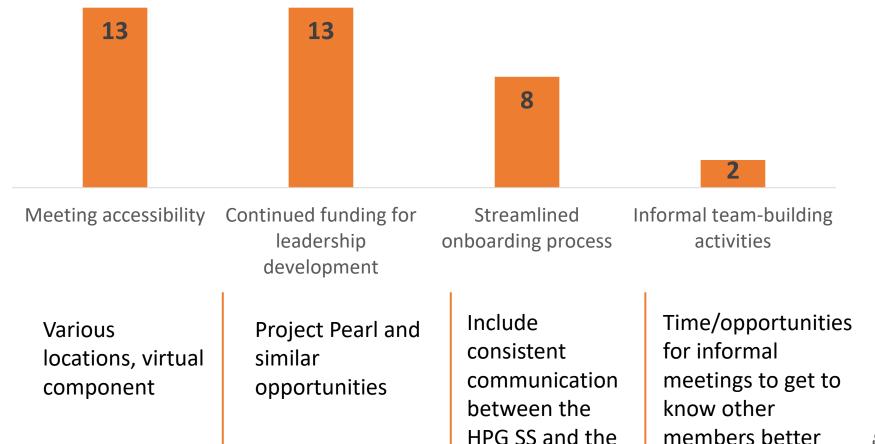
Activity: Recruitment Goals







Activity: Recruitment Goals (detailed examples)

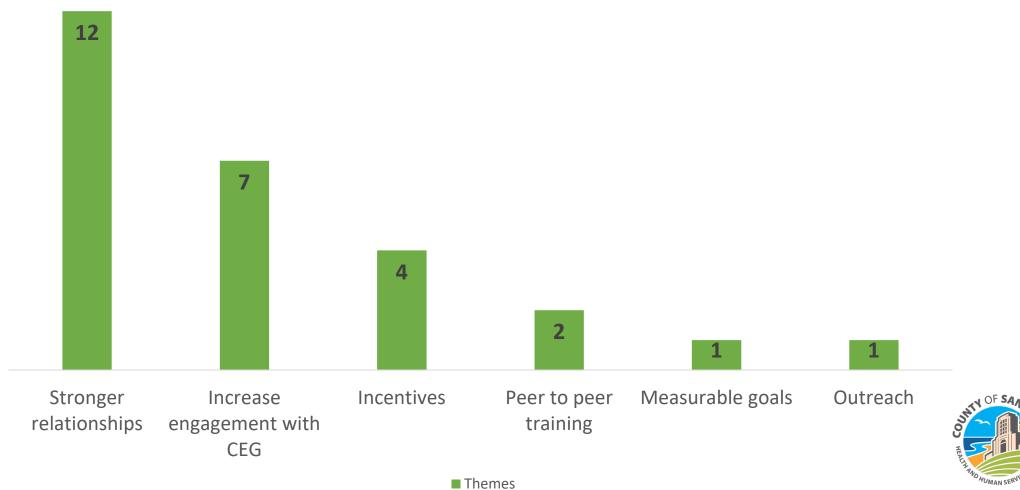


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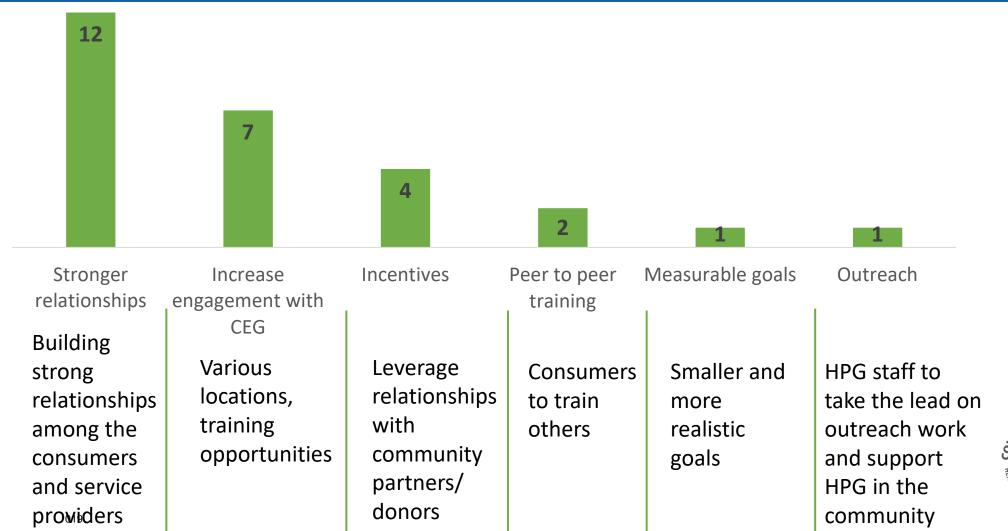
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Activity: Retention Goals (detailed examples)





RW 2024-25 PART A AWARD INFORMATION	
Funding Source	Total RW 2024-25 Award
Part A	11,667,474.00
Part A MAI	784,859.00
TOTAL AWARD AMOUNT	12,452,333.00

RW 2024-25

YEAR TO DATE EXPENDITURE AND SAVINGS BREAK-DOWN AS OF SEPT 2024

FY24-25 ALLOCATION BREAK DOWN												
Funding Source	Admin. \$	Admin. %	CQM \$	CQM %	RW 2024-25 Service dollars	Total	CORE Medical Services	Support Services				
Part A	1,131,364	10%	349,067	3%	10,187,043	11,667,474	70%	30%				
Part A MAI	78,486	10%	32,933	4%	673,440	784,859	7076	30 /6				
TOTAL	1,209,850.00		382,000.00		10,860,483.00	12,452,333.00	70%	30%				

Ryan White Part A Allocations % Elapsed 58%												
Service Categories	HRSA Ranking	Priority Ranking	RW 2024-25 HPG Initial Allocation	%	HPG & Recipient Approved Actions +/-	RW 2024-25 HPG Adjusted Allocation	%	RW 2024-25 Year to Date Expenditure	RW 2024-25 Year-to-Date % Expenditure/Budget	RW 2024-25 Balance	Comments	
Outpatient Ambulatory Health Services: Primary Care	11	1	1,102,630.00	11%	-	1,102,630.00	11%	773,743.92	70%	328,886.08		
Outpatient Ambulatory Health Services: Medical Specialty	11	2	195,000.00	2%	-	195,000.00	2%	83,910.58	43%	111,089.42		
Psychiatric Medication Management	1j	12	6,000.00	0%	-	6,000.00	0%	4,245.28	71%	1,754.72		
Oral Health	1k	3	160,940.00	2%	-	160,940.00	2%	95,159.89	59%	65,780.11		
Medical Case Management	1h	4	1,151,853.00	12%	-	1,151,853.00	12%	572,792.65	50%	579,060.35		
Non-Medical Case Management for Housing		6	200,000.00	2%	-	200,000.00		-	0%			
Housing: Emergency Housing	2e	7	1,183,515.00	12%	-	1,183,515.00	12%	436,030.49	37%	747,484.51		
Housing: Location, Placement and Advocacy Services NEW		8	100,000.00	1%	-	100,000.00		-	0%			
Housing: Partial Assistance Rental Subsidy (PARS)	2e	9	807,507.00	8%	43,000.00	850,507.00	9%	291,786.48	34%	558,720.52		
Non-Medical Case Management	2h	5	392,021.00	4%	-	392,021.00	4%	197,485.19	50%	194,535.81		
Coordinated HIV Services for Women, Infants, Children, Youth, and Families (WICYF)	1c	13	993,157.00	10%	-	993,157.00	10%	494,227.19	50%	498,929.81		
Childcare Services	2a		-	0%	-		0%	-	0%	-		
Early Intervention Services: Regional Services	1c	14	810,000.00	8%	(20,000.00)	790,000.00	8%	389,792.04	49%	400,207.96		
Health Education & Risk Reduction	2d	14a	-	0%	-	-	0%	-	0%	-		
Outreach Services	2j	14b	-	0%	-	-	0%	-	0%	-		
Referral Services	21	14c		0%		-	0%	-	0%	-		
Referral to Health and Supportive Services (Peer Navigation)		16	300,000.00	3%	(40,000.00)	260,000.00	3%	90,511.92	35%	169,488.08		

Ryan White Part A Allocations								% Elapsed	58%		
Service Categories	HRSA Ranking	Priority Ranking	RW 2024-25 HPG Initial Allocation	%	HPG & Recipient Approved Actions +/-	RW 2024-25 HPG Adjusted Allocation	%	RW 2024-25 Year to Date Expenditure	RW 2024-25 Year-to-Date % Expenditure/Budget	RW 2024-25 Balance	Comments
Mental Health: Counseling/Therapy & Support Groups	1j	10	900,000.00	9%	(90,000.00)	810,000.00	8%	338,282.80	42%	471,717.20	
Psychosocial Support Services		17	46,744.00	0%		46,744.00	0%	-	0%	46,744.00	
Substance Abuse Services: Outpatient	1m	11	260,127.00	3%	53,000.00	313,127.00	3%	169,564.07	54%	143,562.93	
Substance Abuse Services: Residential	20	18	-	0%	-	-	0%	-	0%	-	
Home-based Health Care Coordination	1e	19	228,500.00	2%		228,500.00	2%	39,538.85	17%	188,961.15	
Transportation: Assisted and Unassisted	2g	20	122,830.00	1%	29,000.00	151,830.00	2%	72,873.51	48%	78,956.49	
Food Services: Food Bank/Home-Delivered Meals	2c	21	536,073.00	5%	-	536,073.00	5%	250,081.47	47%	285,991.53	
Medical Nutrition Therapy	1i	22	35,542.00	0%		35,542.00	0%	18,942.70	53%	16,599.30	
Legal Services	2i	23	285,265.00	3%	-	285,265.00	3%	151,334.11	53%	133,930.89	
Emergency Financial Assistance	2b	24	36,856.00	0%	25,000.00	61,856.00	1%	36,977.90	60%	24,878.10	
Home Health Care	1f	25	-	0%		-	0%	-	0%	-	
Early Intervention Services: HIV Counseling and Testing	1c	26	-	0%		-	0%	-	0%	-	
Cost-Sharing Assistance	1d	27	-	0%		-	0%	-	0%	-	
Hospice	1g	28	-	0%		-	0%	-	0%	-	
Subtotal			9,854,560.00	100%		9,854,560.00	97%	4,507,281.04	46%	5,347,278.96	
Ryan White Part A Minority AIDS Initiative (MAI)		RW 2024-25 HPG Initial Allocation		HPG & Recipient Approved Actions +/-	RW 2024-25 HPG Adjusted Allocation	%	RW 2024-25 Year to Date Expenditure	RW 2024-25 Year-to-Date % Expenditure/Budget	RW 2024-25 Balance	Comments	
Multi-Disciplinary Team			593,183.00		-	593,183.00	86%	267,426.25	45%	325,756.75	
Housing: Emergency Housing			100,000.00		-	100,000.00	14%	83,513.82	84%	16,486.18	
	Subtotal					693,183.00	100%	350,940.07	51%	342,242.93	
		TOTAL	10,547,743.00		-	10,547,743.00		4,858,221.11	46%	5,689,521.89	

CORE and Support Sevices Allocation Breakdown									
Total a	Total Expenditure	Total Balance							
CORE Medical Services		4,325,474.00	2,240,605.99	2,084,868.01					
Support Services		5,529,086.00	2,266,675.05	3,262,410.95					
TOTAL	9,854,560.00	4,507,281.04	5,347,278.96						

Month: Sep-24 Part A & Part B Prevention Comp A/C HRSA 20-078

YEAR TO DATE EXPENDITURE AND SAVINGS BREAK-DOWN AS OF AUG 2024											
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Funding Source	RW 2024/2025 Service Dollars	Contract YTD Expenditure	% of Year Invoiced	% Spent	Balance	Comments					
Ryan White Part B											
Outpatient Ambulatory Health Services (Medical)	-	-	24.99%	0.00%	-	Part A Payment Summary (Part B funding)					
Early Intervention Services (Expanded HIV Testing)	-	-	24.99%	0.00%	-	Part A Payment Summary (Part B funding)					
Early Intervention Services (Focused Testing)	187,900.00	69,584.00	24.99%	19.30%	118,316.00	Part B Payment Summary					
Medical Case Management (Emergency Financial Assistance)	177,600.00	35,678.00	24.99%	12.44%	141,922.00	Part B Payment Summary					
Housing (Substance Abuse Services-Residential)	589,552.00	247,084.00	24.99%	24.92%	342,468.00	Part B Payment Summary					
Non-medical Case Management (Rep Payee)	50,000.00	12,218.00	24.99%	17.14%	41,431.00	Part B Payment Summary					
CoSD Medical Case Management			24.99%	0.00%		Part B Cost Report					
CoSD Early Intervention Services	113,263.76		24.99%	0.00%	396,482.82	Part B Cost Report					
Ryan White Part B Total	1,213,771.00	265,908.79			1,443,793.06						
Prevention (27-0047)- awaiting											
Counseling and Testing				0.00%	-	Payment Summary					
Evaluation/ Linkage Activities/ Needs Assessment				0.00%	-	Payment Summary					
Prevention Total	-	-		0.00%	-						
HRSA Ending the HIV Epidemic- 20-078 FY2324				0.00%							
HRSA Ending the HIV Epidemic- 20-078 FY2324	508,240.00	258,605.35	33.32%	34.26%	249,634.65	Payment Summary					
HRSA Ending the HIV Epidemic- 20-078 TOTAL	508,240.00	258,605.35	33.32%	34.26%	249,634.65						
TOTAL	2,312,948.06	387,957.35	0.58	0.46	1,924,990.71						

DETAILED INTERNAL BUDGET

Program: HIV Planning Group Support-County

Year: RW 2024

DETAILED INTERNAL BUDGET											
Budget Period: 03/01/2024 to 2/28/2025 CFD#: 93.914 Updated - 3/2024-9/2024 Expenditures for 10/2024 Meeting		6 of Year Elapsed		58.3%							
		FY 24 Budget		YTD Total Expenditures	Expended		Remaining Balance				
Personnel Expenses (Salary & Benefits)	\$	307,705.26	\$	264,758.72	86.04%	\$	42,946.54				
Interpreter Services	\$	10,200.00	\$	8,528.97	83.62%	\$	1,671.03				
Food	\$	7,100.00	\$	2,390.59	33.67%	\$	4,709.41				
Staff Training	\$	250.00	\$	-	0.00%	\$	250.00				
Office Expenses	\$	5,731.00	\$	7,682.41	134.05%	\$	(1,951.41)				
Mileage and Gas Cards	\$	7,100.00	\$	190.28	2.68%	\$	6,909.72				
Zoom	\$	750.00	\$	-	0.00%	\$	750.00				
WiFi (MiFi)	\$	573.00	\$	3,220.07	561.97%	\$	(2,647.07)				
TOTAL PC BUDGET	\$	339,409.26	\$	286,771.04	84.49%	\$	52,638.22				

Ryan White Utilization Report

Summary of Services for FY 24

(March 1, 2024 - February 28, 2025)

HIV, STD and Hepatitis Branch





Wednesday, September 25, 2024, 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM Southeastern Live Well Center 5101 Market Street, San Diego, CA 92114 Tubman Chavez Room A

A quorum for this meeting is twelve (12).

Committee Members Present (16): Michael Donovan | Tyra Fleming | Felipe Garcia-Bigley | David Grelotti | Ben Ignalino | Lori Jones | Cinnamen Kubricky (Vice-chair) | Michael Lochner (Chair) | Skyler Miles | Veronica Nava | Venice Price | Ivy Rooney | Winston Tilghman | Rhea Van Brocklin | Freddy Villafan | Michael Wimpie

Committee Members Absent (6): Marco Aguirre Mendoza | Beth Davenport | Pamela Highfill | Stephen Spector | Jeffery Weber | Adrienne Yancey

Committee Members Joining Virtually (1): Abigail West (Just Cause)

ORDER OF BUSINESS

	Agenda Item	Discussion/Action	Follow-Up
1.	Call to order	Mikie Lochner called the meeting to order at 3:03 PM and noted the presence of an in-person quorum.	
2.	Welcome, roll call, moment of silence	Introductions were given by HPG members and those in attendance in-person and online. A moment of silence was observed.	
3.	Matters from the Chair	 Mikie Lochner made the following announcements: The November HPG meeting has been rescheduled to Thursday, November 21. A reminder will be sent to HPG members. Three new HPG members are joining us today: Ben Ignalino, Michael Donovan, and Sky Miles. 	
4.	Public comment	A member of the public shared their appreciation of having the HPG and committee meetings in accessible locations.	
5.	HPG Member Open Forum	 HPG members expressed the following: Recommendation that the County consider hosting an Aging Resource Fair. They also expressed concern about the Section 8 housing notification process. Concern with being denied care at a Ryan White provider with their insurance coverage. Shared a personal story about their diagnosis and encouraged the HPG to continue to be mindful of the Trans community. Concern about the insurance options available through the Medi-Care open enrollment. 	

	SAN DIEGO HIV PLANNING GROUP (HPG)			
	Agenda Item	Discussion/Action	Follow-Up	
6.	ACTION: Approve the HPG agenda for September 25, 2024	Motion: Approve the HPG agenda for September 25, 2024 as presented with the noted change: Move agenda items 9c, 9d, and 9f (Actions and Assessment of the Administrative Mechanism) to be first under New Business. Motion/Second/Count (M/S/C): Fleming/Donovan/16-0 Abstentions: Lochner Motion carries		
	Member Recognition	HPG members Dr. Tilghman and Freddy Villafan, and staff member Ling Yang were recognized and appreciated. Mikie Lochner introduced himself and shared his story to begin a tradition of getting to know HPG members each month.		
8.	Routine Business	None		
9.	New Business			
	a. ACTION (Membership Committee): Approve HPG appointments	Motion: Approve the appointment of Juan Conant to the HPG seat #25 Non-elected Community Leader. M/S/C: Membership Committee/15-0 Abstentions: Garcia-Bigley, Lochner Motion carries		
	b. ACTION : Approve the Board Letter	Motion: Approve the Board Letter to accept the HIV services grant funding, and applications for future funding opportunities for High Impact Prevention and Surveillance Programs and for Ending the HIV Epidemic. M/S/C: Van Brocklin/Garcia-Bigley/15-0 Abstentions: Lochner, West Motion carries		
	c. ACTION (Priority Setting and Resource Allocation Committee): Reallocations for FY 24	None		
	d. Report: 2024 Assessment of the Administrative Mechanism – Dasha Dahdouh	Dasha Dahdouh presented the 2024 Assessment of the Administrative Mechanism on FY 23. Questions can be forwarded to HPG Support Staff.		
	e. Presentation: Needs Among Women Living with or Impacted by HIV – Rhea Van	Rhea Van Brocklin and Martha Robles presented on Christie's Place and its services.	_	

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Agenda Item	Discussion/Action	Follow-Up
Brocklin and Shannon Ransom	Karen Deutsch presented on the UC San Diego Mother, Child, and Adolescent Program (MCAP) and its services.	
f. Presentation: Whole Person Approach to Care Initiative – Lynn Carson	Tabled	
10. Routine Business		
a. ACTION: Approval of consent agenda for September 25, 2024.	Motion: Approve consent agenda for September 25, 2024, which includes: i. Approval of HPG minutes from July 24, 2024 and August 7, 2024 ii. Acceptance of the following committee minutes: Steering Committee (June 18, 2024) Membership Committee (June 12, 2024; July 10, 2024) Medical Standards and Evaluation Committee (June 11, 2024) Community Engagement Group (June 12, 2024) Strategies and Standards Committee (June 20, 2024) The following is for HPG information, not for acceptance: CARE Partnership (May 20, 2024; July 15, 2024) M/S/C: Donovan/Wimpie/15-0 Abstentions: Lochner Motion carries	
b. Committee Reports	Tabled	
c. State Office of AIDS (OA) and AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP) – Abigail West	Tabled, the OA Report (The Voice) was included in the meeting materials packet.	
d. Housing Committee Report – Freddy Villafan	Tabled	
e. California HIV Planning Group (CHPG) – Mikie Lochner	Tabled	

SAN DIEGO HIV PLANNING GROUP (HPG)		
Agenda Item	Discussion/Action	Follow-Up
f. Administrative budget report	Tabled; the report was included in the meeting materials packet.	
11.HIV, STD, and Hepatitis Branch (HSHB) Report	Patrick Loose provided the following updates: - HSHB is working on submitting the Ryan White Part A application and an Ending the HIV Epidemic (EHE) application. - Working to address the late funding issue for HIV prevention. - The expenditure report was included in the meeting materials packet.	
12.HPG Support Staff Updates	Dasha Dahdouh discussed staffing changes including Krystle Diaz's departure due to a promotional opportunity within the department and new staff member Katie Emmel, Community Health Promotion Specialist.	
13. Announcements	 Sunday, October 6, 2024: a Townhall on "A Cure for HIV?" Location: St. Paul's Episcopal Cathedral. Tuesday, October 29, 2024 at 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM. The HPG Orientation. Location: virtually via Zoom. At its October 23, 2024 meeting the HPG will have a Halloween costume contest with winners for best costume. Friday, October 25, 2024 at 5:00 PM – 8:00 PM "Diamonds in the Rough" banquet for the Trans Community. Attendees are asked to dress in gowns and tuxedos/suits. Location: The Center. Friday, December 6, 2024 at 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM: 35th Annual Dr. A. Brad Truax Award Ceremony and Reception. Location: The Center. 	
14. Adjournment	The meeting was adjourned at 5:07 PM.	
Next meeting date	Date: Wednesday, October 23, 2024 Time: 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM Location: Seville Plaza – Live Well Support Center, 5469 Kearny Villa Road, San Diego, CA 92123, 1st floor, Training Room D	



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Thursday, June 6, 2024, 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM County Administration Center 1600 Pacific Hwy, San Diego, CA 92101 (Room 301)

A quorum for this meeting is seven (7)

Committee Members Present: Dr. Beth Davenport | Tyra Fleming (Co-Chair) | Felipe Garcia-Bigley | Dr. Delores Jacobs | Cinnamen Kubricky | Marco Aguirre Mendoza | Chris Mueller | Karla Quezada-Torres | Raul Robles | Rhea Van Brocklin (Chair) | Freddy Villafan | Pam Highfill Committee Members Absent: Regina Underwood

MEETING MINUTES

Agenda Item	Action	Follow-up
1. Call to order	Rhea Van Brocklin called the meeting to order at 1:06 PM and noted an in-person quorum was established.	
2. Reminders	Rhea Van Brocklin reviewed conflicts of interest. Tyra Fleming read the Committee Charge.	
Public Comment on non- agenda items (for members of the public)	None	
Sharing our concerns (for committee members)	A committee member noted more participants from the community are needed for this meeting.	
5. Action: Review and approve the agenda for June 6, 2024	Motion: Approve the June 6, 2024 meeting agenda as presented. Motion/Second/Count (M/S/C): Fleming/Mueller/9-0 Abstentions: Van Brocklin Motion carries	
6. Action: Review and approve the meeting minutes for May 9, 2024	Action: Review and approve the meeting minutes for May 9, 2024. M/S/C: Garcia-Bigley/Davenport/9-0 Abstentions: Quezada-Torres, Van Brocklin Motion carries	
Review follow-up items from the last meeting minutes	HPG Support Staff (SS) provided an update on the follow-up items:	

Agenda Item	Action	Follow-up
	 The Recipients' office will present on Minority AIDS Initiative (MAI) regional funds data at today's meeting. Dr. Tweeten will present data on the aging population and health issues. 	
8. New Business		
a. ACTION: Recommendations for reallocations for FY 24 (the current fiscal year, March 1, 2024 – February 28, 2025).	None	
b. Integrated/Getting to Zero Plan – update	Tabled. Dr. Jacobs has prepared a document outlining the Getting to Zero processes, which will be reviewed at the next Steering Committee meeting and then at the HIV Planning Group (HPG) meeting.	
c. Review data on the HIV Care Continuum/Unaware Estimate and discuss findings i. Include data on RW clients vs. all clients ii. Include data on viral suppression rates in the African American/Black population (include RW clients vs. all clients)	Dr. Tweeten introduced a new Epidemiologist who joined her team and presented the indicated data. She noted that the County will be working on establishing an internal method for calculating and identifying unmet need estimates. The data and method currently provided by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) may not be the best way to identify unmet needs on the West Coast. A committee member requested more detailed data on African American women with HIV. Overall, Ryan White clients are more likely to be virally suppressed compared to the total population of people living with HIV (PLWH) in San Diego County.	Dr. Tweeten will pull specific data on African American women for the HIV Care Cascade data.

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d. Review data on Unmet Need Estimate and discuss findings	Dr. Tweeten provided an update on the Unmet Need Estimate.	
e. ACTION: Summarize/Finalize data on HIV Epidemiology	Dr. Ken Riley presented the key findings on HIV Epidemiology based on the data presented at the PSRAC meeting on May 9, 2024. The presentation and the key findings will be available on the HPG website shortly. Motion: Approve the 2024 Key Findings for HIV Epidemiology as presented. M/S/C: Jacobs/Quezada-Torres/10-0 Abstentions: Van Brocklin Motion carries	HPG SS will forward the document to the HPG and place it on the HPG website.
f. Presentation on Minority AIDS Initiative (MAI) funding and its uses for services in all regions	Maritza Herrera presented on the MAI funding and its utilization for services in all regions.	
g. ACTION : Review Cooccurring Conditions, Poverty, and Insurance data and discuss findings.	Tabled until June 13, 2024 meeting	
h. Review HRSA and Ryan White Part A guidelines (PCN 1602)	The committee reviewed the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) Policy Clarification Notice (PCN) 1602, which outlines service category definitions. Patrick Loose clarified that the key findings document Key Findings Service Eligibility Criteria and Service Guidelines 2024, approved on April 11, 2024, must be updated regarding Oral Health Care, explicitly removing " Must have a referral from Ryan White Primary Care provider."	HPG SS will update the noted Key Findings document
9. Routine Business		
a. Committee Attendance	Reviewed	
b. 2024 Needs Assessment Survey of HIV Impact	The survey is still active, and data are being collected. The committee	

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Update	was asked to contact the HPG SS Lead at hpg.hhsa@sdcounty.ca.gov to coordinate survey pick-up across the county.	
c. Review Monthly and Year to Date expenditures and assess for recommended reallocations	There are no reports currently. Patrick Loose noted that the expenditure reports will be available in July.	
d. Partial Assistance Rent Subsidy Program (PARS) and Emergency Housing update	This update provides the committee with information about the status of the PARS program and the number of clients it serves. As of May 31, 2024, for the PARS program: • 78 clients are currently on the waitlist • 3 previously enrolled • 4 new applicants • Demographics of clients on the waitlist: 78 • Gender: 56 male, 14 female, 8 transgender • Race/ethnicity: 13 Black, 43 Hispanic/Latino, 20 white, 1 Asian, 1 American Indian • Age: 45 over 45, 30 ages 31-44, 3 ages 18-30 • Central region 55, East 10, South 6, North 7 • 84 clients currently enrolled	
e. Review Monthly and TYD service utilization report	The Recipients' Office updated on the total clients served in the Ryan White (RW) program and the current viral suppression load rates for RW clients.	
10. Suggested items for the PSRAC agenda	At the June 13, 2024, meeting, the committee will review the following: • The 2021 Survey of HIV Impact and the 2021 Regional Community Meetings data. • The Key Findings on the Cooccurring Conditions.	

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	 A summary of the Care Continuum/Viral Suppression data, Unmet Need Estimate and Unaware Estimate. 	
11. Announcements	 HPG members were encouraged to RSVP to the June 26, 2024, HPG Retreat quorum check. The Community Engagement Group will have several trainings/presentations in June and July. Committee members were encouraged to attend and to spread the word. 	
12. Next Meeting:	Date: Thursday, June 13, 2024, 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM Location: County Administration Building, 1600 Pacific Hwy, San Diego, CA 92101 (Room 310 – BOS Chamber)	
13. Adjournment	The meeting adjourned at 3:01 PM.	



Thursday, June 13, 2024, 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM County Administration Center 1600 Pacific Hwy, San Diego, CA 92101 (Room 301)

A quorum for this meeting is seven (7)

Committee Members Present: Dr. Beth Davenport | Felipe Garcia-Bigley | Pam Highfill | Dr. Delores Jacobs | Chris Mueller | Regina Underwood | Rhea Van Brocklin (Chair) | Freddy Villafan | Tyra Fleming (Co-Chair) (Just Cause) | Raul Robles (Just Cause)

Committee Members Absent: Marco Aguirre Mendoza | Cinnamen Kubricky | Karla Quezada-Torres

MEETING MINUTES

Agenda Item	Action	Follow-up
1. Call to order	Rhea Van Brocklin called the meeting to order at 1:03 PM and noted that an in-person quorum was established.	
2. Reminders	Rhea Van Brocklin reviewed conflicts of interest. Felipe Garcia-Bigley read the Committee Charge.	
Public Comment on non- agenda items (for members of the public)	None	
Sharing our concerns (for committee members)	None	
5. Action: Review and approve the agenda for June 13, 2024	Motion: Approve the June 13, 2024 meeting agenda with the noted change: Approval of meeting minutes will be moved after the FY 25 priority setting and budget allocation process is completed. Motion/Second/Count (M/S/C): Jacobs/Mueller/9-0 Abstentions: Van Brocklin Motion carries	
6. Action: Review and approve the minutes for June 6, 2024	The agenda item was moved to the September 2024 meeting.	All June and July meeting minutes will be reviewed and approved at the September

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		12, 2024,
7. New Business	<u> </u>	meeting.
a. ACTION: Recommendations for reallocations for FY 24 (the current fiscal year, March 1, 2024 – February 28, 2025).	None	The Recipient staff will provide a copy of the FY 23 final expenditure sheet at the July 11, 2024, meeting.
b. Summarize/Finalize/Approve Key Finding data on HIV Care Continuum/Unaware Estimate.	Dr. Riley presented the key data findings for the HIV Care Continuum/Viral Suppression, the Unaware Estimate, the Unmet Need Estimate, and the Simultaneous Diagnosis to the committee. Motion: Approve the 2024 Key Data Findings Care Continuum/Viral Suppression Document as presented. M/S/C: Jacobs/Davenport/9-0 Abstentions: Van Brocklin Motion carries Motion: Approve the 2024 Key Data Findings for Unaware Estimate/Unmet Need Estimate/Simultaneous Diagnoses as presented. M/S/C: Garcia-Bigley/Jacobs/9-0 Abstentions: Van Brocklin Motion carries	HPG Support Staff (SS) will give the committee members hard copies of the key findings at the July meeting.
c. Review information on non- Ryan White services in the community, esp. mental health and drug and alcohol services)	Dr. Riley reviewed the key findings of San Diego Mental Health and Substance use treatment services with a particular focus on HIV/People Living with HIV (PLWH)/LGBTQ Competencies.	HPG SS will update the Key Findings San Diego County Mental Health and Substance Use Treatment Services with a particular focus

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	Motion: Approve as presented with additional edits by PSRAC members to be included. M/S/C: Villafan/Highfill/9-0 Abstentions: Van Brocklin Motion carries	on HIV/PLWH/LGBQ competencies, including additional information to be provided by Dr. Beth Davenport and Felipe Garcia-Bigley. b
d. Review data on Co- occurring Conditions, Poverty, and Insurance and discuss findings	Data will not be available until the July 11, 2024meeting	HPG SS will move the item to the July 11, 2024, agenda
e. Review the Preliminary 2024 Survey of HIV Impact of the Needs Assessment, discuss findings (including Out-Of-Care data), and review the 2021 Survey of HIV Impact.	The HPG SS presented a comprehensive review of the current 2024 Needs Assessment Survey of HIV Impact to the committee, ensuring that all members were fully informed and involved in the discussion. • The most responses and lack of responses from specific San Diego County regions by zip code • The correlation between the 2023 HIV diagnoses versus the 2024 survey responses. • The committee, showing their commitment, raised concerns about the lack of responses. It was recommended that HPG members and HPG SS continue outreach or plan a different solution to motivate the San Diego HIV demographic to take the surveys. • Is there an outreach task force to promote this survey? If the response rate is low, consider	

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	repeating the survey next year. • HPG and committee members can collaborate with community organizations and separately offer incentives to consumers for completing the forms. • The committee also reviewed the previously approved 2021 Survey of HIV Impact Report.	
f. Review, summarize, and finalize data on regional focus groups and Getting to Zero (GTZ) Action Plan Community Feedback Report and discuss findings	The committee reviewed the 2021 regional focus group data (as regional community meetings did not occur this year). • Dr. Jacobs provided a summary of the GTZ progress. All action items for the PSRAC were completed.	
8. Routine Business		
a. Committee Attendance	Reviewed	
b. Review Monthly and Year to Date expenditures and assess for recommended reallocations	The expenditure report will be available at the next meeting.	
c. Partial Assistance Rent Subsidy Program (PARS) and Emergency Housing update	No new updates since the report at the June 6, 2024, PSRAC meeting.	
d. Review Monthly and TYD service utilization report	No new updates since the report at the June 6, 2024, PSRAC meeting.	
9. Suggested items for the PSRAC agenda	 Review the Co-occurring Conditions data at the July 11, 2024, meeting. HPS SS will update the PSRAC Work Plan and Needs Assessment Survey of HIV Impact, create Key Findings by 	Recipient staff will provide the Co-Occurring Conditions data at the next meeting. HPG SS will update the key

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	Service Category and an Overall Key Findings summary, and combine all the essential data findings into a Combined data set for the committee to review.	findings in the documents.
10. Announcements	None	
11.Next Meeting:	Date: Thursday, July 11, 2024, 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM Location: County Administration Building 1600 Pacific Hwy, San Diego, CA 92101 (Room 402 A)	
12. Adjournment	The meeting adjourned at 2:43 PM.	



Thursday, July 11, 2024, 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM County Administration Center 1600 Pacific Hwy, San Diego, CA 92101 (Room 310 – BOS Chambers)

A quorum for this meeting is seven (7)

Committee Members Present: Dr. Beth Davenport | Cinnamen Kubricky | Tyra Fleming (Co-Chair) | Felipe Garcia-Bigley | Dr. Delores Jacobs | Marco Aguirre Mendoza | Chris Mueller | Raul Robles | Rhea Van Brocklin (Chair) | Pam Highfill | Freddy Villafan

Committee Members Absent: Karla Quezada-Torres | Regina Underwood

MEETING MINUTES

Agenda Item	Action	Follow-up
1. Call to order	Rhea Van Brocklin called the meeting to order at 1:03 PM and noted that an in-person quorum was established.	
2. Reminders	Rhea Van Brocklin reviewed conflicts of interest. Chris Mueller read the Committee Charge.	
Public Comment on non- agenda items (for members of the public)	None	
Sharing our concerns (for committee members)	A committee member has the following concerns: utility rates are increasing, and a consumer passed away recently without care.	
5. Action: Review and approve the agenda for July 11, 2024	Motion: Approve the July 11, 2024 meeting agenda as presented. Motion/Second/Count (M/S/C): Garcia-Bigley/Highfill/10-0 Abstentions: Van Brocklin	
	Motion carries	
6. Review follow-up items from the last meeting	HPG Support Staff (HPG SS) noted that one of the follow-up items concerns the co-occurring condition key findings and will be reviewed today. Minor changes to the combined key findings document will be presented at the July 18, 2024, meeting. All drafts are	

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	available in the meeting materials packet.	
7. New Business		
a. ACTION: Recommendations for reallocations for FY 24 (the current fiscal year, March 1, 2024 – February 28, 2025).	None	The Recipients' Office will have reallocation recommendations at the July 18, 2024, meeting.
b. ACTION: Approve the Board Letter regarding accepting HIV services grant funding, extending the STI service agreement, and applying for future funding opportunities.	No PSRAC action is needed to approve the Board letter, but it will be presented as an action at the July 24, 2024, HPG meeting.	The Recipients' Office will review the Board Letter at the HPG meeting on July 24, 2024.
c. ACTION: Review/summarize any available additional data, including key findings by service category and overall key findings	Motion: Approve the draft key findings by service category and the overall key findings. M/S/C: Fleming/Aguirre/10-0 Abstentions: Van Brocklin Motion carries	
d. ACTION: Review data on Co-occurring Conditions, Poverty, and Insurance and discuss findings	Dr. Ken Riley summarized the data on co-occurring conditions, poverty, and insurance among people living with HIV. The Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) asks for the data annually. A committee member asked if the data on women's conditions related to gynecology are available. It was noted that the MPOX number may be outdated. Recipients' Office: It is recommended that you update the number and note the date of the change, as it changes regularly. Motion: Approve with a revision to update Monkeypox to Mpox, add a date to the data on Mpox, and	HPG SS can provide data on all Ryan White women who have gynecological appointments, which differs from data solely from one clinic. HPG SS will update the term Monkeypox to MPOX and make the other recommended changes

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	locate more updated data on people living with HIV using Fentanyl. M/S/C: Garcia-Bigley/Mueller/8-0 Discussion: A committee member expressed concern about the availability of Fentanyl data and has requested that a more updated rate be found and added. Abstentions: Van Brocklin Motion carries	
e. ACTION: Recommendations with justifications to HIV Planning Group for service priority ranking and how services should be organized and delivered in FY 25 (March 1, 2025 – February 28, 2026)	Motion: Approve FY25 priority rankings as the same for FY 24, with the exceptions of moving Housing: Partial Assistance Rental Subsidy (PARS) to priority #7 and Emergency Housing to priority #9. Rationale: The current data does not differ much from last year's data. M/S/C: Jacobs/Robles/5-0 Abstentions: Davenport, Garcia-Bigley, Highfill, Mueller, Van Brocklin, Villafan Motion carries	HPG SS will clarify if standards have been set for service delivery
f. ACTION: Complete recommendations with justifications for changes in funding allocations in level and reduction-funding scenarios FY 25 (March 1, 2025 – February 28, 2026)	Motion: Approve 2024 priority rankings for 2025 as is, with the exceptions of moving Housing: Partial Assistance Rental Subsidy (PARS) to priority #7, Housing Location, Placement and Advocacy Services to priority #8, and Emergency Housing to priority #9 Motion/Second/Count (M/S/C): Jacobs/Robles/5-0 Discussion: The current data doesn't differ much from previous data, aside from minimal changes Abstentions: Davenport, Garcia-Bigley, Mueller, Highfill, Van Brocklin, Villafan Motion carries	
8. Routine Business		
a. Committee Attendance	The committee reviewed the attendance summary.	

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b. Review Monthly and Year to Date expenditures and assess for recommended reallocations	The Recipients' Office provided a brief overview but will give members a more thorough presentation, with printed hard copies of the expenditure sheets, by next week's meeting.	The Recipients' Office will review this more thoroughly during the next meeting.
c. Partial Assistance Rent Subsidy Program (PARS) and Emergency Housing update	This update provides the committee with information about the status of the PARS program and the number of clients it serves. As of July 1, 2024, PARS report: • 79 is currently on the waitlist • 15 previously enrolled • 3 new applicants • Demographics of clients on the waitlist: 79 • Gender: 57 male, 14 female, 8 transgender • Race/ethnicity: 14 Black, 42 Hispanic/Latino, 20 white, 2 Asian, 1 American Indian • Age: 45 over 45, 31 ages 31-44, 3 ages 18-30 • Central region 56, East 10, South 6, North 7 • 81 currently enrolled	
d. Review Monthly and TYD service utilization report	Reviewed	
Suggested items for the PSRAC agenda	The committee agreed to change next week's July 18, 2024, meeting to 1:30 - 4:30 PM.	
10. Announcements	Every five years, the Office of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) mandates the completion of a Consolidated Plan for housing entitlement programs. These programs	

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	include the Community Development Block Grant, Housing Opportunity for Persons with AIDS, HOME Investment Partnership Program, and Emergency Solutions Grant. HUD requires public feedback on the allocation of these program funds. During community meetings, the public provides input on how the county should invest its entitlement funds. The Housing Department will then prioritize these recommendations to guide our funding decisions. HPG members and participants are encouraged to attend. A committee member expressed thanks and gratitude for Dr. Wooten's service. A public member invited everyone to the Happyville exercise next Wednesday, July 17, 2024, at the Community Engagement Group (CEG) meeting.	
11. Next Meeting:	Date: Thursday, July 18, 2024, 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM Location: County Administration Building 1600 Pacific Hwy, San Diego, CA 92101 (Room 402 A)	
12. Adjournment	The meeting adjourned at 3:13 PM.	



Thursday, July 18, 2024, 1:30 PM – 4:30 PM County Administration Center 1600 Pacific Hwy, San Diego, CA 92101 (Room 402 A)

A quorum for this meeting is seven (7)

Committee Members Present: Committee Members Present: Dr. Beth Davenport | Tyra Fleming (Co-Chair) | Pam Highfill | Dr. Delores Jacobs Cinnamen Kubricky | Marco Aguirre Mendoza | Chris Mueller | Karla Quezada-Torres | Rhea Van Brocklin (Chair) | Freddy Villafan

Committee Members Absent: Felipe Garcia-Bigley | Raul Robles | Regina Underwood

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Agenda Item	Action	Follow-up
1. Call to order	Rhea Van Brocklin called the meeting to order at 1:31 PM and noted that an inperson quorum was established.	
2. Reminders	Rhea Van Brocklin reviewed conflicts of interest. Tyra Fleming read the Committee Charge.	
Public Comment on non-agenda items (for members of the public)	A member of the public mentioned the following, with an interest in addressing the needs of women: • Increase allocation to the Emergency Rental Assistance Program (EARP) throughout the month, not just the first 10 days • Fund EARP for security deposit • Increase allocation to Partial Assistance Rental Subsidy (PARS) program to move people up on the waiting list • Have home-delivered meals begin on the third day after referral. • Increase funding for PRONTO card services A member of the public noted that the Committee Charge there has no language regarding the prioritization of women. If women are not included in	

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	the language of the mission statement, they may not feel included and may not attend these meetings. Can the committee charge be amended to include women in a future meeting? A member of the public noted that some of the care provided to women is via peer navigation, which bridges clients and service providers, particularly women. A decrease in allocation to peer navigation or outreach is not recommended.	
Sharing our concerns (for committee members)	A committee member shared the following: • Honored their friend who had passed away recently and was a long-term survivor • Sought help from a close friend • Recommended help for all who are seeking housing, not just those who are on PARS. A committee member asked members to be mindful and respectful as people share personal stories and agree to disagree, keeping in mind that we all share the same goal. A committee member recommended more inclusive language in messaging so everyone can feel included.	
5. Action: Review and approve the agenda for July 18, 2024	Motion: Approve the July 18, 2024 Meeting agenda as presented. Motion/Second/Count (M/S/C): Fleming/Aguirre Mendoza 9-0 Abstentions: Van Brocklin Motion: Carries	
6. New Business		
a. ACTION: Recommendations for reallocations for FY 24 (the current fiscal year, March 1, 2024 – February 28, 2025).	Motion: Decrease Outreach by \$20,000, from \$311,666 to \$291,66 and Decrease Peer Navigation by \$40,000, from \$300,000 to \$260,000. Motion/Second/Count (M/S/C): Quezada-Torres/Mueller 5/2 Abstentions: Davenport, Van Brocklin Motion carries	

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	Motion: Decrease Mental Health Services by \$90,000, from \$900,000 to \$810,000. Motion/Second/Count (M/S/C): Quezada-Torres/ Villafan 5/4 Abstentions: Davenport, Van Brocklin Motion carries	
	Motion: Increase Outpatient Substance Use Treatment by \$53,000, from \$260,127 to \$313,127. Motion/Second/Count (M/S/C): Aguirre Mendoza/ Mueller 7/0 Abstentions: Highfill, Van Brocklin, Villafan Motion carries	
	Motion: Increase Transportation by \$29,000, from \$122,830 to \$151,830. Motion/Second/Count (M/S/C): Aguirre Mendoza/ Quezada-Torres 5/0 Abstentions: Muller, Van Brocklin, Villafan Motion carries	
	Motion: Increase Emergency Financial Assistance by \$25,000, from \$36,856 to \$61,856. Motion/Second/Count (M/S/C): Highfill/ Villafan 7/0 Abstentions: Muller, Van Brocklin Motion carries	
	Motion: Increase Partial Assistance Rental Subsidy (PARS) by \$43,00 from \$807,507 to \$850,507. Motion/Second/Count (M/S/C): Aguirre Mendoza/ Villafan 7/0 Abstentions: Highfill, Muller, Van Brocklin Motion carries	
b. ACTION: Recommendations for budget allocations in level- funding and reduction- funding scenarios for FY	Motion: Level funding to Outpatient Ambulatory Health Services: Primary Care (priority #1) at \$1,102,630 Motion/Second/Count (M/S/C): Highfill/Aguirre Mendoza 7/0 Abstentions: Mueller/ Van Brocklin Motion carries	

Agenda Item	Action	Follow-up
25 (March 1, 2025 – February 28, 2026).	Motion: Level funding to Outpatient Ambulatory Health Services: Medical Specialty (priority #2) at \$195,000 Motion/Second/Count (M/S/C): Kubricky/Villafan 4/3 Abstentions: Mueller/ Van Brocklin Motion carries	
	Motion: Level funding to Oral Health (priority #3) at \$160,940 Motion/Second/Count (M/S/C): Quezada-Torres/ Fleming 9/0 Abstentions: Van Brocklin Motion carries	
	Motion: Level funding to Medical Case Management (priority #4) at \$1,151,853 and Level funding to Non- Medical Case Management (priority #5) at \$392,021 Motion/Second/Count (M/S/C): Jacobs/ Kubricky 6/0 Abstentions: Davenport /Muller /Van Brocklin Motion carries	
	Continue with FY 25 allocations at the next meeting.	HPG SS will send the most recent funding allocation worksheet to all members and make the font bigger on the HPG FY 25 Part A & MAI Allocation Worksheet
c. ACTION: Recommendations for how services should be delivered (service delivery	Tabled	

Agenda Item	Action	Follow-up
recommendations/service directives) in FY 25 (March 1, 2025 – February 28, 2026)		
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7. Routine Business		
a. Committee Attendance	Tabled	
b. Review Monthly and Year to Date expenditures and assess for recommended reallocations	Tabled	
8. Suggested items for the PSRAC agenda	None	
9. Announcements		
10. Next Meeting:	Date: Thursday, July 25, 2024, 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM Location: Southeastern Live Well Center 5101 Market Street, San Diego, CA 92114 (Room A)	
11. Adjournment	The meeting adjourned at 4:24 PM.	



Wednesday, July 17, 2024, 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM Southeastern Live Well Center 5101 Market Street, San Diego, CA 92114 Tubman Chavez Room C

A quorum for this meeting is three (3).

Committee Members Present: Michael Donovan | Jen Lothridge (Co-Chair) | Skyler Miles | Veronica Nava | Mikie Lochner (Acting Committee Chair)

MEETING MINUTES

Agenda Item	a Item Discussion/Action Follow-Up	
Call to order, roll call, comments from the chair, and a moment of silence	Mikie Lochner, Acting Committee Chair called the meeting to order at 3:00 PM and noted the presence of an in-person quorum.	
Review Background, Mission Statement, Goals, and Agreement of Meeting Decorum	Committee members read the Mission Statement and the Community Engagement Group (CEG) Charge. Mikie Lochner reviewed the meeting decorum.	
Introductions (Name, Role with HPG/Consumer, Pronouns), Icebreaker	Committee members were identified by roll call.	
Public comment (for members of the public)	 Members of the public shared the following comments/requests: Increase the allocation to Emergency Housing (EH) services to last throughout the month, vs the first 10 days of each month. Add security deposit assistance to Ryan White Emergency Housing services. Increase funds to the Partial Assistance Rental Subsidy (PARS) service category to aid moving clients up on the waiting list Have Food Services begin home-delivered meals 3 days after the case manager referral vs. 2 months after. 	HIV Planning Group Support Staff (HPG SS) will forward the public comments/ recommendations to the Priority Setting and Resource Allocation Committee (PSRAC) meeting on July 18, 2024.

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Agenda Item	Discussion/Action	Follow-Up		
	 Increase funding for PRONTO card services, allow LYFT to provide medical appointment transport, and provide day passes to clients to get to medical appointments. Increase funding to Emergency Housing (EH) and create an information website for EH and PARS. 			
Sharing our concerns (for committee members)	A committee member thanked staff for having CEG meetings in an easily accessible site and requested to add to the September CEG agenda "How the CEG can be more supportive to incoming HPG members".	HPG SS will add the requested agenda item to the September CEG agenda.		
6. ACTION: Approve the CEG agenda for July 17, 2024	Motion: Approve the CEG agenda for July 17, 2024 as presented. Motion/Second/Count (M/S/C): Donovan/Miles/4-0 Abstention(s): Lochner Motion carries			
7. ACTION: Approve the CEG minutes for June 12, 2024	Motion: Approve the CEG minutes for June 12, 2024 as presented. M/S/C: Lothridge/Miles/4-0 Abstention(s): Lochner Motion carries			
 a. Follow-Up Items from the minutes: 	Tabled			
8. Committee Updates				
a. CARE Partnership	The committee had 2 presentations, One by Social Advocates for Youth on the Fentanyl crises, and one on Disability Assistance.			
b. Membership Committee	The committee conducted 2 interviews of HPG candidates and reviewed/updated the Membership Application form.			
c. Strategies and Standards Committee	The committee met June 20, 2024 and discussed the status of the 2024 Needs Assessment Survey of HIV Impact, considered changes to			

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Agenda Item	Discussion/Action	Follow-Up		
	Transportation service standards, discussed the status of the Statewide Integrated Strategic Plan, and had a discussion on HIV and Aging.			
d. Medical Standards and Evaluation Committee	The last meeting took place in June 2024 and the next meeting will take place in September.			
e. Priority Settings and Resource Allocation Committee (PSRAC)	PSRAC will meet on July 18, 2024 1:30-4:30 pm to make FY 24 reallocation recommendations and FY 25 budget allocations recommendations.			
f. Steering Committee	The committee will next meet September 17, 2024.			
g. HIV Planning Group	The HPG retreat occurred on June 26, 2024. The next HPG meeting will be July 24, 2024; 3 – 5 pm and will include a presentation on Women and HIV.			
h. HIV Housing Committee/Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA)	A representative encouraged participants to join the Housing Committee, attend the meetings to show the need for increased funding for this program, and encourage committee members to consider applying to fill the vacant CEG representative seat on the Housing Committee.			
9. Old Business				
a. Committee Attendance	Reviewed. Mikie Lochner announced that he will be stepping down as chair of CEG in September, and Michael Donovan will be appointed the new CEG Chair.			
b. Discussion: Resources and materials for community event outreach efforts				
1. ACTION: Review and finalize the revised HPG Trifold Brochure and the "Join Us" CEG flyer/postcard	The committee reviewed the updated HPG Trifold Brochure and recommended including the phrase "people at risk for and living with HIV"	HPG SS to update the Trifold Brochure as noted, revise the Zoom QR code to		

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT GROUP				
Agenda Item	Discussion/Action	Follow-Up		
2. Discussion: Brainstorm on future HPG promotional items giveaways, (i.e. pens, lanyards, keychains, buttons, etc.)	The committee reviewed the "Join CEG" flyer and recommended to switch the existing Zoom QR code to lead to the CEG page on the HPG website instead of to the meeting and shorten the Zoom link. Motion: Approve both documents with the noted recommended changes. M/S/C: Donovan/Lothridge/4-0 Public comment: Recommendation to consider including the phrase, "advocacy never felt better". Another public member suggested to have this phrase printed on a sticker, instead of including it directly on the flyer. Abstention(s): Lochner Motion carries The committee reviewed the potential promotional items and voted as follows: - 7 - the bottle opener - 9 - hand sanitizer - 6 - SPF blocking cream - 0 - RFID data blocking sleeve - 9 - for the mints The committee recommended	lead to CEG page of the HPG website, and shorten the Zoom link HPG SS to provide a draft copy of the palm cards by the next meeting. Put on the September CEG agenda to discuss including the phrase "advocacy never felt better" to the CEG flyer HPG SS will forward to the September Steering Committee for approval.		
	forwarding this to the Steering			
10.New Business	Committee for approval.			
a. Presentation: Happyville Exercises and "A Day in Happyville" – Ken Riley, MD	Lori Jones led the group in the "A Day in Happyville" scenario/ Prevention training and Dr. Ken Riley led the Happyville priority setting and budget allocation exercise. Both were well received. Recommendations for future presentations: • Assign roles 1 month beforehand			

Agenda Item	Agenda Item Discussion/Action Fo	
	 Arrange the agenda to be primarily focused on the Happyville exercise, which needs to take 2 hours. 	
11. Announcements		
12. Next meeting date	Next Meeting: Wednesday, September 18, 2024 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM (Note: There is no meeting in August 2024) North Clairmont Library 4616 Clairemont Drive, San Diego, CA 92117 Meeting Room and via Zoom	
13. Adjournment	Meeting was adjourned at 5:02 PM.	



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.	ACTION: Approve the Strategies and Standards Committee agenda for June 20, 2024	Motion: Approve the Strategies and Standards Committee agenda for August 6, 2024 as presented. Motion/Second/Count (M/S/C): Davenport/Ransom/7-0 Abstentions: Wimpie Motion carries	
5.	ACTION : Approve meeting minutes from October 3, 2023	Motion: Approve meeting minutes for June 20, 2024 as presented. M/S/C: Davenport/Applebaum/6-0 Abstentions: Wimpie, Tilghman Motion carries	
6.	Review follow-up items from last meeting	 The Recipient's Office will provide updates and changes to the Transportation Services Standards at the next meeting. Status: In progress HIV and Aging presentation – will occur in October. Status: In progress September HIV and Aging Conference reminder for HPG. Status: Completed 	HPG Support Staff (SS) will request of Dr. Karris to add the following to the HIV and Aging presentation: - Isolation and social needs - Service co ordination

Agenda Item	Discussion/Action	Follow-Up
7. Old Business	Whole Person Approach to Care presentation on goals and funding. Status Completed The Recipient's Office will provide available data on the refugee population that is currently experiencing high rates of HIV positivity. Status: In progress The Community Engagement Group (CEG) will review and discuss the anti-racism statement item at its September meeting. Status: In progress 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.	
a. Presentation: California Statewide Integrated Strategic Plan – Felipe Ruiz and Maritza Herrera	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 Brach is partnering with Facente Consulting. 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	HPG SS to follow up with Felipe to share the Strategic Plan with the committee.

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Agenda Item	Discussion/Action	Follow-Up		
b. Update: Transportation Standards – Maritza Herrera	The Plan will be using a results-based accountability framework to measure the services with three key questions: - How much did we do? - How well did we do it? - Is anybody better off? The focus is on Black/African American (AA) and Latinx Communities using the status neutral framework. 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	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: - Several age groups show a significant increase in out-of-care, particularly among youth. - The central region has the largest out-of-care population and the largest population, followed by the South region. - The highest race/ethnicity not in care is Black/AA, followed by Hispanic. The highest transmission risk is the Drug users, with 34%.	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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Agenda Item	Discussion/Action	Follow-Up	
	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. 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.		
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)	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. The committee recommended a thorough investigation of Mental Health Services procedures and services, including why the funds		

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

Committee Members Present:	Representing:	Community Members Present	Representing:	Virtual Attendee:	Representing:
James Cassidy	HOPWA Providers	Stacey Drew	Townspeople	Vanessa De La Torre	HCDS
Loren Goldstein	Formerly Incarcerated	Pamela De Leon	Mama's Kitchen	Rosyo Ramirez	HCDS
Cinnamen Kubricky	HIV Planning	Michael Searfoss	Mama's Kitchen	Amercia Gonzalez Castaneda	HIV Planning Group
Chris Mueller	Substance Abuse	Dennis Dickens	FJV	Arden Martinez	City of SD
		Mollie Dennehy	Stepping Stone	Nancy Luevano	City of SD
		Mikie	Public	Victoria Williams	FJV
				Judy Bokhari	FJV
Committee Members Absent:	Representing:	County Staff Present:	Representing:	Danni Hickey	Fraternity House
Marc d'Hondt	San Diego Housing Commission	Nicole Aguilar	HCDS		
Patrick Anderson	Seniors	Karen Wachowiak	HCDS		

Item/ Topic	Discussion	Action
I & II Call to order/	Meeting Called to order - 11:00 AM	
Welcome & Introductions	Introductions: In person / Virtual	
III. Moment in Silence &	Moment of Silence Observed - 11:02AM	Spoke for X
Public Comment	Public Comment: In Person Request by Mikie	minutes
	 Commented on a housing clearinghouse Wanting to collaborate when discussing budget to maximize community needs 	
IV. ACTION: Approval of Agenda: July 17, 2024	• July 17, 2024, Agenda	1 st : Chris 2 nd : Loren
VII. ACTION: Approval of Minutes: May 15, 2024	• May 15, 2024, Minutes	1 st : Loren 2 nd : Chris
VIII. HOPWA TBRA Lease- up and Waiting List update (HCDS)	 115 active households leased in unit, 25 searching for housing 4,410 on waitlist; Last Pull was 10/25/2023 	
IX. Updates: HOPWA Providers	FJV –	
	Stepping Stone – Enya House is full; 3-4 on waitlist	
	 Mama's Kitchen - Month of June – meals to 52 HOPWA clients = 4,200 meals Ongoing shipping program for rural clients Participating in PRIDE Parade 	

	Townspeople -	
	 Emergency Housing filled for July; taking referrals for August Finalize partnerships w/ hotels for KY 24-25; To be transparent: 2 in Southbay (1 charging \$130 per night and other charging \$150 due to kitchenette amenities) 2 in Central (1 charging \$110 per night and other charging \$130), 1 in East County charging \$120, 2 in North County and both charging \$125 a night. Acquired 3 additional PSH units; will provide additional supportive services Attending Pride Parade Received funding from Super NOFO Currently hiring for shared housing positions 	
	 Fraternity House Inc (Michelle House and Independent Living Apartments) 3 intakes scheduled for open beds Officially closed Elfin House; will now focus on SIL and increase bed count Continue to build alumni program 	
	 Being Alive - Still taking referrals for moving program and utility assistance program HHSA ICM - Currently at capacity 	
	 San Diego Housing Commission – N/A Ryan White – PHS N/A 	
IX. Committee Member Comments on items not on Agenda	 Cinnamen – Lost 2 people in the community; 1 specifically had section 8 and the family is having difficulty to keep/find housing; need to collaborate to keep people housed 	

	HPG members plan on going to Washington DC to lobby for HOPWA	
	Mikie –	
	 Importance of letting clients know about budget meetings and being involved in planning process 	
X. HCDS Staff Updates	CAPERs were due. We will be reviewing, and you will hear back as needed.	
	 Please submit FY 24-25 budget and cost allocation plans to assigned COR 	
XI. Adjournment	The meeting was adjourned at 11:25 AM	



This newsletter is organized to align with the six Social Determinants of Health found in the <u>Ending</u> <u>the Epidemics Integrated Statewide Strategic</u> <u>Plan</u>, addressing the syndemic of HIV, HCV, and STIs in California. More about the <u>Strategic Plan</u> is available on the Office of AIDS (OA) website.

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STAFF HIGHLIGHT

Please join OA in welcoming **Brett AugsJoost** to the Surveillance and Prevention Evaluation and Reporting (SuPER) Branch as the new Prevention Evaluation and Monitoring Section Chief!

Many of us have worked with Brett for a number of years, first in his role with STD Control Branch working on Partner Services training and STD/HIV service integration and evaluation (starting in 2015), and more recently (starting in 2020), as the OA Outbreak and Field Investigation Unit Chief. That unit is responsible for technical assistance related to HIV partner services, data to care, perinatal HIV prevention, and cluster detection and response. Besides taking on the role of PEM chief, Brett will maintain his involvement with cluster investigation/other data to services by operating as the Interim Chief with the Outbreak Unit.

Prior to joining CDPH Brett was an evaluator for San Francisco Community Health, working on the evaluation of two federally funded special projects of national significance (SPNS). He has over 20 years of experience in sexual health, serving in roles from health educator, trainer, program coordinator, and evaluator. Brett received his master's in public health from UC Berkeley in 2012 and his undergraduate degree in sexuality and politics from Ithaca College. When he's not working, he enjoys spending



time with his lovely spouse Cindi, and their two children Oliver (8) and Azalea (5). Brett is an avid reader, cook, sourdough bread baker, and has been practicing and teaching Indonesian martial arts for over 20 years. Congratulations on your promotion, Brett!

HIV AWARENESS

September 18 is National HIV/AIDS and Aging Awareness Day (NHAAD). It is observed to focus on the increasing number of people who are living long and full lives due to numerous

advancements in HIV treatment. NHAAD is also meant to acknowledge the unique needs and challenges related to aging with HIV such as comorbidities that can complicate treatment.

As people age, they are less aware of their HIV risk factors and are less likely to get tested. NHAAD promotes HIV awareness, education, and testing. Find a list of resources for more information on NHAAD and testing options.

September 27 is National Gay Men's HIV/ AIDS Awareness Day (NGMHAAD). This day aims to address HIV stigma, and encourage HIV testing, prevention and education among gay, bisexual, and other men who have sex with men. Despite the number of advancements in HIV treatment and prevention -- racism, stigma and homophobia are barriers that still discourage individuals from getting the care and prevention they deserve especially men of color.

GENERAL UPDATES

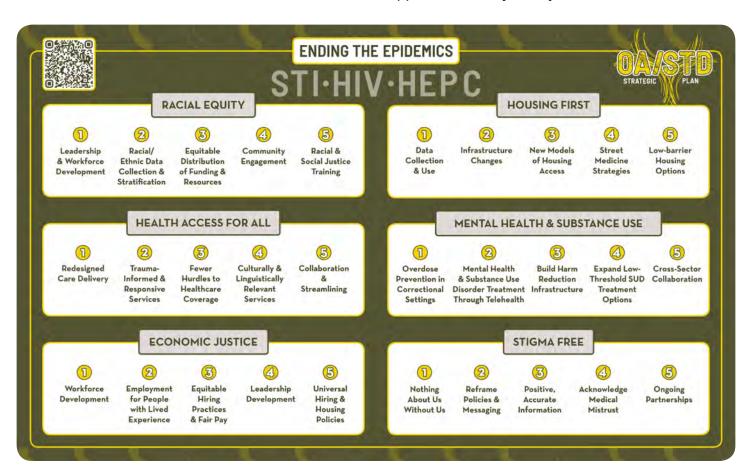
▶ Mpox

OA is committed to providing updated information related to mpox. We have partnered with the Division of Communicable Disease Control (DCDC), a program within the Center of Infectious Diseases and have disseminated a number of documents in an effort to keep our clients and stakeholders informed. Please refer to the <u>DCDC website</u> to stay informed.

Mpox digital assets are available for LHJs and CBOs on DCDC's <u>Campaign Toolkit</u> website.

► HIV/STD/HCV Integration

We are re-initiating our integration discussions and moving forward with the necessary steps to integrate our HIV, STI, and HCV programs into a single new Division. We will continue to keep you apprised on our journey!



The **visual on the previous page** is a high-level summary of our *Strategic Plan* that organizes 30 Strategies across six Social Determinants of Health (SDoH).

OA and STD Control Branch would like you to continue to use and share the <u>Strategic Plan</u> and the <u>Implementation Blueprint</u>. These documents address HIV as a syndemic with HCV and other STIs, through a SDoH lens.

For technical assistance in implementing the *Strategic Plan*, California LHJs and CBOs can vist <u>Facente Consulting's webpage</u>.

HEALTH ACCESS FOR ALL

> Strategy 1: Redesigned Care Delivery

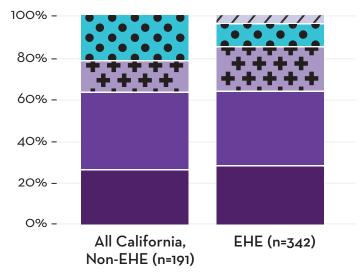
OA continues to implement its **Building Healthy Online Communities (BHOC)** self-testing program to allow for rapid OraQuick test orders in all jurisdictions in California. The program, **TakeMeHome**®, (https://takemehome.org/) is advertised on gay dating apps, where users see an ad for home testing and are offered a free HIV-home test kit.

TAKEMEHOME

In July, 191 individuals in 34 counties ordered self-test kits, with 137 (71.7%) individuals ordering 2 tests. Additionally, OA's existing TakeMeHome Program continues in the six California Consortium Phase I Ending the HIV Epidemic in America counties. In the first 47 months, between September 1, 2020, and July 31, 2024, 12,642 tests have been distributed. This month, mail-in lab tests (including dried blood spot tests for HIV, syphilis, and Hepatitis C, as well as 3-site tests for gonorrhea and chlamydia) accounted for 154 (45.0%) of the

342 total tests distributed in EHE counties. Of those ordering rapid tests, 134 (71.3%) ordered 2 tests.

HIV Test History Among Individuals Who Ordered TakeMeHome Kits, July 2024





Additional Key Characteristics	EHE	All California, Non-EHE
Of those sharing their gender, were cisgender men	59.7%	56.8%
Of those sharing their race or ethnicity, identify as Hispanic or Latinx	39.2%	43.5%
Were 17-29 years old	45.6%	36.1%
Of those sharing their number of sex partners, reported 3 or more in the past year	53.2%	37.3%

Since September 2020, 1,456 test kit recipients have completed the anonymous follow up survey from EHE counties; there have been 518 responses from the California expansion since January 2023.

Survey Highlights	EHE	All California, Non-EHE
Would recommend TakeMeHome to a friend	94.2%	94.2%
Identify as a man who has sex with other men	51.4%	54.3%
Reported having been diagnosed with an STI in the past year	8.6%	10.2%

Since April 1, 2024, the Mpox vaccine, JYNNEOS, became available on the commercial market. While CDPH will work to ensure access to vaccine through LGBTQ+ Pride season, access to vaccine for people who are uninsured/ underinsured in a local jurisdiction may be impacted once the state supply is phased out. Please consider using the state's turnkey resource (Optum Serve) to bolster vaccination efforts at large community or PRIDE events, particularly those that would serve a large under/ uninsured population.

The **Mpox Turnkey Program** can deploy teams to indoor and outdoor sites and are equipped with all the necessary materials and supplies (except the vaccines themselves, which would be provided by the local health jurisdiction).

If you know a local jurisdiction is interested in using the **Mpox Turnkey Program** and/or for more information, please contact <u>Brenda Meza</u>, (brenda.meza@cdph.ca.gov) and <u>Justin Garcia</u> (justin.garcia@cdph.ca.gov).

Strategy 3: Fewer Hurdles to Healthcare Coverage

As of September 2, 2024, there are 221 PrEP-AP enrollment sites and 245 clinical provider

sites that currently make up the <u>PrEP-AP</u> Provider network.

<u>Data on active PrEP-AP clients</u> can be found in the three tables displayed on page five of this newsletter.

As of September 2, 2024, the number of ADAP clients enrolled in each respective <u>ADAP</u> <u>Insurance Assistance Program</u> are shown in the chart at the top of page 6.

RACIAL EQUITY

➤ Strategy 2: Racial/Ethnic Data Collection and Stratification

HIV/AIDS Epidemiology and Health Disparities in California 2022 has been released and is now available on the CDPH/OA website on the Surveillance Reports page.

This report describes the state of the HIV epidemic in California, including trends in new diagnoses and progress towards viral suppression. The report also examines health disparities and the impact of social determinants of health on new diagnoses and health outcomes.

> Strategy 4: Community Engagement

The Fall 2024 In-Person Meeting for the California Planning Group (CPG) will be November 20–22 in Riverside, CA at the Marriott Riverside at the Convention Center.

For more information about CPG, please visit our website at https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DOA/Pages/OA CPG.aspx.



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18 - 24	421	11%					22	1%	443	12%
25 - 34	1,240	34%					175	5%	1,415	39%
35 - 44	855	23%			3	0%	149	4%	1,007	27%
45 - 64	421	11%			13	0%	108	3%	542	15%
65+	30	1%			222	6%	6	0%	258	7%
TOTAL	2,967	81%	0	0%	238	6%	460	13%	3,665	100%

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Age	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
18 - 24	236	6%	4	0%	53	1%	17	0%	2	0%	81	2%	1	0%	49	1%	443	12%
25 - 34	796	22%	5	0%	142	4%	90	2%	9	0%	278	8%	10	0%	85	2%	1,415	39%
35 - 44	560	15%	3	0%	95	3%	53	1%	5	0%	228	6%	4	0%	59	2%	1,007	27%
45 - 64	291	8%			52	1%	21	1%	1	0%	141	4%	1	0%	35	1%	542	15%
65+	21	1%			4	0%	5	0%			216	6%			12	0%	258	7%
TOTAL	1,904	52%	12	0%	346	9%	186	5%	17	0%	944	26%	16	0%	240	7%	3,665	100%

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Gender	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	Ν	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
Female	68	2%			7	0%	12	0%	1	0%	15	0%			6	0%	109	3%
Male	1,704	46%	10	0%	315	9%	168	5%	16	0%	893	24%	16	0%	211	6%	3,333	91%
Trans	109	3%	1	0%	16	0%	5	0%			13	0%			4	0%	148	4%
Unknown	23	1%	1	0%	8	0%	1	0%			23	1%			19	1%	75	2%
TOTAL	1,904	52%	12	0%	346	9%	186	5%	17	0%	944	26%	16	0%	240	7%	3,665	100%

All PrEP-AP charts prepared by: ADAP Fiscal Forecasting Evaluation and Monitoring (AFFEM) Section, ADAP and Care Evaluation and Informatics Branch, Office of AIDS. Client was eligible for PrEP-AP as of run date: 08/31/2024 at 12:01:24 AM Data source: ADAP Enrollment System. Site assignments are based on the site that submitted the most recent application.

ADAP Insurance Assistance Program	Number of Clients Enrolled	Percentage Change from July
Employer Based Health Insurance Premium Payment (EB-HIPP) Program	548	+ 1.90%
Office of AIDS Health Insurance Premium Payment (OA-HIPP) Program	5,461	- 1.80%
Medicare Premium Payment Program (MPPP)	2,070	- 0.05%
Total	8,079	+ 1.11%

Source: ADAP Enrollment System



Dear Ending the Syndemics Partners,

The Ending the Syndemic Symposium is coming soon! The Symposium will focus on how we can accelerate the end of the "syndemic" of HIV. HCV. and STIs in California.

Each day of the *Symposium* will have a different Social Determinants of Health theme (derived from the *Ending the Epidemics Integrated Statewide Strategic Plan*) that speakers and panelists will address. The theme of day one is **Racial Equity**, day two will focus on **Mental Health and Substance Use**, and day three will address **Health Access for All**.

How do you address these social determinants of health in your work? Please feel free to join the dialogue!

For more details on the *Symposium* and how to register, please see our flyer on page eight of this newsletter.

MENTAL HEALTH & SUBSTANCE USE

Strategy 3: Build Harm Reduction Infrastructure

WEBINAR: Navigating the Fourth Wave Webinar

As the drug supply in the United States continues to evolve, so does the makeup of the overdose crisis. The epidemic has been categorized into different waves; beginning with a crisis due to overprescribing, transitioning to increased overdoses from heroin to the increase in synthetic opioids on the market. The current climate surrounding the overdose epidemic is brought on by a mix of multiple substances. This is what is being referred as the fourth wave.

To explain the current trends of the fourth wave and approaches to combatting its impact, the National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO) held a webinar last month to support local health departments and their harm reduction efforts. Presenters from NACCHO, Florida Harm Reduction Collective, and Remedy Alliance explained how harm reduction programs have pivoted to face the new challenges of the fourth wave, enhancing approaches with drug checking, secondary distribution, and reaching

people who have transitioned to different routes of drug administration.

To view a recording of the webinar, go to:

Navigating the Fourth Wave of the Overdose

Crisis: Understanding National Overdose Trends
and Supporting Local Health Departments
and their Harm Reduction Partners Meet New
Challenges - Zoom.

RESOURCES: Overdose in Black, Latinx, and Native American Communities

As overdoses continue to kill more than 100,000 Americans each year, the racial disparities of the epidemic are coming more into focus. Black, Latinx, and Native American communities are affected at a higher rate than white Americans due to lack of access to treatment and services, targeted drug enforcement, stigma, and other factors.

Drug Policy Alliance developed three new fact sheets the describe overdose death trends among these communities, that also provide policy recommendations and strategies on how to reduce these disparities and save lives in these communities.

Fact sheets can be found at:

- Black Community and the Overdose Crisis
- Latinx Community and the Overdose Crisis
- Native American Community and the Overdose Crisis



Injectable PrEP has a
Breakthrough Result Presented at
the International AIDS Conference

The PURPOSE-1 study team presented results from an HIV prevention trial that enrolled 5,338 cisgender women in South Africa and Uganda. Remarkably, there were **ZERO** HIV infections among the 2,136 participants who received twice-yearly injections of lenacapavir. This level of protection was superior to the background incidence of HIV infection in this population (2.41 infections per 100 person years) and the incidence of HIV infection among a control group who were taking Truvada (1.69 infections per 100 person years) or Descovy (2.02 infections per 100 person years). Lenacapavir is an HIV-1 capsid inhibitor with a very long half-life that allows for subcutaneous injection twice yearly. It has been approved for HIV treatment but is not approved for PrEP use yet. Another lenacapavir study in a different population (men who have sex with men and transgender women) called PURPOSE-2 is ongoing and the study sponsors have indicated that those results are expected in the next 6 months. Long-acting injectable PrEP has the potential to significantly improve HIV prevention as we all work to improve PrEP access in California.

The <u>study results have now been published</u> in the New England Journal of Medicine (Note: You will need to create an account to view the entire article).



For <u>questions regarding The OA Voice</u>, please send an e-mail to angelique.skinner@cdph. ca.gov.

ENDING THE SYNDEMIC

The **Ending the Syndemic Symposium** is sponsored by the California Department of Public Health, Office of AIDS and will offer an opportunity for California Local Health Jurisdictions, their funded Community Partners, and others to share best practices and innovations in serving the communities most impacted by HIV, HCV, and STIs.

OBJECTIVES:

- Communicate the **Statewide Strategic Plan** in ending the "syndemic" of HIV, HCV, and STIs, including success stories and lessons learned from partners.
- Review insights gained during implementation of State-sponsored initiatives and projects.
- Identify opportunities for inclusion, integration, and collaboration across domains of public health and funding sources.
- Discuss the next "best steps" to ending the syndemic of HIV, HCV, and STIs.

DATES:

Monday, September 30th: 12 - 4 PM

Tuesday, October 1st: 9 AM - 1 PM

Wednesday, October 2nd: 12 - 4 PM



Spanish language interpretation will be available for all panels and presentations.











DR. A. BRAD TRUAX AVIRDS

Presented by the San Diego HIV Planning Group

THE 35TH ANNUAL DR. A. BRAD TRUAX AWARDS

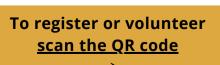
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2024 FROM 3PM - 5PM 3909 CENTRE ST., SAN DIEGO, CA 92103



The Dr. A. Brad Truax Award was created to honor the memory of Dr. Truax and his tireless dedication to the prevention and treatment of HIV/AIDS in San Diego.

The award is given annually to recognize a person who has served the community and made outstanding overall contributions to the fight against the HIV/AIDS epidemic.











Three (3) additional awards are given in each of the following categories:

- HIV Education, Prevention, and/or Counseling and Testing
- HIV Care, Treatment, and/or Support Services
- HIV Planning, Advocacy, and/or Policy Development

Each nominee is acknowledged as a Community Award Recipient.

Spanish interpretation will be provided







DR. A. BRAD TRUAX AVAIREDS

Presentado por el Grupo de Planificación del VIH de San Diego

LA 35TH ENTREGA ANUAL DE LOS PREMIOS DR. A. BRAD TRUAX

VIERNES, 6 DE DICIEMBRE DEL 2024 DE 3PM – 5PM 3909 CENTRE ST., SAN DIEGO, CA 92103



El premio Dr. A. Brad Truax fue creado para honrar la memoria del Dr. Truax y su incansable dedicación a la prevención y el tratamiento del VIH/SIDA en San Diego.

El premio se otorga anualmente para reconocer a una persona que ha servido a la comunidad y ha hecho contribuciones generales sobresalientes a la lucha contra la epidemia del VIH/SIDA.



Para registrarse o ser voluntario escanee el código QR

o envíe un correo electrónico HPG.HHSA@sdcounty.ca.gov





Se otorgan tres (3) premios adicionales en cada una de las siguientes categorías:

- Educación, prevención y/o consejería y pruebas del VIH
- Servicios de atención, tratamiento y/o apoyo para el VIH
- Planificación, promoción y/o desarrollo de políticas sobre el VIH

Cada nominado es reconocido como un Destinatario del Premio de la Comunidad.

Se proporcionará interpretación en español







ASSEMBLY BILL (AB) 2449: JUST CAUSE AND EMERGENCY CIRCUMSTANCES (2023)

If the physical attendance quorum requirement is met, AB 2449 permits a member who is not physically present to request virtual attendance at the local legislative body's meeting under two circumstances: (1) for "just cause" and (2) due to "emergency circumstances".

Qualifying Reason	Provisions to attend remotely	Requirements/Limitations
Just Cause	 There is a childcare or caregiving need (for a child, parent, grandparent, grandchild, sibling, spouse, or domestic partner) that requires the member to participate remotely A contagious illness prevents the member from attending the meeting in There is a need related to a defined physical or mental disability that is not otherwise accommodated for Traveling while on official business of the legislative body or another state or local agency 	A member is limited to two (2) virtual attendances based on "just cause" per calendar year
Emergency Circumstances	"A physical or family medical emergency that prevents a member from attending the meeting in person." A member is not required to disclose any medical diagnosis or disability, or any personal medical information that is already exempt from existing law.	A member of the legislative body must make a request to the body to allow the member to meet remotely due to an emergency circumstance, and further must provide a general description of the circumstance justifying such attendance. A request from a member to attend remotely due to an emergency circumstance requires that the legislative body take action and approve the remote attendance at the start of the meeting for the member to be allowed to participate remotely for that meeting*.

^{*}If the request does not allow sufficient time to be placed on the agenda as a proposed action item, then the legislative body may take action at the beginning of the meeting.

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR A MEMBER PARTICIPATING REMOTELY:

In addition to making a request either for "just cause" or due to an "emergency circumstance" for remote appearance, AB 2449 imposes the following three (3) additional requirements on legislative body members seeking to appear remotely at public meetings:

- 1. Before any action is taken during the meeting, the member <u>must</u> publicly disclose whether any other individuals 18 years of age or older are present in the room at the remote location with the member, and the general nature of the member's relationship with any such individuals.
- 2. A member of the legislative body participating from a remote location must participate through both audio **and** visual technology.
- 3. A member's remote participation cannot be for more than three (3) consecutive months or 20 percent of the regular meetings for the local agency within a calendar year. And if the legislative body regularly, meets fewer than ten (10) times per calendar year, a member's participation from a remote location cannot be for more than two meetings.

AB 2449 Checklist
(Applicable January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2025)

Procedure	s for F	Public	Partici	pation

	Public must be able to remotely hear, visually observe, and address the legislative body either remotely or in person in real time
	Public must have the opportunity to participate via: 1) two-way audio or 2) a telephonic service with a webcasting service
	Public cannot be required to submit comments prior to the meeting
Proced	dures for Member to Teleconference from a Remote Location
	Member must participate through both audio and visual technology
	Member must disclose adults who are present in the room at the remote location with the member and the general nature of the relationship with those individuals
	Member must submit a general description of the need to teleconference to the legislative body at the earliest opportunity (do not disclose any medical diagnosis or disability)
	Member may teleconference for <u>just cause</u> . Just cause is limited to 2 meetings per calendar year (see "Limits per Member" below). Just cause is defined as:
	 Child care or caregiving need of a child, parent, grandparent, grandchild, sibling, spouse or domestic partner Contagious illness that prevents member from attending in person A need related to a physical or mental disability Travel on official business of the legislative body or another state or local agency
	Member may teleconference due to <u>emergency circumstances</u> , which requires approval of the legislative body and which is defined as a physical or family medical emergency that prevents a member from participating in person
	<u>Limits per Member</u> : Just cause and emergency circumstances cannot be invoked collectively for more than: 1) two meetings if the legislative body has fewer than 10 meetings per calendar year, or 2) three consecutive months or 20 percent of regular meetings per calendar year if the legislative body has 10 or more meetings per year. Just cause cannot be invoked more than twice per calendar year.
Proced	dures for the Board/Commission/Committee/Group
	Include instructions on the agenda how the public can participate remotely
	A quorum of the members of the legislative body must participate in person at the noticed location that is open to the public
	A majority of the membership must approve a request by a member to teleconference due to emergency circumstances ; include the request on the agenda if received in time
	All votes must be taken by roll call
	Meeting must be stopped and no action taken if the broadcast of the meeting or ability of the public to comment is disrupted

TELECONFERENCING RULES UNDER THE BROWN ACT

	Default Rule	Declared Emergency (AB 361)	Just Cause (AB 2449)	Emergency Circumstance (AB 2449)
In person participation	Required	Not Required	Required	Required
Member participation via teleconferencing	Audio or Audio-visual	Audio or Audio-visual	Audio-visual	Audio-visual
Required (minimum) opportunities for public participation	In-Person	Call-In or internet- based	Call-in or internet- based <u>and</u> in person	Call-in or internet- based <u>and</u> in person
Disruption of broadcast or public's ability to comment	Meeting can proceed	No further action taken	No further action taken	No further action taken
Reason must be approved by legislative body	No	Yes (Initial findings and renewed findings every 30 days)	No, but general description to be provided by legislative body	Yes and general description to be provided to legislative body
Votes must be taken by roll call	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Member's remote location included on agenda	Yes	No	No	No
Declared emergency and health official's recommendations for social distancing	No	Yes	No	No
Annual limits	None	None	Twice per calendar year (limits for emergency circumstances also apply for collective number of times AB 2449 can be used per year)	3 consecutive months/ 20% of regular meetings per calendar year; or 2 meetings per calendar year if body meets less than 10 times per year (collectively with just cause)
Effective Dates	Ongoing	Expires 12/31/2023	Expires 12/31/2025	Expires 12/31/2025