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## San Diego HIV Planning Group (HPG) Monkeypox (MPox) Task Force Thursday, November 10, 2022

3:00 PM

Meeting occurred via video teleconference (Zoom)

### MINUTES

Quorum is 7

Task Force Members Present: Allan Acevedo, Alberto Cortes, Bob Lewis, Mikie Lochner (Chair), Patrick Loose, Antonio Page-Khan, Dr. Ken Riley, Raul Robles,

Task Force Members Absent: Max Disposti, Brenda Huerta, Dr. Ankita Kadakia; Cinnamen Kubricky, Dr. Stephen Spector

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| 1. Call to Order/<br>Establishment of<br>Quorum       | Mikie Lochner, MPOX Task Force Chair, called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. and noted the presence of a quorum.   |           |
| 2. <b>Action:</b> Continuation of<br>Teleconferencing | All votes at the meeting were taken by roll call; task force members' names were called out verbally, then individual voice votes were noted and recorded.<br><b>Action:</b> Continuation of Teleconferencing Meeting Option Pursuant to Government Code Section 54953(e).<br>a. Find HPG has reconsidered the circumstances of the State of Emergency<br>b. Find that State and local officials continue recommending measures to promote social distancing.<br><b>Motion/Second/Count (M/S/C):</b> Acevedo/Lewis 6/0<br><b>Abstentions:</b> Lochner<br><b>Motion carries</b> |           |
| 3. Chair Comments;<br>Ground Rules &<br>Abstentions   | Reviewed by chair.   |           |

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| 4. Public Comment (See page 2 of agenda for rules)                        | None.  |           |
| 5. Sharing our concerns/Member Introductions                              | <p>The MPOX Public Health Emergency will end today (11/10/22). A County Public Health Emergency is in effect when the number of cases exceeds the County's capacity to respond effectively. At the current rate, the County has the infrastructure to respond to the number of new infections. The County is still responding to MPOX to achieve health and vaccine equity and to eliminate the transmission of MPOX.</p> <p>Since the MPOX Public Health Emergency will end, a member asked if the Task Force should consider the meeting schedule and potentially reduce the frequency of MPOX Task Force meetings.</p> <p>The County and local leaders received recognition from Harold Philips, Director White House National AIDS Policy, for the response to the MPOX outbreak and especially for using the knowledge obtained from responding to HIV.</p> |           |
| 6. <b>Action:</b> Approval of the Task Force agenda for November 10, 2022 | <p><b>Action:</b> Approve Task Force agenda for November 10, 2022 as presented.</p> <p><b>M/S/C:</b> Riley/Lewis 7/0</p> <p><b>Abstentions:</b> Lochner</p> <p><b>Motion carries</b></p>   |           |
| 7. <b>Action:</b> Approve Task Force meeting minutes                      | <p><b>Action:</b> Approve Task Force meeting minutes from October 27, 2022</p> <p><b>M/S/C:</b> Riley/Lewis 5/0</p> <p><b>Abstentions:</b> Lochner, Acevedo, Cortes</p> <p><b>Motion carries</b></p>   |           |
| <b>8. Old Business</b>  |  |           |
|   | <p>a. Training: Health Equity<br/>Presented by Patrick Loose (slide presentation)<br/>iscussion: The specific message is important. Regarding the ending of the MPOX Public Health Emergency, how this message is delivered will be important. In some communities, if something has "ended," then it has been fixed or has "gone away" and there is no need to worry about it anymore. For many people, especially those with limited resources, if it is not causing problems right now, then it isnot important. The message that the MPOX State of Emergency is ending should be delivered so that the Latinx community understands that the rate of infections is higher in the Latinx community and the rate of vaccination is</p>   |           |

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|             | <p>lower. The message should be that continued vaccination and behavior change is important to prevent future outbreaks.</p> <p>Primary Health providers may not have the resources to educate patients, especially those who are in the most highly affected demographics. If the County provides vaccines but does not provide additional resources for education and outreach, it is a missed opportunity. For providers who serve the most impacted communities, efforts should be made to ensure that the burden does not rest on health providers. The County should have educational resources available for providers to use with patients. It is important to give practical support to community health providers. A suggestion was made to work with trusted health providers of the people who have not received their second dose of vaccine to help deliver the message.</p> <p>To develop better messages, a member suggested asking people who have been vaccinated what message was effective for reaching them.</p> <p>A member recommended the HIV Planning Group and Faith-Based Action Coalition receive a “Health Equity” presentation, similar to what was presented today.</p> <p>Members felt that it will be important to widely distribute the message that the option to receive the vaccine subcutaneously (under the skin of the bicep) is available again. Some men may have avoided or may be hesitant to get the second dose intradermally (between the layers of the skin on the forearm or below the shoulder blade) because of stigma.</p> <p>Members discussed that the MPOX vaccination is competing with other vaccines such as flu, COVID-19, etc. When a member of the community has many complex needs, what we think is important (MPOX vaccine, etc) may not match what they think is important. Providing vaccines along side other resources and programs helps ensure that people do not have to choose between this and other issues and helps to reduce stigma.</p> |           |
|             | <p>b. Data Report: Vaccine equity data<br/>Tabled</p>  |           |

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|             | <p>c. Review Report of Vaccinations; Outreach, Health Education and Risk Reduction Activities; and Social Media Activities<br/>Included in the presentation by Lori Jones</p>  |   |
|             | <p>d. Presentation: MPOX prevention efforts – Lori Jones<br/>Presentation.<br/>Attendance of Task Force members and community leaders at various meetings allows sharing of information and planning and a quicker response.<br/>Two different tracks: 1) targeting health messages to get to those at the highest risk, and 2) normalizing MPOX so that it is a standard part of health care.<br/>Coordinate with Medical Standards and Evaluation Committee of the HPG to discuss whether MPOX be included in care standards</p> |   |
|             | <p>e. Review outreach, education, and social media messages and images and consider recommendations to help promote inclusion and equity.</p>  | .   |
|             | <p>f. Review of Work Plan</p> <p>The next scheduled meeting is Thursday, Dec 15, 2022. (scheduled to allow response to changing information but may be rescheduled to January if rates remain steady.)<br/>The focus of future meetings will be on the equity gaps, with the goal to reduce those gaps. That work will take longer than a few months. Chair and staff will work on meeting schedule for 2023.</p>  | <p>Chair Lochner, Patrick Loose, and support staff to review prior meeting minutes to identify possible recommendations.</p> <p>Staff to reach out to other jurisdictions with larger Latinx and Black communities to see if there are any recommendations from those organizations</p> |
|             | <p>g. Discussion: Ongoing Data and Reporting Requests to Support Work of Task Force<br/>None</p>   |   |

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|   | h. Discussion: Additional Training Required to Support Work of Task Force<br>None |           |
| <b>9. New Business</b>  |   |           |
|   | a. None   |           |
| 10. Suggestions to Steering Committee for consideration of future items |   |           |
| 11. Announcements   |   |           |
| 11. Next meeting date   | Next Meeting: January 19, 2023: <b>Zoom</b>                                       |           |
| Adjournment   | 4:31 PM   |           |