

**HIV HEALTH SERVICES PLANNING COUNCIL
COMMUNITY OUTREACH & ADVOCACY COMMITTEE MINUTES**

**Wednesday, April 12, 2006
25 Van Ness, Room 330B
5:30-7:30pm**

Committee Members Present: Aimee Barnes, Wade Flores, Darnell Durio, Robert Oropeza, Mike Ulate, Heriberto Quesada

Committee Members Absent: Devin Anderson (co-chair; LOA); Kim Pickens

Other Council Members Present: Dorothy Kleffner; Billie-Jean Kanios, Randy Allgaier, Kenneth Pearce, Raymond Banks

Council Support Present: Richard Bargetto, Enrique Asis, Jack Newby

1. Welcome & Introductions

Council Co-Chairs Allgaier and Kanios called the meeting to order and those present introduced themselves.

2. Review/Approve Agenda

The Agenda was approved without objection.

3. Review/Approve Minutes

The following Minutes were approved:

- December 14, 2005
- January 11, 2006
- February, 2006 with the change of moving Raymond Banks to "Other Council Members Present."
- March 8, 2006 with the word "agencies" removed in the statement attributed to Dorothy Kleffner.

4. Announcements

- Wade Flores: The Food Bank issue he has previously discussed is being reviewed by the Marin County Advisory Committee.
- Dorothy Kleffner: The Marin Advisory Committee has appointed a transgender woman to the committee.
- Co-Chairs: Randy Allgaier gave an update on the Supervisors meetings and the presentation of the needs assessment to the committee of the Health Commission
- Randy Allgaier gave an update on CARE Reauthorization
- The Co-Chairs discussed their presence at the meeting and addressing leadership issues on the COA.
- CM Pearce reminded everyone that the HPPC will be presenting the HIV consensus report by Willie McFarland at their meeting tomorrow

5. Public Comment

No public comment.

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6. Election of New Chair - Vote

The Council Co-Chairs opened up the floor to the election of a new committee co-chair and the election of an interim co-chair until CM Anderson returns from leave. The committee discussed the option of an interim co-chair. CM Banks asked to be considered for the interim position. There was discussion as to whether a CM could move home committee for this purpose. It was decided to first move ahead with the election of a regular co-chair. CM Pearce nominated CM Barnes, seconded by CM Kanios. CM Banks nominated CM Oropeza, seconded by CM Kanios. There were no further nominations. The election was held by ballot. CM Barnes was elected co-chair. (Ballots for this election are contained in the meeting file in a sealed envelope in council support offices).

The committee discussed the election of an interim co-chair. It was pointed out that interim co-chair was not posted on the Agenda. The matter of election of an interim co-chair was tabled.

7. Steering Committee Update

Co-Chair Allgaier updated on the \$330,000 backfill, the request for Housing TA and the new HRSA housing policy that has been submitted for review and comment.

8. Status of COA Committee

Co-Chair Barnes began the conversation with an acknowledgement of the past concerns regarding this committee and asked committee members to voice their concerns and issues. There was discussion of continuing to make consumers an integral part of the committee and council process. There was discussion of past and current committee leadership. It was noted that the co-chair on leave is a consumer. Following the discussion, the committee addressed the remaining agenda items.

8. Advocacy Project Report

Richard Bargetto reviewed the latest Advocacy Project Report for the Committee. One issue that arises is how agencies establish and inform consumers of policies and consumer concerns that they could unknowingly violate policies. Richard also advised the committee about a new change in the Reggie system. It involved removing the non-share option for consumers. There was a great deal of discussion on this issue. The matter will be placed on the Steering Agenda for discussion and review.

Richard discussed the policy issue that exists regarding his reporting of agency names in his monthly report. This policy was reviewed and rejected by I & P and was discussed at the last Steering Committee. The matter is again on the Steering Committee Agenda. It is hoped that COA and I & P can have a joint meeting to discuss and resolve the reporting issue. The COA committee remains committed to the policy that they approved.

9. Discussion of Community Forums

The committee discussed the upcoming community forums. Council Support advised that there is a date for the next forum. It is May 10th at Mission Neighborhood Health Center targeting the Latin Community. It was suggested that we have Spanish interpreters at the meeting. CM Durio

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will speak with Planning Co-Chairs at Steering to determine what Planning Committee would like to see from this Forum. The Needs Assessment results will be reviewed along with the Latino focus group to determine issues to address. A sub-group will meet to plan this meeting. It will be on April 26th at 5:30 PM at a location to be determined.

Council support reported that MCC in the Castro is being contacted regarding the June Forum. Additional details will be provided as they arise.

14. Next Meeting Date and Agenda Items

The next meeting will be in conjunction with the Community Forum on May 10, 2006 at Mission Neighborhood Health Center.

Co-Chair Barnes adjourned the meeting at 7:45 PM