

HIV Health Services Planning Council  
PLANNING COMMITTEE MINUTES  
Tuesday, May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2006  
25 Van Ness Avenue, Room 330 A  
3:30 – 5:30 pm

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**Committee Members Present:** Laura Thomas (co-chair); George Simmons (co-chair), Donald Soto

**Committee Members Absent:** Ellen Sweetin

**Other Council Members Present:** Billy Jean Kanios, Ken Pearce, Charles Siron,

**Others Present:** Celinda Cantu and Hilda Jones, SFDPH HIV Health Services, Rachel Matillano and Noelle Arceno, API Wellness Center,

**Council Support Present:** Jack Newby; Joe Lynn

## 1. Introductions

Committee Co-Chair Laura Thomas called the meeting to order at 3:41.

## 2. Review/Approve Agenda

The agenda was approved by consensus.

## 3. Review/Approve *April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2006 Minutes*

The minutes were approved by consensus.

## 4. Announcements

Director Jack Newby announced an upcoming Community Forum at the Mission Health Center. Council Member Charles Siron announced an upcoming SRO task force meeting.

## 5. Public Comment

There was none.

## 6. Steering Committee and General Update

- *A monthly update of the Steering Committee activities and discussions and any other Council/Committee Updates.*

Council Co-Chair Donald Soto said that there were meetings with Supervisor Chris Daly and Health Director Mitch Katz on a \$1 million fund. He had also met with Michelle Long concerning the prioritization process.

There was some talk about the ways to provide greater discussion at full council meetings. This was in part prompted by the quorum problems at Committees which then required a fuller vetting of proposals at the Council. Some thought that the committee work needed more respect. Others thought that simplified presentations would provide more time for discussion but perhaps at the expense of new members learning the issues. Breaking up into small groups was mentioned

although it was thought that too much time might be consumed. Finally, some believed the presenter may want to work with Council Support Staff Enrique Asis to consolidate the presentations.

## **7. Review and Discuss changes to Eligibility and Severe Need Criteria**

There was a lengthy review of the history of this proposal and general support for it with reservations over its full impact. A pilot program might be set up to test the concept. There was some skepticism over the Council's ability to assess the full extent of the problem. Others thought that one county should not be advantaged over another county which might have used general fund dollars to provide greater services to its residents.

The three-year plan was then consulted concerning its recommendation to study the question of integrating multi-county services. **There was a general consensus that a) the Council should not act for this upcoming fiscal year, b) the Council should continue to implement the three-year plan's recommendation and c) the Council should request technical assistance so that data could be gathered and options explored before the Council took action on the matter.** This action might take the form of community forums, focus groups, and assistance from Harder & Co. The Council could also study other cross-county contracts the City uses.

## **8. Begin Work on Priority Setting and Resource Allocation Recommendation - Discussion**

Committee Co-Chair George Simmons reported that the recommendations are being developed for review before bringing them to the council.

## **9. Preparation for Summit – Format, Types of Recommendations from Planning Committee, Selection of Facilitator, Review of Presentations for Data Review – Discussion**

**By consensus, it was agreed that Mr. Soto and Ms. Thomas would call the facilitator from last year about her availability for this year's meeting.** The meeting may be at the Eureka Valley Community Center. A special focus may be needed on the first and second years of the three-year plan. As part of the preparations, it was suggested that someone identify any recommendations from three year plan that needed attention from the Planning Committee.

## **10. Review Minority AIDS Initiative Presentation – Suggestions**

This item was taken out of order after item #7 above.

Ms. Hilda Jones reported that no changes had been made and that there would be a handout at the meeting for May 22. It would be based in part on Mary Kay Parisi's report and address. It would explain what happened to prior programs which had been subsumed by the Centers of Excellence.

Some Council Members expressed the hope that the gender breakdowns might include transgenders.

## **11. Review County Presentations – Comments – Suggestions**

While the Council has Marin's presentation, San Mateo was meeting the next day on theirs.

Marin's report would include 17 and 20 month prioritizations. The differing time periods reflect changes in fiscal years for contracts between '06 and '08. Questions were raised concerning why only 11% of dental and 16% of other units of service had been supplied after one half of a fiscal year. The folks from Marin should understand that there may be questions as to the meaning of the numbers in their report.

## **12. Review Other Funding Streams Presentation – Suggestions**

The co-chairs had talked with the HIV Health Services folks. An intern was working on the presentations and will present something to the full council. It was uncertain as to whether the HIV Health Services would be making the presentation.

## **13. Next Meeting Date & Agenda Items**

Ms. Jones' presentation would be scheduled for the May meeting. Other funding streams would be discussed in June. **Mr. Newby will circulate a list of items for future agendas to meet the August deadline for the prioritization meetings now scheduled for August 24 and 26. The three-year plan would be consulted for any other recommendations that needed to be discussed.**

The Steering Committee would consider today's motion concerning eligibility and Ms. Jones' presentations.

*The next meeting will be on June 13<sup>th</sup>, 2006. Committee will identify agenda items for the next meeting.*