



HIV Health Services Planning Council  
CONSUMER AND MINORITY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Tuesday, May 4, 2010  
Department of Public Health  
25 Van Ness Avenue, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Room 330A  
3:00-5:00 pm

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**Committee Members Present:** Matthew Miller, Maritza Penagos

**Committee Members Absent:** Aaron Chandler, Billie Cooper [E], Anna Heath [LOA], Lee Jewell, Mark Molnar, Gerardo Ramos

**Others Present:** CM Liz Gatewood, CM Steve Manley, CM Michelle Spence, Ayako Miyashita [H-CAP]

**Support Staff Present:** Randy Allgaier, Enrique Asis, William Ching, T.J. Lee

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**1. Introductions**

The meeting was called to order at 3:18 pm by Council Co-Chair Manley in lieu of the absence of committee co-chairs. Everyone introduced themselves and quorum was not established.

**2. Review/Approve Agenda – VOTE**

The agenda was reviewed.

**3. Review/Approve April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2010 DRAFT Minutes – VOTE**

The April 6<sup>th</sup> minutes were reviewed.

**4. Announcements**

- CM Miller announced that the Positive Youth Advocacy Council (PYAC) at Larkin Street Youth will be restarted.
- CS Allgaier announced that there will be a rally at noon at City Hall on May 19th to commemorate World Hepatitis Day. He also announced that the June Hepatitis Task Force will meet either on 7th or 14th to primarily discuss HIV/HCV co-infection.

**5. Public Comments**

There was no public comment.

**6. HIV Consumer Rights Advocate Report**

Consumer Rights Advocate, Ayako Miyashita, presented the new ALRP brochure, which emphasizes the roles and responsibilities of the organization. She recently visited, the Positive Peer Counseling Group at Larkin Street Youth and she said that greatest need (for HIV-positive individuals) is reentry services. She went through harm reduction and ARIES training and met with two dental providers in the community. Both the report and brochure are on file at the Council Support office.

Ayako then went over the HIV Consumer Advocacy Report for April 2010, going through the successes and challenges of ALRP cases. She also expressed some concerns. First, because a lot of consumers already have

hectic lives, it is important for advocates to stay on top of their clients. Second, the fact that she is an attorney complicates matters. Recently, two providers have acquired legal counsel. The distinction between an advocate and attorney is something providers are confused about. Ayako's role has been amended so that she is only able to advocate, not litigation, on behalf of her clients. The more often providers lawyer up, the less often consumers will get beneficial results.

Ayako stressed the importance of explaining to providers what ALRP does and does not do. She has four upcoming meetings with various community organizations.

#### **7. Update on Action Plan for Outreach and Listening Program – VOTE**

CS Asis announced there will be a training next week for those who will facilitate outreach and listening events. The first of such outreach meetings will be on June 16<sup>th</sup> with the Community Advisory Board of the San Francisco Community Clinic Consortium.

#### **8. Report from HIV/Aging Joint Work Group**

CM Manley talked about presentation given by CM Hicks about HIV inflammation and aging. CS Allgaier announced that the survey is still live and there are over 140 respondents, but recent responses have skewed the sample. CS Allgaier said we needed a few more individuals from the African American and Latino communities to reach our target.

CS Allgaier also shared some responses from survey, which was open-ended enough to allow for unexpected responses. Some expressed fear and anxiety about the future. Often times, social services and fear of economic hardship trump health (some individuals expressed that they would rather be dead than live in poverty).

CS Allgaier added that the work group will be producing a white paper, which will include recommendations to both Councils and the city at large, is at least half way complete. The first half deals with origins, epidemiology and the fiscal effects of aging, including encouraging more research on aging individuals living with HIV/AIDS. There are no clinical trials open and little or no research on co-morbidities, HCV, hypertension, anemia, stroke, diabetes, etc., for older individuals living with HIV.

#### **9. Update regarding Needs Assessment Work Group**

CS Allgaier updated the committee on needs assessment. There are three current target groups: HCV-infected, individuals who are over 50 and African American women. A subsequent focus group will target individuals who are over 60. A provider focus group will also commence this week. All results will be presented to CMA committee next month.

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

*The next Consumer and Minority Affairs Meeting is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, June 1st, 2010, 25 Van Ness Room 330A from 3:00 PM-5:00 PM.*

*Parking Lot:*

- *Needs Assessment*
- *HIV and Aging*
- *Feedback from workshop in preparation for SFCCC.*

**11. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 4:20 pm by Co-Chair Penagos.

**Voting Worksheet**

Roll Call: **P**=Present; **A**=Absent; **E**=Excused; **L**=Leave of Absence  
 Votes: **Y**=Yes; **N**=No; **B**=Abstain; **R**=Recused (deduct from quorum)

**April 6, 2010**

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2.	<b>Aaron Chandler</b>										
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	<b>Anna Heath</b>	<b>LOA</b>									
4.	<b>Carol Hudson</b>										
5.	<b>Lee Jewell (Co-Chair)</b>										
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7.	Mark Molnar										
8.	Maritza Penagos										
9.	Gerardo Ramos <b>(Co-Chair)</b>										
1.	<b>John Andrews</b>										

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