



**HIV Health Services Planning Council
Community Outreach & Advocacy Committee**

Notes

**Wednesday, August 8th, 2007
25 Van Ness Avenue Room 330B**

5:30-7:30pm

Committee Members present: Newell (Co-Chair), Penagos, Manley
Committee Members absent: Flores (CO-Chair) excused, Cooper, Scherich
Other Council Members present: Siron
Others present: None
Council Support Staff: Jack Newby, Joe Lynn, Carlos Cabezas

1. Welcome and Introductions

The meeting was called to order at 5:37 by Jack Newby, Director, SF HIV Health Services Planning Council, and everyone introduced themselves.

Quorum was established by roll call at 6:00 p.m.

2. Review/Approve Agenda

The Agenda was reviewed but not approved.

3. Review/Approve *May 9th, 2007 Minutes and June 13, 2007 Notes*

The June 13, 2007 Notes were reviewed but not approved.

The May 9th, 2007 Minutes reviewed but not approved.

4. Announcements

There were no announcements.

5. Public Comment

There were no public comments.

6. Steering Committee Update

There was no Steering Committee update.

7. Advocacy Project Report

The Committee received and reviewed the monthly report from the Consumer Rights Advocate, Joe Lynn.

- The report included an update on a case dealing with Open Hand's objection to a word written on the backpack of a homeless gentleman receiving service at Open Hand. Because the gentleman was requesting an extra meal, he was bringing his backpack with a license plate attached to it containing the word in question. Although the ACLU will not take the case, it will assist in an educational project. Joe is trying to find locker space for the gentleman and will carry the case. The case is currently on hold.

Also discussed:

- Percentage of Open Hand clients that is homeless. Figure unknown, but it may be obtained.
- Planning Committee can give instructions to grantees. Focus in dental services is dental care to clients rather than teaching opportunities for students.

- The “non teaching policy” re: clients being denied dental care if their needs are beyond what the dentists can provide. Also if the student gets into a personality problem with patient, they will deny the m services. Joe will follow up on the report.

8. Discussion of Youth Community Meeting Outcomes

The committee reviewed and discussed outcomes of the July 27th 2007 Youth Community Meeting held at the Larkin Street Youth Services.

- One person said that the meeting space was comfortable and 2 said the environment was friendly.
- Committee members were very impressed with the amount of people that attended and saw some potential council members among the group of attendees.
- A suggestion was made that the committee should discuss providing food vouchers for people attending meetings; especially for meetings regarding youth outreach.
- Committee members felt that the COA Community meeting was very successful, the information was compelling.

9. Discussion of 2007 Women’s Needs Assessment Results from Harder+Co.

The Committee reviewed the data presented to CARE Council regarding Women’s Needs Assessment.

- Committee members recognized that the work done by the Outreach and Advocacy Committee was heavily responsible for the inclusion of several sections and issues produced in the Women’s Needs Assessment Report.

10. Discussion Regarding the Next Priority Population 2007 Community Meeting

A date and location has not yet been established, however, the target date will be in October and the location will most likely be at Tenderloin Health. An Agenda has not yet been established.

ACTION ITEM

Martiza Penagos is working with Tracy Brown and will contact the point person (Jeannie Little) within the next week to obtain the information.

11. Discussion and Review of PWA Caucus Recommendations for Summit

The committee reviewed and discussed the PWA Caucus Recommendations for the Summit meeting.

- It was noted that Barbara Garcia is supportive of the recommendations made for General Funds.
- With respect to COEs advisory boards, the Planning Committee recommends that some of the General Funds go to COEs.
- A point was made that these funds were made for COEs as a whole and not for the providers.
- It was also recommended that \$50,000 fund be put in for the new resource guide project which is no longer being provided by the S. F. AIDS Foundation.
- The committee was informed that POZ.com information regarding providers and services is listed under appropriate zip code areas.

12. Next Meeting Date and Agenda Items

The next Community Outreach and Advocacy Committee meeting will be held on **Wednesday, September 12th, 2007 from 5:30 until 7:30 at SF DPH, 25 Van Ness, Room 330B, San Francisco.**

13. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 6:10 PM.
