

**HIV Health Services  
Planning Council  
October 25, 2010**

# **Joint Recommendations from Prevention & Care**

Points of Integration Committee Presentation

# What is Points of Integration?

- + A **joint committee** of the HIV Health Services Planning Council (HHSPC) and the HIV Prevention Planning Council (HPPC)
  - One co-chair from HHSPC and the HPPC
  - HPPC Members, HHSPC Members, & Community Members

# Guiding Questions

- + How can **prevention** and **care** work together to improve both HIV prevention and HIV health services?
- + How can we support Prevention with Positives (PWP) services in San Francisco?

# Our Work This Year

- + **Recommendations for substance use and mental health services for people living with HIV/AIDS (PLWHA) and at risk for HIV in SF**
- + **Memorandum to the health department regarding Community Viral Load**
- + **Started discussions around HIV and Aging**

# Motion 1

- + The POI Committee moves that **recommendations for substance use/mental health services for PLWHA and at-risk for HIV** be approved by the HPPC for recommendation to the HIV Prevention Section.

**Note:** You will be voting on the document entitled Recommendations for Substance Use/Mental Health Services for PLWHA and at risk for HIV.

# Background

- + At the beginning of the year, POI prioritized **gaps in substance use and mental health services (SU/MH)** as an important topic to address
- + Committee discussions revolved around the question – ***What are the gaps in services for substance use and mental health for people living with HIV and at risk for HIV?***

# Understanding the System

- + Current substance use/mental health system is evolving as resources become limited
- + Data is scarce and it is difficult to identify gaps in a system that is evolving (e.g., RFP, integration)
- + To help us understand better, we invited a representative from SFDPH Community Behavioral Health Services (CBHS)
  - Jim Stillwell talked about direction in which CBHS is moving in regards to the way SU/MH services are provided in the city and how the needs of people affected by HIV/AIDS and SU/MH are being addressed

# Issues to Consider

## + Coordination of Services

- DPH is moving towards a client-centered health care home model where primary care and behavioral health services interface and other support services are coordinated to provide seamless care
- HIV prevention & care should have a place within the health care home model
- HIV prevention & care should be optimally connected to the SU/MH system
- Care coordination is key to ensuring clients receive appropriate care, including HIV/AIDS prevention and care.

# Recommendation #1

- + DPH must **coordinate SU/MH and HIV/AIDS** services to ensure that PLWHA and at risk for HIV and are affected by SU/MH are receiving the services they need. As outlined in the recommendations from the *SFDPH Community Programs Stakeholder Engagement Process*, all clients within the health care home must have access to care coordination.

# Issues to Consider

## + Community Input & Planning

- CBHS does not currently have a community planning group in place to allow for consumer input and participation
- Having a forum for community members to be engaged in the process for planning an evolving system of care for people affected by SU/MH could be valuable and beneficial
- Such a forum could be a starting point for collaboration with HPPC, HHSPC, and other community planning groups in the city

## Recommendation #2

- + The Points of Integration committee **strongly urges** the development of an **advisory group/community planning group** representing consumers and members of the community affected by SU/MH. This advisory/planning group is consistent with San Francisco's model of care and is one way for the community to provide input into the planning process. It is also a starting point for collaboration with the HHSPC, HPPC and other advisory/community planning groups in the city.

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## Motion 2

- + The POI Committee moves that the memorandum on Community Viral Load be approved by the HPPC.

**Note:** You will be voting on the memo addressed to the San Francisco Department of Public Health regarding Community Viral Load.

# Background

- + Joint Council meeting in May focused on **Community Viral Load (CVL)** and prior to that meeting, Dr. Moupali Das presented her research to the HPPC
- + POI was tasked with following-up on issues that came up at the Joint Council meeting
- + Committee agrees that CVL is an important topic locally and nationally
  - CVL offers an exciting new tool for looking at the health of a community affected by HIV/AIDS
  - CVL has the potential to inform the city's HIV prevention, care, and research efforts

# Background (continued)

- + Committee agrees that it is not the right time to propose recommendations around CVL
  - CVL continues to evolve and there is much more to be learned about CVL and how it can be useful
- + However, it is important that the committee (and HPPC and HHSPC) continues to be part of the dialogue

# Memorandum

- + Purpose is to share the Points of Integration Committee's thoughts around community viral load with SFDPH
- + Inform SFDPH that POI is committed to ongoing **learning** and **dialogue** about CVL

## Vote on Motion 2

- + The POI Committee moves that the memorandum on Community Viral Load be approved by the HPPC.

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# 2010 POI Committee Members

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