



HIV HEALTH SERVICES PLANNING COUNCIL
City College San Francisco Administrative Offices
Auditorium
33 Gough Street, San Francisco CA 94103
Monday, May 21st, 2007
4:30 - 7:30 PM

MINUTES

I. Call to Order

CM Herman called the meeting to order at 4:37 PM.

II. Roll Call

The roll was called and quorum was established.

III. Review and Approval of Agenda

The Agenda was reviewed and ***approved by consensus.***

IV. Review of April 23rd, 2007 Minutes -

The April 23rd, 2007 Minutes were reviewed and ***approved by consensus.***

V. General Announcements

- The CARE Coalition met in Washington D.C. last week.
- The Town Hall Meeting, co-sponsored with the HIV/AIDs Providers Network (HAPN), will be held on May 31st, 2007 to engage community in discussion around budget cuts.
- Michelle San Pedro will be leaving her position as Administrative Assistant at the HIV Health Services Planning Council.
- Lily Belo was introduced as the new Administrative Assistant at the HIV Health Services Planning Council.

VI. Public Comment

- Eddy Motzinger, from a Center of Excellence (COE), wanted to bring to the Council's attention the following matter:
 - COEs effectively consolidate services to prevent duplication of services – further cuts to COE will impair the ability of COEs to provide and coordinate comprehensive core services.
 - Hold COEs harmless from further cuts

VII. Steering Committee Report

CM Soto presented the Steering Committee Update.

- The Community Outreach and Advocacy (COA) committee discussed the Women's Forum, and the May 31st, 2007 Town Hall meeting it will be co-sponsoring Town meeting with HAPN.
- The Planning committee discussed the HRSA 75/25 Compliance and Reductions Protocol.
- The Membership committee recommends the following four (4) applicants for Council membership: Bart Ellison, Johnson Livingston, Stacia Scherich, and M. Gerardo Ramos.
- The Policy & Evaluation committee outlined a timeline for evaluations.
- The Needs Assessment work group has a meeting scheduled this Thursday, at which they will review a draft report of needs assessment for the women's community.
- The Steering committee discussed the open Co-Chair (Female Seat), and is forwarding to the Council budget scenarios regarding the Compliance with HRSA 75/25 and Reductions Protocol.

Public Comment on this item.

There was no public comment on this item.

VIII. Council Membership Applicant Recommendations –

Mark Molnar and Mary Lawrence Hicks, Membership Committee Co-Chairs, provided the Membership committee update.

- *The Membership Committee recommends four (4) applicants for Council Membership.*
 - *Bart Ellison*
 - *Johnson Livingston*
 - *Stacia Scherich*
 - *M. Gerardo Ramos*

ACTION ITEM

Each applicant for Council Membership was voted on and ***approved*** (individually) ***by consensus.***

Public Comment on this item.

There was no public comment on this item.

- *Current Applications for Review at Next Membership Committee Meeting include but are not limited to the following:*
 - *Cynthia Hoffman (scheduled for interview)*
 - *Marcus Mabry (scheduled for interview)*
 - *Don Frazier (scheduled for interview)*

➤ *Current Application for CARE Council Membership Renewal consideration is:*

- *CM Ellen Sweetin*

ACTION ITEM

Ellen Sweetin's application for Council Membership Renewal was voted on and ***approved by consensus***

Public Comment on this item.

There was no public comment on this item.

IX. Review and Discussion Regarding Compliance with HRSA 75/25 and Reductions Protocol -

This item was presented by CM Laura Thomas, Planning Committee Co-Chair, Michelle Long, Director SF DPH HHS, Dean Goodwin SF DPH HS

- Three scenarios, and their financial consequences, were presented to the Council for consideration: (documents on file at Council Support Offices)
 - Scenario A: Distribute available dollars across all allowable Support Services categories. (36% reduction in non-medical service categories)
 - Scenario B: Fully fund Emergency Housing and Transitional Housing, and distribute remaining available dollars across other allowable categories. (39% reduction in non-medical service categories)
 - Fully fund Emergency Housing, Transitional Housing, Residential Mental Health, and Home/Community Based Care, and distribute remaining available dollars across other allowable categories. (45% reduction in non-medical service categories)

Public Comment on this item.

- Lee Jewel, Board Member of Project Open Hand, expressed client based concern that his organization, which provides meals to PLWH, is being considered as a second tier category.
- Raymond, a man who lives in transitional housing, brought to the Council his concern that funding housing is important. He says, "I'll probably wind up in San Quentin like many others if we have to leave our homes."
- Mike Smith, President of HAPN, recommended to the Council that it is a wiser decision to make equal cuts on every group, rather than holding organizations harmless one by one. By making selective cuts it leaves fewer people to advocate against budget reductions.
- Jimmy Loyce, Interim Director of the Black Coalition on AIDS expressed his support of the Council to vote on Scenario A.

- Perry Katz, Director of the Redwood Center, requested that the Council provide groups that provide housing more time because it is unfair to ask groups to ask their residents to vacate on such short notice.

X. Dinner Break

Meeting Evaluation Forms were distributed to Council Members during the Dinner Break.

XI. Review and Discussion of Regarding Compliance with HRSA 75/25 and Reductions Protocol (resumption of Item IX)

ACTION ITEM

CM Siron made a motion to approve Scenario A. for the Compliance with HRSA 75/25 and Reductions Protocol. Seconded by CM Newell.

Discussion

Council Members discussed the three scenarios presented:

- *There was discussion about restoring certain housing categories*
- *There was discussion about how the cuts would impact programs, especially later in the fiscal year*
- *Council Members expressed concern about whether the decisions could impact other advocacy efforts*
- *It was pointed out that modifications could be made in the budget at a later date*
- *Concern was expressed about having to eliminate certain service categories such as housing and residential substance abuse*

The motion to approve Scenario A. for the Compliance with HRSA 75/25 and Reductions Protocol was **approved by roll call vote.** (Item 1) (unanimous)

XII. Minority AIDS Initiative (MAI) Application Budget -

Michelle Long, Director SF DPH HHS, presented this item:

- Proposing to apply for \$3.6 million to cover COE and the additional funding will go toward Administrative Cost (5%), and Quality Management (5%)
- Add case managers to lower ratio of clients-to-case-managers
- Applying for services to support Marin County (increase capacity of non-HIV specific providers to increase testing men who have sex with men, particularly in the African-American and Latino community)
- San Mateo and San Francisco Counties to apply for grant to support peer treatment advocacy program for persons dually diagnosed with HIV and Hepatitis C (primarily African Americans, non-mono-lingual Latino) based on the 75/25 requirements.

Public Comment on this Item

There was no public comment

ACTION ITEM

Motion to approve Ms. Long's request of \$3.6 million for the MAI.
Siron/Newell.

The motion to approve Ms. Long's request of \$3.6 million for the MAI was ***approved by roll call vote.*** (Item 2)

XIII. Nominations/Election for Female Co-Chair Vacancy -

The CARE Council is to nominate and elect a woman Co-Chair to temporarily fill the seat previously occupied by Billie-Jean Kanios for the duration of the remaining unexpired term.

- The following Council Members were nominated for election:
 - Catherine Newell (Nominated by CM Siron, seconded by CM Spaeth)
 - Laura Thomas (Nominated by CM Allgaier, seconded by CM Molnar)

ACTION ITEM

Laura Thomas was elected (by paper ballot) to temporarily fill the Co-Chair seat previously occupied by Billie-Jean Kanios for the duration of the remaining unexpired term.

XIV. New Business/Next Agenda

- *Please Note: The next full council meeting will be held on Monday, June 25th, 2007, Milton Mark Conference Center, 455 Golden Gate Avenue, Lower Level, San Diego Room B&C.*

Public Comment on this item.

There was no public comment on this item.

XV. Adjournment

CM Herman, Co-Chair, adjourned the meeting at 7:20 PM.

ACTION ITEM

- Each applicant (*Bart Ellison, Johnson Livingston, Stacia Scherich, M. Gerardo Ramos*) for Council Membership was voted on and ***approved*** (individually) ***by consensus.***
- Ellen Sweetin's application for Council Membership Renewal was voted on and ***approved by consensus***
- The motion to approve Scenario A. for the Compliance with HRSA 75/25 and Reductions Protocol was ***approved by consensus.*** (Item 1) (unanimous) (Siron/Newell)
- The motion to approve Ms. Long's request of \$3.6 million for the MAI was ***approved by consensus.*** (Item 2) (unanimous) (Siron/Newell)

- Laura Thomas was elected (by paper ballot) to temporarily fill the Co-Chair seat previously occupied by Billie-Jean Kanios for the duration of the remaining unexpired term. (Allgaier/Molnar)

COUNCIL SUPPORT ACTION ITEM

- Please note that M. Gerardo Ramos (newly elected to the Council) is HIV-negative.