



HIV HEALTH SERVICES PLANNING COUNCIL
Milton Marks Conference Center
455 Golden Gate Avenue (Polk & Larkin)
Lower Level, San Diego Rooms
Monday November 26th 2007
4:30-7:30 PM

DRAFT MINUTES

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 4:35 Pm by Co-Chair Molnar.

II. Roll Call

Roll was called and quorum was established.

III. Review and Approval of Agenda

The Agenda was reviewed and approved by consensus.

IV. Review and Approval of October 22, 2007 Minutes

The October 22, 2007 Minutes were reviewed and approved by consensus.

V. General Announcements

- Jack Newby announced that there is a community meeting scheduled for people who were recently released from incarceration on Wednesday, December 12 at 730 Polk St. 4th floor from 4-6 PM. He asked that if any CM worked with that population or knew of someone who serves the population to invite them. The first 20 people that attend will receive a \$10 Safeway voucher
- CM Harris announced that one of our agency funded projects that DPH, Parkview Terraces for seniors 55+ is accepting applications through November 26, today, the lottery will be held next Monday.
- Also announced by CM Harris that there is a below market rate studio for sale at 1 Federal St. If anyone is interested
- CM Antonetty announced that Project Homeless Connect will be held on December 5th 2007 and suggested that providers direct their clients there for needed services.
- Jack Newby announced that the Support Staff Consumer Advocate, Joe Lynn is out on disability for approximately 4 months and a temp staff person, Dennis Wheeler has been hired and will be introduced at the January full council meeting. A get well card will be circulated during the dinner break.
- CM Andrews announced that this Saturday the first ever Northern California cancer survivor conference at UCSF mission center. Also announced was that the am soc of hematologist doing an annual update on new research around

blood cancer and HIV on Saturday, February 2, 2007. Contact CM Andrews if you need more information.

- CM Banks announced that WORLD is having an event on November 30, 2007.

VI. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

VII. Steering Committee Report

Co-Chair Thomas and Co-Chair Molnar, Council Co-Chairs

- The next meeting will be held on Monday, January 28th, 2007 at the LGBT Center.

Cultural Competency Update

- Mr. Newby announced that the two focus groups were cancelled due to the unavailability of the facilitator for the November 28th date. Two alternate dates were suggested, Friday, December 7th and Monday, December 10th. The two groups were as follows:
 - A leadership group for council Co-Chairs.
 - A group for Council Members with a year or more of service.
- There were requests from Council Members that a Robert's Rules training and a group facilitator training. Jack Newby announced that the January full council meeting will include the Robert's Rules training

Public Comment on this item:

There was no public comment on this item.

VIII. Council Co-Chair Nominations/Elections-

The CARE Council opened the floor to new nominations. There were no new nominations so the nominations were closed. The Council elected the Council Co-Chair (Person Living With HIV/AIDS). Ballots were distributed at this time and results were announced following the dinner break. The CM elected to Co-Chair was:

Steve Manley

IX. Council Membership Interviews-

George Stevens and Mary-Lawrence Hicks, Membership Committee Co-Chairs.

- The Membership Committee recommended one applicant for Council Membership:
 - Michael Blish

Public Comment on this item:

There was no public comment on this item.

Action: The council voted unanimously to accept Mr. Blish for Council Membership.

- The application for review at the December Membership Committee meeting include but are not limited to :
 - Ronald Jewell

Public Comment on this item:

There was no public comment on this item.

X. Review and Discussion of Points of Integration Presentation regarding HPPC/HHSPC Joint Recommendations.

CM Randy Allgaier and Ed Byrom, HHPH Co-Chair of the Points of Integration Committee presented the motions being forwarded to the HIV Health Services Planning Council for the following joint recommendations to the SFDPH/HHS.

- **The Points of Integration Committee moves that the recommendations for preventing late testing be approved by HHSPC for recommendation to the health department.**

The floor was opened for discussions and questions. Discussion and questions included:

- How many people fall into this category of people who are late testers? It was stated that the rate that people test late is 40-45% across the board and even more so with communities of color. Reasons that people don't test are fear of learning the status and fear of familial and social stigma.
- What is the next step if we approve this? It was answered that the statistics will be reviewed over time. Also Points of Integration will work with DPH and HHS about how to implement some of these strategies and to get feedback about how well we meet the goals/objectives of working with counseling/testing centers.
- Questions were asked regarding what disclosure services would look like and Mr. Byrom answered that San Francisco has a disclosure program initiative program with the idea being utilizing disclosure services and the various ways that disclosure is taking place. It was stated that the committee is looking at conversations about disclosure and not only in a formal setting. The committee is reaching out to the community to find out the additional barriers that keep people from testing.

Public Comment on this item:

There was no public comment on this item.

Action: Vote

Motion passes unanimously.

- **The Points of Integration Committee moves that the HHSPC approve the recommendation to the health department to convene and support a provider work group to develop a best practices guide to Prevention With Positives work in San Francisco.**

There was no discussion/questions on this item.

Public Comment on this item:

There was no public comment on this item.

Action: Vote

Motion passes unanimously.

- **The Points of Integration Committee moves that the term seroadaptation and its proposed definition be approved by the HHSPC for recommendation to the health department.**

There were discussion/questions about this item. Discussion/questions included:

- CM Banks wanted to know what the advantages of adopting this language and is it something that will be revisited. Mr. Byrom answered that the process is ongoing and not a closed issue but an open dialogue that may possibly change. It represents current trends in the community of how people are protecting themselves and their partners.
- CM Prentice felt that it is another form of segregation or labeling. He stated that he had talked with about 15 people in the community and had only received 2 positive comments regarding the use of any label. He also felt that issues of privacy concern him because he does not feel that it is the council's responsibility to dictate behavior of consenting adults. He felt that this was a slippery slope as the next step could be people being sorted by hereditary traits that may cause illness. CM Allgaier responded that the motion is mainly to look at the community and what people are doing and have discussions about that.
- CM Harris asked if any implementation recommendations come back to this council or only to the prevention council. It was answered that the goal is to include both councils.
- CM Hicks stated that it was difficult to come up with a neutral term to describe people's intimate behavior.
- CM Frazier asked if this becomes another behavioral risk category and if so, is the term too broad? The response was that this conversation has not been held. It is more about having a common language to define the behaviors that are taking place.
- CM Banks discussed that as far as harm reduction is concerned, that when people use drugs, safe-sex behavior is more than likely to not take place.

- CM Stevens stated that the conversation had gone off track and that what the council is being asked to vote on is that not everyone impulsively practices safe-sex and that there are people who conversationally make decisions based on the fact that they don't know someone's status. The council is being asked to find out how that works and how they navigate these practices.
- CM Cooper took issue with CM Banks' statement about harm reduction.
- Co-Chair Molnar reminded the group that the motion on the table was to vote on language.
- CM Manley moved to call the question.

Action: Vote to call the question.

Motion passes.

Public Comment on this item:

A member of the public asked if the Council would consider using the term risk group identification and progression of disease as some people sero-sort based on one's partner's viral load or knowledge of other high risk behaviors.

Action: Vote

Ayes: 15

Nays: 4

Motion passes by consensus.

XI. Dinner Break

**XII. Review/Discuss Part A Carry Forward Funds Recommendations
*Laura Thomas and George Simmons, Planning Committee Co-Chairs***

- Co-Chair Thomas reported that since there was \$165,000 that could still be spent but HRSA did not approve it for a needs assessment. It was recommended from the Planning Committee and the Steering Committee that the money be spent as follows:

Centers of Excellence	\$90,000
Emergency Financial Assistance	\$65,000
Vouchers	\$10,000

Public Comment on this Item:

There was no public comment on this item.

Action: Vote to accept the recommendations of the Planning and Steering committees.

Motion passes unanimously.

**XIII. Review/Discuss Augmentation to Ryan White Part B Funding-
Michelle Long, Director, San Francisco HIV Health Services**

- Ms. Long stated that she had a revised proposal of the one that was available before the meeting. Time was given to the council to review the document.
- Ms. Long presented the breakdown of the augmentation of Ryan White Part B funds. Ms. Long stated that providers were calling her asking for information about referrals for different segments of the PLWHA populations and that there was no support group for heterosexual African-American men. She discussed the proposal to fund a pilot support group for African-American heterosexual men. She discussed that feedback from the community was that many African-American heterosexual men were unwilling to attend a group that may be perceived as “gay”.
- Ms. Long was asked if there was any idea of how many men are estimated to having the desire to utilize this support group. She said that she was not sure now and that is why she is doing a pilot and the council would have to wait until the group begins.

Public comment on this item:

There was no public comment on this item.

Action: To accept the Ryan White Part B augmentation funds.

Vote

Motion passes unanimously.

XIV. SF DPH HHS/SF HHSPC Memorandum of Understanding Update

Policy and Evaluation Committee Co-Chair Allgaier presented the summary from the Policy and Evaluation Committee, defined the MOU, and advised of the process.

- It was stated that these recommendations frame the discussion to complete the MOU.

Public Comment on this item:

There was no public comment on this item.

XV. New Business/Next Agenda

Please note: The next full council meeting date is tentatively scheduled for Monday, January 28th, 2008, 4:30-7:30 PM at the SF LGBT Center, 1800 Market Street, Ceremonial Room, 3rd Floor, San Francisco, CA 94102.

Public Comment on this item:

There was no public comment on this item.

XVI. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by Co-Chair Thomas at 6:53 PM.
