



HIV HEALTH SERVICES PLANNING COUNCIL

Milton Marks Conference Center
455 Golden Gate Avenue (Polk & Larkin)
Lower Level, San Diego Rooms
Monday, September 24th, 2007
4:30 - 7:30 PM

MINUTES

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 4:33 p.m. by CM Soto, Council Co-Chair.

II. Roll Call

Roll call was taken and *quorum was established*. (Attachment A)

III. Review and Approval of Agenda

The agenda was reviewed and *approved by consensus*.

IV. Review and Approval of August 16th, 2007 Minutes

The Minutes were reviewed and CM Banks inquired about the PLWHA recommendations noted. CM Soto will confer with Jack Newby for clarification on all the recommendations and these will be inserted into the Minutes.

The Minutes were approved by consensus with noted amendment regarding PLWHA recommendations.

V. General Announcements

- The Community Summit for Women and HIV, sponsored by WORLD will be held on Friday, November 30th in Oakland, California.
- CAEAR Coalition Consumer Conference Briefing
 - Issues of quality of care, housing, healthcare, and “wrap-around” services were discussed. A round of meetings took place on Capitol Hill, as well. CM Allgaier welcomed any and all individuals who may wish to take part in these activities in the future.
 - CM Prentice commented that the Caucus Conference was very educational and an important component for political advocacy efforts.
 - CM Thomas thanked all participants.

VI. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

VII. Steering Committee Report - CM Soto, Co-Chair

POI update – One terminology change coming out of the POI Committee is the preference of the term “SeroAdaptation” versus “Sero-Sorting”. A presentation of the report is to be made to the Prevention Council and will also be presented to the CARE Council in the upcoming months.

Membership will be presenting three candidates for CARE Council membership consideration at today’s meeting.

The upcoming CARE Council Cultural Competency training is taking place on October 22, 2007 at 9:00 a.m. at 450 Golden Gate Avenue. This training will include Council Support Staff and will replace the regular monthly meeting.

VIII. Council Membership Interviews

Mark Molnar and Mary Lawrence Hicks, Membership Committee Co-Chairs

- The Membership Committee recommended three applicants for Council Membership. After introduction and brief commentary outlining the individual candidates, each applicant was unanimously accepted for Mayoral appointment recommendation on an individual basis.

The candidates considered and accepted were:

- John Andrews
- Anthony Evans
- David Navarro

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

- The Membership Committee is scheduled to interview the following applicants at the October 1 Membership meeting:

- Kelly Hart
- Lindy Hill

IX. Review and Discussion of Review of Late HIV Testing in San Francisco – Findings from the 2006 HPPC Needs Assessment

Aimee Crisostomo, Harder + Company

Ms. Crisostomo presented the results of research on late HIV testing, based on interviews with HIV+ consumers. The presentation included:

- What is Late Testing?
- Why is Late Testing Important?
- Research Questions
- Data Collection Methods
- Recruitment Challenges
- SF data on late testing
- Characteristics of participants
- Knowledge of HIV
- Overall recommendations
 - Prevention strategies for specific risk groups and populations should take late testing into consideration
 - Provide prevention messages that emphasize healthy living with HIV
 - Employ social networks-based strategies and those that promote disclosure
 - Provide testing incentives to substance users
- Perception of HIV risk
- HIV testing orientation
- Prior testing experience
- Testing barriers
- Factors that promoted testing
- Post-testing experiences
- Linkages from testing into care
- Testing health care settings

- Provide prevention messages to those who do not see themselves as being at risk for HIV
- Provide post-test counseling to those who believed they were low risk
- Learn more about HIV screening in health care settings

➤ Questions

Discussion included:

- Assessment of the sensitivity of the providers
- Was care specifically related to heterosexual positives?
- HIV testing is not mandated,
- HIV testing could be incorporated into patients' healthcare appointments.
- Incentives to be tested would be a good idea.
- Importance of linkages to other forms of care outside of primary care in providing care.
- If there is a rapid test positive, every effort ought to be made to find it.
- No definitive data on IV drug users in the slide presentation.
 - Interviews with IV users were conducted as part of the research, but they are not included in this particular study.
- Healthy living practices being done before diagnosis versus after
- Access to appropriate medication on the part of those interviewed
- Concern for high number of rapid progressors
 - San Francisco is unique in its response to the epidemic and so this is probably not an anomaly across the nation (or the world).
 - why rapid progressors were screened out in these interviews
 - A problem can be a long delay in getting tested, along with factors that spur the virus along, including problematic substance use.
 - agreement there needs to be further data specifically on rapid progression

Public Comment on this item

There was no public comment.

X. Dinner Break – the break occurred after Item XI at 6:20 pm.

The Co-Chair election ballots and meeting evaluation forms were distributed to Council Members before the Dinner Break.

XI. HIV Health Services (HHS) Quarterly Report - Michelle Long, Director / Bill Blum, Assistant Director HHS

Ms. Long presented the 2007 Second Quarter report and discussed the following:

- Conditions of award met – June-August, 2007
- Quality of Management
- Contract Status Report

- Part A Application
 - Update on Carry-Forward Request FY 2007-08
 - Update on Consumer Advisory Board Survey

Further discussion included:

- clarification that “break in contract funding” is not a break program funding. More handouts can be provided if needed.
- “mini-solicitation” process regarding terms of the COE category.

Mr. Blum presented:

Update on Carryforward Request FY 2007-08 Submission

Update on Consumer Advisory Board Survey

Discussion included:

- Purpose of funding technologies by COE's by HHS
 - Planning Committee developed Unfunds strategy and this was approved by Full Council at Prioritization and Allocation retreat.
- Resource Guide development collaboration between HHS and CARE Council
 - Pending approval of HRSA's approval of the Carry forward request permits exploration of collaboration.
 - Project is being costed out at this time to produce in English and Spanish.
 - Complete Council review might be difficult due to the compressed timeline to expend the fund and the extensive nature of the document. However, CARE Council input would be welcome.
 - HHS staff is in contact with the organization that previously produced the consumer guide and was in the process of obtaining an electronic version of the document.
 - HHS is developing a website and is planning to make the information in the consumer guide electronically as well.
- *Review of results of Summary COE Survey Responses: Formation of Community Advisory Boards* document.

Discussion included:

- Financial challenges in implementation, including the Carryover Funds.
- Integration of services would be covered by the CAB.
- the providers' push-backs make everything more challenging
- leadership development among consumers is needed.
- Organization of information is problematic for some Council Members and there is recommendation to return to original intent.
- A report could be prepared for community forums.
- Two people could be appointed from each COE and decisions can be made that way. It is not necessary to spend money to do these things – some people volunteer their time in making decisions.

- If consumers would like to participate with input they should become involved with the Community Outreach and Advocacy Committee.
- Deciding to have a CAB is not on this Council's Agenda and further discussion would require being formally placed on an Agenda.

**XII. Review/Discuss Priority and Allocations Reduction Scenario <5%
*Laura Thomas and George Simmons, Planning Committee Co-Chairs***

The three scenarios were presented in the document, *Reductions Scenarios for cuts to FY 2008-09 Ryan White Grant Award of less than 5 percent.* (Attachment B)

CM Simmons reviewed the two-page Excel document. Of the three scenarios, the second scenario protects the Tier-1 services and has the least harm to them. The third scenario has the greatest impact to Tier-2 services.

Discussion:

- Explanation of how the core services are affected in each of the three scenarios. CM Simmons pointed out where that is shown.

Action

Motion – to accept Option C (Allgaier)

Discussion:

Council Members discussed their individual preferences regarding all potential options.

Public Comment on this item

An unidentified member of the public wanted Option B, and pointed out that the CARE Council is the payer of last resort.

Another member of the public advocates the across-the-board cutting.

Action

VOTE to adopt Option C:

Ayes = 10

Nays = 18

Abstentions = 2

Motion Failed. (Attachment A, Item 1)

Further discussion about Option A, compared with the other scenarios:

- Option A is put on the table for discussion. CM Herman expressed concern that, on balance, some cuts affect certain categories. Speaks in favor for Option A.
- CM Allgaier stated that in the previous meeting, Tier 1 was kept harmless for large cuts. He is speaking against this Motion.
- CM Siron pointed out that the Core Services ought to be protected, and reminds the Council that this was voted on already.
- CM Cooper, as a consumer, expressed the difficulties in making these decisions, with the consumers in great need being affected.
- CM Flores reminded the Council that there may not be agreement with their priorities on the part of providers and fund sources versus the Federal guidelines.
- CM Herman *called the question.*

Action

VOTE – (hand)

The question is not called by show of hands majority.

Further clarifying discussion about budget reductions and scenarios:

- Priorities have changed in terms of how things are cut.
- Why more scenarios are not presented and how were these particular ones selected?
 - These scenarios were worked through in the Planning Committee.
 - HRSA restrictions about medical spending, and other constrictions to how much discretion the Council has in terms of budgeting were considerations.
- There is CARE funding that is not covered by COEs.
- Consumers need to have input at different levels.
- Funding must be found for wrap-around services.

All Council Members agree that these decisions have grim financial realities for many consumers.

Public Comment

An unidentified member of the public spoke in favor of Scenario A.

ACTION

Motion –to accept reduction Scenario Option A. (Thomas)

VOTE on whether to adopt Option A:

Ayes = 20

Nays = 8

Abstentions = 2

Motion Passes. (Attachment A, Item 2)

XIII. Council Co-Chair Nominations/Elections

The CARE Council accepted nominations and elected Council Co-Chair Seats (Female and Person of Color).

The ballots were passed out prior to the dinner break and at that time:

- The nomination process was clarified
- CM Flores was nominated as a write in candidate.
- The candidates introduced themselves and spoke about their qualification after nominations were closed.
- Candidates include:
 - Wade Flores (*write-in candidate*)
 - Mark Molnar
 - Don Soto
 - Laura Thomas

After the preceding agenda item, and following a ballot vote, Council Support announced the following as the new CARE Council Co-Chairs:

- Laura Thomas (Female)
- Mark Molnar (Person of Color)

XIV. Cultural Competency Update

A written report was submitted and Council Support was available to answer any questions that should come up.

The Next HIV CARE Council Cultural Competency Training session is scheduled for Monday, October 22, 2007, 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.

XV. New Business/Next Agenda

- Council Members were given the opportunity to complete Meeting Evaluation Forms, and these were turned in.
- ***The next full council meeting date is scheduled for Monday, October 22, 2007, 9:00 am – 5:00 p.m. at the State Building, Milton Marks Conference Center, San Diego Rooms (lower level), 455 Golden Gate, San Francisco.***

XVI. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:28 p.m.
