



HIV HEALTH SERVICES PLANNING COUNCIL

Milton Marks Conference Center
455 Golden Gate Avenue (Polk & Larkin)
Lower Level, San Diego Rooms
Monday, April 28, 2008
4:30 - 7:30 PM

Minutes

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 4:35 PM by Co-Chair Manley.

2. Roll Call

Roll was called and quorum was established.

3. Review and Approval of Agenda – VOTE

The agenda was reviewed and approved by consensus.

4. Review and Approval of March 24, 2008 Minutes – VOTE

The March 24, 2008 minutes were reviewed and with the following changes were approved by consensus.

5. General Announcements

The Asian Pacific Islander Wellness Center will be held on May at Cityview at Metreon.

A request for committee co-chairs to place any agenda items for the May 9th retreat with Council Co-chairs or Council support so that the agenda for the retreat can be finalized.

6. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

7. Vote for By-Laws Change – HIV+ Co-Chair to become HIV+ Consumer Co-Chair – VOTE

The Council voted on changing the HIV+ Co-Chair to become HIV+ Consumer Co-Chair.

ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP

Current

Section 4. The Council shall elect, using a voting mechanism determined by the Council, three Co-Chairpersons who shall preside at all meetings of the Council. The Co-Chairs shall serve for a two-year term, and at least one of the elected Co-Chairs shall be a PLWH, at least one shall be a person of color, and at least one shall be a woman. The Council may designate alternate acting Co-Chairpersons to preside over meetings during the absence of the appointed Co-Chairs.

Recommended Amendment

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Public Comment on this item.

There was no public comment on this item.

Action: Motion to change the by-laws to reflect that the HIV+ Co-Chair to become HIV+ Consumer Co-Chair.

Vote:

Ayes: 24

Nays: 0

Motion passes unanimously.

8. Council Membership and Renewals - VOTE

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

➤ *The Membership Committee submits the following applicants for FULL CARE Council Membership at this meeting - VOTE*

- *Noah Briones*

Action: Motion to accept Mr. Briones for Council membership.

Vote:

Motion passes unanimously.

➤ *The Membership Committee will interview the following applicants at the May committee meeting.*

- *Jim McGrath*
- *Robert Oropeza*

Public Comment on this item.

There was no public comment on this item.

➤ *There are no pending Applications for review at the May Membership meeting.*

Public Comment on this item.

There was no public comment on this item.

➤ *The Committee recommends the following for Council Membership Renewal:*

- *CM Philip*
- *CM Antonetty*
- *CM Siron*
- *CM Thomas*
- *CM Newell*

Public Comment on this item.

There was no public comment on this item.

Action: Motion to accept all council members' renewal application.

Motion passes unanimously.

9. Nomination/Election of Steering Committee At-Large Members – VOTE

The Council nominated and voted on candidates for the four (4) Steering Committee At-Large Positions. Ballots were distributed at this time. The nominees were as follows:

- **CM Mabry**
- **CM Hart**
- **CM Andrews**
- **CM Penagos**

Action: Motion to accept the four candidates as At-Large Steering Committee Members (Thomas, Pearce).

Vote:

Motion passes unanimously.

10. General Funds Update – VOTE

The Committee received up to date information regarding the General Funds Cuts and the implications for the 2007/2008 Fiscal Year Budget as known at the time of this meeting. Michelle Long and Dean Goodwin (SF DPH HHS) presented a snapshot of the general funds budget. The presentation included:

- The Stop Loss funding of 4.76 million dollars has been used to repay a \$4.0 million repayment to the Board of Supervisors GF loan for FY 2007-08.
- There will be a 22% across the board reduction to HHS funding plus the holding harmless of direct housing services and Residential Substance Abuse programs, and the defunding of the Complementary Therapies category.

Discussion and questions included:

- Questions regarding a surplus fund that the Board of Supervisors has had in previous years were raised.
 - Michelle Long (SF DPH HHS) replied that she had heard nothing about this funding source for this budget year.
- What are the next steps for the Council to help stop some of these reductions in funding?
 - It was suggested that Council Members lobby the Health Commission and the Board of Supervisors. The next meeting of the Health Commission will be May 6th at 101 Grove St., San Francisco, Room 300 at 3PM.
- There was a question regarding the Controller's Office having jurisdiction over Ryan White Part A funding.
 - Michelle Long (SF DPH HHS) answered that the funds being reclaimed are actually General Fund dollars of which the Controller's Office does have legislative authority over.

Public Comment on this item.

There was comment that a 22% reduction in funding were rather staggering and it was suggested that people get together and go to the Board of Supervisors and the Mayor's office and lobby on behalf of the support agencies.

11. EPI Data/Unmet Needs Presentation

Maree Kay Parisi, HIV Epidemiology Section, AIDS Office San Francisco Department of Public Health

Ms. Parisi presented the EPI data/unmet needs to the Council via a PowerPoint presentation. She then held discussion session. Discussions and questions included:

Public Comment on this item.

There was a question as to the ratio of gay men that are infected.

12. Dinner Break

Meeting Evaluation Forms were distributed to Council Members during the Dinner Break. Council Members had an opportunity to complete the Meeting Evaluation Forms.

13. Veteran's Administration Presentation

There was a presentation on services offered through the VA Clinic for Persons Living With HIV/AIDS. Dr. Peter Jensen and Dr. Jenny Espinoza-Marcus presented the information. The presentation and discussion included:

- That any veteran with an honorable discharge was eligible to receive veteran's benefits.
- That the VA is the largest provider of health care for PLWHA in the country.
- 25% of all homeless are veterans.

14. HIV Health Planning Work Group Report

Recommendations from a Planning Council/DPH/Community Work Group were presented. Discussion and questions included:

- There was a question regarding why the Council had not followed the comprehensive plan.
- There were concerns that lower risk groups were not included in care efforts and services.
- It was stated that the group was working to ensure that services and access to services would be open to all.
- It was asked if the request was for the Council to approve this document in whole or by parts.
 - Co-Chair Thomas replied that DPH and the Community Work Group approved the document in whole and that the Prevention Council had been asked to as well and it was hoped that the CARE Council would also. It will be noticed as a vote for the May Full Council Meeting.

Public Comment on this item.

There was no public comment on this item.

15. **New Business/Next Agenda**

- *Please Note: The next full council meeting date is scheduled for Monday, May 19th, 2008, 4:30-7:30 p.m. at the State Building, Milton Marks Conference Center, 455 Golden Gate, Lower Level, San Francisco, CA, 94102. This meeting will be the annual joint meeting with the SF HIV Health Services Prevention Planning Council.*

Public Comment on this item.

There was no public comment on this item.

16. **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 PM by Co-Chair Manley.
