



HIV HEALTH SERVICES PLANNING COUNCIL

**Milton Marks Conference Center
455 Golden Gate Avenue (Polk & Larkin)
Lower Level, San Diego Rooms
Monday, August 11th, 2008
4:30 - 7:30 PM**

MINUTES

1. Call to Order

Co-chair Mark Molnar called the meeting to order at 4:42 PM.

2. Roll Call

Roll was called, and a quorum was established.

3. Review and Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved by consensus.

4. Review and Approval of July 28th, 2008 Minutes

The minutes were amended to state that the meeting had been chaired by Co-chair Laura Thomas. The minutes were approved with the amendment without objection.

5. General Announcements

Interim Planning Council Director Randy Allgaier introduced Natalie Bryson who had joined the Council staff as the temporary administrative assistant / note taker.

Co-chair Laura Thomas reported on a meeting convened by Barbara Garcia, Deputy Director of Public Health, on the city budget process and its impact on DPH. The federal principle of maintenance of effort under Ryan White was addressed there. Regular meetings of this group are planned. Mid-year cuts were discussed.

6. Public Comment

There was none.

7. San Francisco Proposition A

Health Commission President Jim Illig presented the case for Proposition A to rebuild San Francisco General Hospital. All 11 Supervisors and the Mayor support the measure.

Some members spoke in support of the motion. Some pointed to the Council's previous support of the Medical Marijuana initiative as precedent to vote on ballot measures. There was discussion of the consequences of failure to pass the ballot measure in November and the difficulties of getting the required 2/3 vote.

Motion (Molnar/Thomas): The HIV Health Services Planning Council shall endorse Proposition A- The San Francisco General Hospital Rebuild Bond.

The motion passed unanimously with Council Members Margot Antonetty and Mary Lawrence-Hicks recusing themselves.

8. Quality Management Presentation

Susan Haikalis made a presentation on DPH's Quality Management program. The program was discussed; specifically the trainings which they provide have been made available to Marin and San Mateo County providers as well as folks from Alameda County. Some of the challenges that providers have, that the QM program helps to identify and solve were discussed.

9. Needs Assessment Presentation

Ms. Erika Takada, Harder + Co., presented the Needs Assessment preliminary results. Questions and comments were held until after the dinner break.

10. Dinner Break

The dinner break began at 5:55 PM and ended at 6:10 PM.

11. Needs Assessment Discussion

Council members raised a number of issues and posed questions to Harder + Company including but not limited to:

The scope of the Needs Assessment team to address problems identified in the Needs Assessment. Specifically asked was if Harder + Co was responsible for "fixing" a problem that they identified. The answer was that it is not their role to do any intervention but to identify issues for the Council to discuss and address. The problems with some of the data regarding COE client duplication

The problem with posing a question about medicinal marijuana in terms of a “prescription”.

The problem around the interpretation of frequency of alcohol use.

Questions were also raised about participants’ reports of stigma. Some thought the reports of stigmatization deserved further study.

Questions were raised about the sampling of different populations within the study.

Harder + Co will be presenting the final presentation and the final report (which includes the survey instrument, qualitative data, etc.) to the Council at the September meeting.

Some of the results indicated that the system of care is working in that a high percentage of individuals receive care. Some believed that this figure should be compared to other EMA’s across the country. It makes more important the funding of the various pieces of care available in the San Francisco system. One barrier to care that might deserve further study is transportation.

12. Prioritization and Resource Allocation

Next Monday’s Steering Committee’s meeting will discuss recommendations for the Prioritization and Resource Allocation retreat on August 22nd

Binders were then distributed and Conflict of Interest Statements were collected.

13. Nominations for PLWH Consumer Co-Chair

Mark Molnar nominated Steve Manley. There were no other nominations.

14. New Business/Next Agenda

The next full council meeting date for the Prioritization and Allocation Summit is tentatively scheduled for Friday, August 22nd, 2008, 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. at the San Francisco LGBT Center- 1800 Market Street @ Octavia.

15. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:21 PM.