



# HIV HEALTH SERVICES PLANNING COUNCIL

Milton Marks Conference Center  
455 Golden Gate Avenue (Polk & Larkin)  
Lower Level, San Diego Rooms  
Monday, September 22, 2008  
4:30 - 7:30 PM

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**Council Members Present:** Andrews, Antonetty, Banks, Flores, Frazier, Harris, Harrison, Hart, Heath, Jewell, Livingston, Manley, Molnar, Newell, Penagos, Pearce, Phillip, Scherich, Simmons, Siron, Soto, Spaeth, Sweetin, Thomas

**Council Members Absent:** Allgaier, Blish, Briones, Byers, Cooper (LoA), Ellison, Hicks, Mabry (LoA), Margolis, Pillatzke (LoA), Ramos, Stevens (LoA)

**Others Present:** Erica Takada (Harder and Co.), Michelle Long (DPH-HHS), Bill Blum (DPH-HHS), Robert Whitney (DPH-HHS Consultant)

**Support Staff Present:** Asis, Bryson, Lee, Lynn, Zhovreboff

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## ***DRAFT MINUTES***

### **1. Call to Order**

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

### **2. Roll Call**

Roll was called and quorum was established.

### **3. Review and Approval of Agenda – VOTE**

The council reviewed and approved the agenda by consensus.

### **4. Review and Approval of August 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2008 Minutes - VOTE**

The council reviewed and approved the August 22<sup>nd</sup> Full Council Summit minutes by consensus.

### **5. General Announcements**

The Planning Council Support Staff Director, Greg Zhovreboff provided the Council with an update. He introduced himself to all members. He stated his excitement at assuming the position and his eagerness to meet all of the members. CM Thomas thanked Greg for assuming office.

CM Manley updated the council on his involvement in the Grantee/All-Titles Conference in Washington D.C.

CM Soto announced that on October 4<sup>th</sup> he will be competing for the title of Mr. Gay San Francisco.

CM Harris announced that she brought flyers announcing the sale of new, below market value condos in Lower Pac Heights by the SF redevelopment agency. She also announced a hearing regarding HOPWA and other HUD funding on Thursday, September 25 from 6:00 – 8:00pm and Wednesday, October 1 from 6:00 – 8:00 pm.

## 6. Public Comment

There was none.

## 7. California Proposition 5:- VOTE

*Laura Thomas, Deputy State Director San Francisco, Drug Policy Alliance*

The Council considered endorsing California Proposition 5, the Nonviolent Offender Rehabilitation Act (NORA). Laura Thomas spoke on the issues surrounding this Proposition, which is a compassionate way of addressing non-violent offenders in the public jail system, and how this relates to the Planning Council and people living with HIV. CM Manley asked to hear the opposition arguments. CM Thomas noted that most of the opposition comes from police and narcotics officers. CM Banks stated his support of the proposition.

**Motion:** CM Molnar/CM Penagos to endorse Proposition 5. Passed unanimously.

There was no public comment on this Item.

## 8. Council Membership Renewals – VOTE

The Membership Committee recommended that the HHSPC renew membership for:

*-Mary Lawrence Hicks-Renewal passed unanimously.*

*-George Simmons-Renewal passed unanimously.*

*-Sparkie Spaeth-Renewal passed unanimously.*

There was no public comment on this item.

## 9. Nominations for PLWH Consumer Co-Chair Closing and Ballot Distribution – VOTE

Nominations were made for the Council's PLWHA Consumer Co-Chair, and closed ballots were distributed to Council members. CM Molnar announced CM Manley's nomination.

**Motion:** CM Banks nominated CM Flores. CM Flores accepted.

**Motion:** CM Soto nominated CM Jewell. CM Jewell declined.

*-CM Banks raised objection to the nomination of CM Manley. CM Antonetty voiced her dislike of the wording used. CM Jewell spoke in favor of CM Manley. CM Penagos also spoke in favor of CM Manley. CM Pearce asked for clarification on the voting process.*

**Vote:** By closed ballot.

There was no public comment on this item.

## 10. Final Report of the 2008 Needs Assessment

*Erika Takada and Maricela Piña, Harder + Co*

The Council received the final report and presentation from the 2008 Needs Assessment and discussed issues arising from this. The floor was opened to questions. CM Jewell asked for clarification on an issue. CM Heath asked if this document would be distributed. CM Flores addressed issues surrounding HIV+ Latinos in Marin County and the stigma associated with it. CM Banks asked for a clarification on what the exact definition for stigma is and Erica Takada clarified. CM Pearce raised issue of release times and dates and how they can be a barrier to access to care. A discussion of linkages and provider recommendations followed. CM Harrison

suggested looking into some sort of reform and help for the re-entry to society of recently released prisoners. CM Molnar noted that it is imperative to use this knowledge from the needs assessment to decide what sort of things the committees will work on. He recommended that this start at a subcommittee level and then be brought to the full council. Bill Blum noted that the Prevention Council is working on linkages, and there is a working group that all council members are welcome to join.

There was no public comment on this item.

## 11. Discussion of MAI Unallocated Funding, Budget for Grant Application and Comprehensive Plan –VOTE

The Council listened to a presentation from Michelle Long on the topics of unallocated funding within MAI, the budget for the Ryan White Part A grant application and announced of the formation of a Work Group to develop a Three Year Comprehensive Plan.

CM Molnar noted that a date has been set for the first Comprehensive Plan workgroup, which will take place on October 9<sup>th</sup> from 5-7pm at 25 Van Ness. A room has not yet been decided on.

Robert Whirry updated the council on the plan of action for the Ryan White Part A grant application. He stated that the council will be asking for more than 36 million dollars as the HIV+ population is growing. Robert Whirry believes that if you ask high, it will stress the need. CM Andrews asked what will happen to programs that the council cut due to decreased funds if we actually do receive all of the money we ask for. CM Pearce stated his frustration with this situation. Robert Whirry noted that these needs will still be addressed in the grant application as an appendix. CM Thomas stated that it is highly unlikely that the Council will receive all of the funds requested. CM Jewell questioned when the deadline for the grant is, when the decision on the grant will be made, and when the money will be received. Robert Whirry answered that the deadline will be in the coming weeks and the decision will be made sometime in early spring. CM Thomas discussed issues around the new congress being sworn in and how that could affect the distribution of funds.

**Motion:** Molnar/Thomas to apply for \$36,118,233 in Ryan White Part A Grant application. Passed unanimously.

- **Ayes:** 24
- **Nays:** 0
- **Recusals:** 0
- **Abstentions:** 0

Robert Whirry explained what exactly the comprehensive plan is, its goals objectives and action steps. He noted that that Council needs to establish how Ryan White funds will be distributed and that previous plan (written three years ago) was totally revamped in a workgroup over a few months. He believes that this new workgroup will not need to start from scratch, as the plan will just need to be updated. He noted that the plan is due on January 5<sup>th</sup>, and that the new workgroup will meet every two weeks for a few hours to see what needs to be changed, updated and prioritized, and that he hopes to get things done by November.

There was no public comment on this item.

## 12. Dinner Break

*Co-Chair Election Ballots were collected and Meeting Evaluation Forms were distributed.*

**13. Centers of Excellence Analysis Presentation**

*Eric Whitney, MSPH; Consultant for HIV Health Services DPH*

The Council received a presentation from Eric Whitney on the Final Public Report for the Centers of Excellence Analysis. CM Manley thanked Eric Whitney for gathering all of this information and disseminating it to the council in a way that is easily understood by council members. The floor was opened to questions and clarifications.

There was no public comment on this item.

**14. Announcement of Results of PLWH Consumer Co-Chair Election**

Co-Chair Molnar announced the result of the Co-Chair election. Steve Manley was re-elected.

There was no public comment on this item.

**15. New Business/Next Agenda**

*The next full council meeting date is tentatively scheduled for Monday, October 27th, 2008, 4:30-7:30 p.m. at the State Building, Milton Marks Conference Center, 455 Golden Gate, Lower Level, San Francisco, CA, 94102.*

There was no public comment on this item.

**16. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm, by Co-Chair Molnar.

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