
**LOS ANGELES COUNTY
HIV PREVENTION PLANNING COMMITTEE (PPC)**
A Select Committee of the Commission on HIV Health Services
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MEETING SUMMARY
Thursday, February 3, 2000
2:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.
1313 North Vine Street –Studio 8
Los Angeles, CA

<u>Members (Present)</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>	<u>Staff (present)</u>
Dr. George Ayala	Vincent Lopez	**Ricky Blumenthal
Terry Smith	James Miller	Maria Perez
Chi-Wai Au	Nancy Pollard	Keith Baker
Sergio Avina	Cathy Reback	Oscar Garcia
Jeff Bailey	Ruth Slaughte	Delia Sandoval
John Copeland	Vanessa Talamantes	
Mark Etzel	Kellii Trombacco	
Ramon Flores	Elaine Waldman	
Danielle Glenn-Rivera	Nancy Wongvipat	
Dean Goishi	Richard Zaldivar	
Evelyn Gonzalez-Figueroa	Tony Zimbardi	
David Luis Herrera	Latrice Dennis	
Patricia Jones	Rhena Carusillo	
Cheryl Kono	Jane Rollins	
Juan Carlos Ledesma	Wilbert Jordan	

*Arrived after roll call

**Excused absence

ROLL CALL Keith Baker conducted roll call.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA The committee approved the agenda.

MEETING SUMMARY

The PPC approved the November 4, 1999 meeting summary.

PUBLIC COMMENT

George Ayala introduced Julio Abru, Policy Associate at the AIDS Action Council in Washington D. C. The AIDS Action Council is the leading advocacy organization in the country on HIV and AIDS issues. Julio is conducting a countywide tour of the six directly funded jurisdictions in the country. He is on tour of prevention providers and is interested in putting together a prevention constituency.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS – Introductions

The following new PPC members were introduced and received a warm welcome: **Chi-Wai Au, Sergio Avina, Jeff Bailey, Ricky Bluthenthal, Mark Etzel, Ramon Flores, David Luis Herrera, Juan Carlos Ledesma,**

Vincent Lopez, Cleo Manago, James Miller, Vanessa Talamantes, Kellii Trombacco, Elaine Waldman, Nancy Wongvipat, Richard Zaldivar and Tony Zimbardi. Nancy Pollard was selected as the representative for The State Office of AIDS HIV Education & Prevention. She is also a new member of the PPC. Three new advisors were also selected. They are: **Latrice R. Dennis** advisor for S.T.O.R.E. (HIV.EPI), **Robin Davis** advisor for LAC/Sexually Transmitted Disease Program, and **Jane Rollins** advisor for LAC/HIV Epidemiology. There are a total of 18 new PPC members and three new advisors.

CLOSING OF NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF CO-CHAIRS

The nominees for Co-Chairs, **Patricia Jones** and **Dean Goishi** presented their personal statements. Both were moved by consensus.

CLOSING OF NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF COMMISSION SEATS

The PPC nominated **Evelyn Gonzalez Figueroa, Juan Ledesma, James Miller, and Dean Goishi** to represent the PPC at the Commission. Currently there are three vacant seats. It was moved by consensus to forward the names to the Commission. **Tony Zimbardi** a current member of the Commission, stated that his seat expires in June and he will be happy to represent the PPC at that time if a seat is vacant.

LOS ANGELES COUNTY STRATEGIC PLANNING UPDATE

A discussion was held about the Los Angeles County Strategic Planning process. The partners are the PPC, the Commission, OAPP and the Board of Supervisors. The Strategic Planning Oversight Strategic Planning group provides an opportunity for the partners to suggest a plan for HIV/AIDS. The focus of what the process for planning should be will be presented at a reception in early April. The Joint meeting of the PPC and the Commission will be on April 13, 2000. The PPC needs to reaffirm its commitment to support strategic planning countywide. The PPC also needs to decide whether to convene the regular PPC meeting for April or to consider the April 13th to be the meeting date for the month of April. A discussion was also held about the financial commitment.

COMMUNITY PLANNING LEADERSHIP SUMMIT

The Community Planning Leadership Summit, on March 29 through April 1, 2000, will be held in Los Angeles at the Grand Wilshire Hotel. Los Angeles, San Francisco and the State Office of AIDS are the hosts for this conference. The seven subcommittees are: Compilation of Local Resources, Volunteer Recruitment, Promotion, Entertainment, California Exhibit Booth, California Institute and Tour of Prevention Programs. The next meeting will be held on February 22, 2000 at 2:00 PM at OAPP. Those in attendance usually include individuals involved in community planning and co-chairs but any individuals who are interested are invited to attend.

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OAPP REPORT

OAPP has been involved with RFP's, timelines, Strategic Planning, supporting the Host committee and submitting applications to the state for MSM and Youth Drop-in Center category. It was decided to use the RFP from the state as an opportunity to support Youth Leadership. One of the goals is to organize the youth drop-in centers to do an assessment of HIV Prevention Services they offer to youth.

Maria Perez from OAPP Planning and Development commented on a variety of issues that her Division is working on. Four training's have been completed and 8 more will be scheduled in each of the SPAS. Positive

responses have been received from the SPAs and the conveners, regarding additional trainings. Training will continue to be held until the end of April. Members of the PPC were encouraged to participate either by conducting the training or by co-hosting one of the trainings. The Planning and Development Division is currently involved in the release of the Prevention for Positives and the larger Prevention RFPs. The Planning and Development Unit has responded to 5 RFPs for the state and is currently in the process of releasing the Capacity Building RFP and the two Network Provider RFPs. The Planning and Development Division is working on identifying areas to focus on in preparing to respond to the CDC in September.

George Ayala commented that in response to previous deliberations about how to support the Youth Leadership Forum, OAPP decided to use the RFP from the state as an opportunity to provide support in a consistent way. Some of the goals, as described in the application, are to:

- Organize a consortium of youth-drop in centers from around the county to do an assessment of the types of HIV prevention services they offer to young people,
- Bring those drop-in centers to a set of standards with respect to HIV prevention services,
- Utilize this opportunity for the consortium of drop-in centers to co-sponsor and co-organize the Youth Leadership Forum, in collaboration with young people.

The drop-in centers are: Gay and Lesbian Center, Traveler's Aid (Teen Canteen), Bienestar, and AMASI. A discussion was held about the youth drop in centers.

Cheryl Kono commented that she would like to acknowledge **George Ayala** for his leadership in working on the Youth forum in the past year and for seeking other means of funding. **Cathy Reback** commented that she too would like to thank **George Ayala** and **Maria Perez** for seeking additional funding opportunities. It is greatly appreciated by the entire body.

There was a discussion about the review committees and RFPs. In the past, one of the responsibilities of the PPC was to sit in on the review panels when there was not a conflict of interest. **Maria Perez** welcomed people who do not have a conflict of interest to participate in the review process.

George Ayala asked the PPC to begin dialogue about the role of the PPC. He commented that part of the role of a PPC member is to evaluate OAPP's responsiveness to the recommendations, but since awards have not been announced, it is hard to do that.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Administrative/Recruitment (temporarily combined)

During the last committee meeting, a discussion was held on the development of the Agenda for this meeting and discussing the Retreat.

Retreat Committee

The Retreat will be held at the Industry Hills Sheraton Hotel and Resort on February 28 and 29, 2000. The facilitator is Diane Burbie. The PPC members were informed of the following issues:

- The Retreat has been seen as the starting point for planning activities for the PPC.
- Decisions will be made about the planning calendar and planning structure.
- It is very important that 100 % of the PPC members participate at the Retreat
- It is also an opportunity for the body to do team building for the PPC.
- The office is eligible for government rates and the Retreat is considered as part of an administrative support to the PPC. The room, meals, and the facilitation will be covered.
- This is an open meeting and the community is welcome.

Counseling and testing

Gabriel Rodriguez reported that Counseling and Testing had identified **Latrice Dennis** as an advisor to the PPC. Counseling and Testing will be working on prioritizing the recommendations and activities that were specified in the Prevention Plan. Recommendations will be forward to the PPC, as they relate to counseling and testing and prevention. The Counseling and Testing Task Force recognizes the importance of the linkages of STD, co-morbidities and the prevention programs. The next meeting will be on February 17, 2000 at 1:30 at OAPP.

Evaluation:

Cathy Reback commented that the Evaluation subcommittee did not meet in January. The meeting on February 15, 2000 is cancelled. The next meeting will be held on March 21, 2000. There will be ad hoc committees for the revision of new monthly reports beginning April and it is expected that the community will be involved.

Youth Leadership

John Copeland stated that the goals of the Youth Leadership Forum are to:

- Gather HIV needs assessment data from various youth populations and communities.
- Increase youth involvement in the HIV prevention planning process.
- Improve HIV prevention education services for youth.
- Reduce HIV infection rates among youth populations.
- Increase awareness regarding HIV transmission and the social and cultural issues impinging on HIV education programs.

A discussion was held about the following three forms that were passed out:

- ◆ Goals/Objectives
- ◆ Survey
- ◆ Budget - estimated at \$10,475.00

There was a discussion about the location of the Youth Forum. It was suggested that when planning the Youth Forum, proximity and access be taken into account. It was mentioned that transportation is available by writing a letter to the district representative and bus transportation will be provided free of charge. The committee was congratulated for the work on the Youth Forum.

It was stated that during the retreat the PPC has to make decisions and establish priorities about how to collect information from populations or behavior risk groups that very little is known about.

It was agreed that the Youth Leadership Committee would provide feedback to the PPC about how the Committee plans to strategically address the concerns expressed today, in reference to location and access, and also, to assure the PPC that the Youth Forum will include a representative sample of youth, especially taking into account youth that are disproportionately impacted by the epidemic in Los Angeles County. There was a motion made, seconded and moved by consensus, to approve the Goals/Objectives and the survey (Needs Assessment).

CO-CHAIRS REPORT

George Ayala congratulated both co-chairs for their leadership role and hard work. **Terry Smith** stated that on behalf of **Arlene Schneir** and himself, he wished to thank the PPC for the opportunity to serve as co-chairs of the PPC.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Certificates were presented to members who were involved during the past year. The Certificates will be mailed to members.

It was stated that **Keith Baker** was leaving and he was acknowledged for his work.

Arlene Schneir, Valerie Spencer and Wilbert Jordan, whose term expired, were acknowledged for their contributions to the PPC. **George Ayala** presented each of them with a bouquet of flowers.

COMMITMENT-NEW MEMBERS/RE-COMMITMENT CONTINUING MEMBERS

All members signed a Statement of Commitment as a member of the PPC agreeing to fulfill their responsibilities as PPC members.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

All were reminded that monthly orientations are held to discuss the interpretation of epidemiological data that appears on the Quarterly AIDS Surveillance Report. The next orientation is scheduled for February 15, 2000, 12:00 PM to 3:00 PM.

ROLL CALL

ADJOURNMENT

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