
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, April 6, 2000
2:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.
St. Anne's Foundation Conference Room
155 North Occidental Boulevard-Los Angeles, CA

<u>Members (Present)</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>	<u>Staff (present)</u>
Dr. George Ayala	**Jeff Bailey	Maria Perez
Patricia Jones	** Danielle Glenn-Rivers	Alvin Ransom
Dean Goishi	**Cheryl Kono	
Chi-Wai Au	**Juan Carlos Ledesma	
Ricky Blumenthal	**Nancy Pollard	
John Copeland	**Ruth Slaughter	
Mark Etzel	**Tony Zimbardi	
David Luis Herrera	Sergio Avina	
Vincent Lopez	Ramon Flores	
Ric Loya	Evelyn Gonzalez-Figueroa	
James Miller	Cecil Ingram	
Cathy Reback	Cleo Manago	
Nancy Wongvipat	Vanessa Talamantes	
Rhena Carusillo	Kelli Trombacco	
Robin Davis	Elaine Waldman	
Jane Rollins	Richard Zaldivar	
	Latrice R. Dennis	

*Arrived after roll call

**Excused absence

ROLL CALL

APPROVAL OF AGENDA The committee approved the agenda with a correction on item number 6; the allocated time should be changed to 1 hour.

Comment: Part of OAPP report will consist of 2 reports; one on the syphilis outbreak and OAPP's response and the second presentation will be on OAPP social marketing campaign events in the downtown area.

MEETING SUMMARY There was no meeting summary.

PUBLIC COMMENT There was no public comment.

RETREAT DEBRIEF

The Retreat was held in February in Industry Hills. The planning activities for the coming year 2000 were discussed. The Retreat Committee met with the facilitator to review the summary report. The comments were favorable and most were pleased with the outcome and impressed with the quality of conversation that took

place. The new subcommittees are mentioned on page 12. Strategies to involve community participation and membership were mentioned. Diane Burbie was encouraged to include her agency's information on the office's list of consultants. The Retreat was a great success.

NEW SUBCOMMITTEES FORM

The executive subcommittee will consist of the three co-chairs of the PPC and the co-chairs of the subcommittees and will meet once a month. The executive committee will replace the administrative subcommittee. The PPC members broke out into the new subcommittees for one hour for discussion and to elect the co-chairs.

BREAK:

The following is a list of the new committees, the meeting time and the designated co-chairs:

BEST PRACTICE/STANDARDS SUBCOMMITTEE – co-chairs - **Kelli Trombacco** and **James Miller**
3rd Monday from 10:00 am – 12:00 PM –Room B
COUNCELLING AND TESTING – co-chairs - **Gabriel Rodriguez** and **Robin Davis Vicky Ashley Johnson**
3rd Thursday from 1:30 PM – 3:30 PM Room A
YOUTH LEADERSHIP SUBCOMMITTEE – co-chairs until May 1, 2000 - **John Copeland** and **Vincent Lopez** -3rd Wednesday from 1:30 PM –3:30 PM - location varies
EVALUATION SUBCOMMITTEE – co-chair - **Nancy Wongvipat**
3rd Tuesday from 2:30 PM to 4:00 PM Room C
PUBLIC POLICY/MARKETING SUBCOMMITTEE co-chairs - **Vanessa Talamantes** and **Mark Etzel**
4th Wednesday from 9:30 AM to 11:30 AM Room B
EXECUTIVE SUBCOMMITTEE - co-chairs - **Dean Goishi** and **Patricia Jones**
3RD Tuesday 4:00 PM to 5:30 PM Room C

The executive subcommittee will be merging with the Operations Subcommittee until the PPC committee members who are not present have a chance to decide if they are interested in participating and co-chairing that committee.

APPROVAL OF RETREAT REPORT AND EVALUATION

The Retreat summary was approved.

CALENDAR 2000 – review objectives

There was a discussion of the 7 objectives listed on page 67 of the handout, which was an excerpt taken from the application to the CDC. A comment was made that this list was provided as a result of a suggestion made at the Retreat to include those objectives that impact the PPC especially in context of the formation of the subcommittees.

A motion was made seconded and moved by consensus to have each of the committees review these objectives in their subcommittees and the PPC will discuss this at the next PPC meeting in May. Keeping in mind that part of the responsibility of the PPC is to evaluate and plan how to accomplish these goals.

CO-CHAIRS REPORT

There was a discussion on the 2000 Community Planning Leadership Summit for HIV Prevention. The title was “Many Paths one Goal Preventing HIV”. The co-chairs provided the welcome address at the opening ceremony

on Wednesday. On Thursday **George Ayala** was the keynote speaker at the breakfast plenary. **Dean Goishi** thanked the host committee members and co-chairs.

George Ayala commented that there was an extraordinary positive response from people around the country to Los Angeles's HIV Prevention Plan and he congratulated the PPC members.

Patricia Jones stated that the (UCHAPS) Urban Coalition for HIV AIDS Prevention Services meets at least once a year and the group met at this conference. The mission of the coalition is to discuss efforts through advocacy activities. **George Ayala** has been serving as the governmental representative to UCHAPS and **Dean Goishi** and **Patricia Jones** served as the community representatives to the coalition.

OAPP REPORT

George Ayala began his report by stating the importance of the Strategic Planning process and the role out of the plan to plan. **Melanie Sovine** has been working with the planning body as a consultant. The planning committee's goal was to develop an HIV strategic plan for Los Angeles County in partnership between the HIV Commission, the PPC and the Los Angeles County Department of Health Services. The Commission's meeting on April 13, 2000 is a joint meeting for the Commission and the PPC, at that time the Strategic Planning process will be explained. PPC members were strongly encouraged to attend. The following are scheduled activities pertaining to the unveiling of the work of the Strategic Oversight Committee.

Tuesday – Reception - National History Museum 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday – Presentation- to Deputy Health Directors - at 9:30 a.m.

Thursday – Joint Commission and PPC meeting - St Anne's to present the roll out of the plan at 11:00 a.m. for about 45 minutes.

George Ayala announced that he is stepping down from his role as Deputy Director, of OAPP. He agreed to stay on part time to support the efforts of the Prevention Planning Committee over the next several months at least through the summer. He will pursue a career in research as this has been a side interest of his for a long time and he will be joining UCLA CHIPTS.

Maria Perez gave an update of the RFP process. The Planning and Development section is late in providing feedback as a result of the larger than anticipated number of applications that were received. A total of 147 different applications were received. Two weeks were spent separating and organizing the applications and preparing the appropriate packages for the review panel. Applications were subdivided into categories and the appropriate budgets were identified. This process took considerably long. Care was taken to ensure that the participants in the review panel would not have a conflict of interest. Presently there are 14 review panels. Care was also taken to ensure that the review panel understood the community planning process, service delivery, the Prevention Plan as well as the CDC guidelines. Those participating were trained. Review panels have been scheduled and will continue for the next two weeks. A concern was voiced that about the delay and notification to agencies.

Syphilis outbreak

Robin Davis commented that Syphilis unlike HIV is a reportable infection, and all diagnosed cases must be reported to the STD program. It is diagnosed through a blood test. Once a case is reported to the STD program, follow up is initiated to ensure that the individual is adequately treated and a partner notification interview is conducted. It is a voluntary process and the goal is to provide follow up and get the partners tested and treated if necessary. Presently the county is on a syphilis elimination campaign. To date about 50 cases have been reported. Fourteen cases have been linked to Long Beach and 3 to Orange county and it is believed that one of the cases in Long Beach is linked to the epidemic that is happening in Washington.

On March 28, 2000 the board of supervisors passed a motion directing DHS to respond to the syphilis outbreak in the following 5 areas:

- Develop a media campaign encouraging safer sex.
- Identify risk behaviors of unsafe sex.
- A condom distribution plan in the zip codes where the outbreak is happening.
- Complete an assessment of the role of commercial sex venues that are being identified in the outbreak.
- Develop strategies for timely reporting of the syphilis.

The Office of AIDS Programs and Policy in collaboration with the community is developing a response. A letter will go out tomorrow to prevention providers and well as some care providers and will provide information as well as telephone numbers of test sites.

Theresa Wisda, stated that there will be a meeting on Monday from 9:00 to 11:00 at OAPP. The meeting will consist of selected prevention providers and HIV counseling and testing providers who are working within the area where the outbreak has been identified. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss how to proceed and ensure that areas of the outbreak are covered with prevention messages. A master calendar will be developed to provide awareness of where the interventions are happening.

Maria Perez; commented that PPC members need to consider whether to prioritize and include STD as part of the discussion of prevention, in the development of the prevention plan.

George Ayala spoke about the social marketing campaign. About 3 months ago **Patrick Hebert** was brought on board to work on the social marketing campaign. During the past 3 months he has been out in the field conversing with providers, consumers, and gathering information about what has been done in the past and what they would like to see in the media campaign.

Patrick Hebert discussed the projects he has been involved with and the goals for the next three years. His role is primarily that of an educator and artist. The campaign targets youth, heterosexual women of color, and men of color who have sex with men. He is also organizing local artist to take on different phases of the campaign over the next year and a half. Initially the campaign begins with condom wrappers. A series of projects will take place during the coming year, to include utilizing the space in the downtown area and to include murals.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Asian Pacific Islander caucuses in conjunction with APIT is co-sponsoring, "Crossing Cultural Bridges" for API women youth and transgender on April 28, 2000.

Thanks were expressed to the State Department Office of AIDS for the phone card campaign. It was suggested that the PPC consider writing a letter to encourage the free distribution of these phone cards.

Youth Forum – April 22, 2000 at CAL STATE LA, 9:30 AM – 4:30 PM

ROLL CALL

ADJOURNMENT

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