
LOS ANGELES COUNTY
HIV PREVENTION PLANNING COMMITTEE
A Select Committee of the Commission on HIV Health Services
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MEETING SUMMARY
HIV Prevention Planning Committee
December 7, 2000
2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
St. Anne's Foundation Conference Room
155 North Occidental Boulevard
Los Angeles, CA 90026

ATTENDANCE:

MEMBERS PRESENT

Chi-Wai Au
Sergio Aviña
Jeff Bailey
Ramon Flores
Danielle Glenn-Rivera
Dean Goishi
Evelyn Gonzalez Figueroa
Charles Henry
Patricia Jones
Ric Loya

James Miller
Nancy Pollard
Cathy Reback
Ruth Slaughter
Kellii Trombacco
Elaine Waldman
Nancy Wongvipat
Richard Zaldivar
Tony Zimbardi

ABSENT

Jean Armbruster
**Ricky Bluthenthal
Rhena Carusillo
John Copeland
**Mark Etzel
Latrice Dennis
**David Luis Herrera
Cecil Ingram
Juan Carlos Ledesma
Vincent Lopez
Cleo Manago
Vanessa Talamantes

STAFF PRESENT

Oscar Garcia Maria Perez
Gabriel Rodriguez Delia Sandoval

- I. **ROLL CALL** Roll Call was conducted
- II. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA** The committee approved the agenda
- III. **MEETING SUMMARY** The committee approved the November 2000, meeting summary.
- IV. **PUBLIC COMMENT** Kevin Spears commented.
- V. **OAPP REPORT**

Charles Henry stated that the Board package for the Prevention Contracts would be up for Board consideration on December 12. Mr. Henry stated that in his presentation to the Board he discussed much of what was presented at the PPC meeting, such as the anticipation of additional funds as well as the plan and criteria to distribute these funds. Mr. Henry stated that the federal budget has not been approved and he encouraged everyone to contact his or her elected officials. This year's budget had significant increases included for HIV prevention. The recommendation to fund additional prevention proposals has been forwarded to the Health Deputies and will be released by the end of next week. A total of nine or ten additional proposals will be funded.

The following additional recommendations for funding were made:

- MSM/W \$100,000
- IDU \$210,000
- Transgender \$156,000
- Women at Sexual Risk \$506,000

There will be a re-solicitation of proposals in the following categories: MSM, African Americans Transgender, and American Indians. Also included will be the new supplemental CDC funded School Administrators Initiative. Mr. Henry stated that he forwarded recommendations to the Health Deputies for the proposals to be funded under Capacity Building RFP. He has recommendations for the funding of the proposals for the Coordinated Prevention Networks and will attempt to discuss this along with the Board package for the Prevention services.

Mr. Henry commented that a flyer was being distributed by AIDS Healthcare Foundation with regard to the social marketing campaign that the PPC endorsed. The Board of Supervisors through their Health Deputies requested to review all of the departments review process. OAPP has provided the information. A report has been drafted and is about to be forward to the Board. County Counsel indicates in the report that there have not been any conflict of interest requirements broken. All procedures were followed. It is not a source of an investigation nor has the Board taken a vote to investigate.

Syringe Replacement Program

The draft will be submitted to the Board of Supervisors by the third week in December. On November 3, members from the group conducted a focus group with providers who currently deliver syringe replacement services. The purpose was to identify what replacement services are needed to facilitate clients accessing the syringe replacement sites.

Strategic Planning Process

Dr. Sovine convened the Strategic Planning Oversight Group (SPOG). They met on Friday, November 17, at Charles Drew University. The purpose of the meeting was to reassess the timeline and work tasks identified in previous meetings. Strategies to reinvigorate the committee's momentum in presenting the

framework for the strategic plan to the community were discussed. The role of the fourth planning partner, the County Board of Supervisors, was also discussed. A special holiday luncheon for Executive Committee members of the CHHS and the PPC will be held on December 14, at 1:00 p.m. at St. Anne's. The purpose of the meeting is to create an opportunity to review the framework. The PPC and Commission members will be polled on their availability during the week of December 11-15. The next SPOG meeting will take place on December 15, at Charles Drew University.

VI. CO-CHAIRS REPORT

UCHAPS (Urban Coalition HIV/AIDS Prevention Services)

An updated report was provided to the PPC members. UCHAPS held a meeting in November. At that meeting they finalized NASTAD's MOU (Memorandum of Understanding). NASTAD has funds to support the efforts of UCHAPS, such as attend conferences and provide administrative support. They finalized the wording for the MOU for AIDS Action Council (AAC). AAC is a group in Washington DC that UCHAPS will be working with to conduct education in Washington. The main focus for the AAC was to prepare the talking points and orientations to UCHAPS members for the visits to Washington. They worked on the development of the Urban Agenda. The document will be taken to the Washington. That document will also be used in the local, state and national levels. The structure of the urban agenda will be that HIV is still a public health crisis in the 6 urban areas that make up CHAPS. HIV/AIDS is disproportionately affected in many other urban areas and they will also focus on that issue. They plan to bring individual stories and put a face on HIV. Two objectives of UCHAPS are to increase federal dollars and to make an impact at the federal level. Letters are being drafted requesting increased federal dollars. It was recommended that the visits to Washington take place on February 27 and 28.

COMMUNITY PLANNING LEADERSHIP SUMMIT

The Community Planning Leadership Summit will be held in Houston, Texas on March 16 through the 18.

ACTION: Dean Goishi asked the PPC members to recommend how to select representatives from the PPC to attend this conference. He also asked any interested members to let the co-chairs know.

ACTION: A member of the public expressed a concern about the Abstract Submission Form with the deadline of October 20, 2000. Mr. Henry recommended that the co-chairs send a letter to CDC, which is the primary sponsor of the conference to discuss how to get notices earlier.

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VII. RETREAT

There was a discussion about the upcoming Retreat. Tentative site is the Industry Hills Sheraton. The two point persons are Bertell Ferguson and Nancy Wongvipat. New members will be recruited before the Retreat. Potential dates chosen by PPC members are **March 29 and 30 as 1st choice** and March 25 and 27 as 2nd choice. There will be no cancellation of the PPC meetings because of the Retreat.

VIII. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Patricia Jones asked PPC members to reconsider the commitment that PPC members made and attend the subcommittee meetings.

ACTION: At the last Executive subcommittee it was decided that reports of the subcommittees would be submitted in writing for inclusion in the packet at each monthly PPC meeting.

COUNSELING AND TESTING

A written report was included in the packet. They are in the process of selecting an advisor. They discussed the Syringe Replacement Program and World AIDS Day. At their next meeting they will be discussing Counseling and Testing Days 2001. They are discussing incentives and promotional items. It appears that adolescents are not returning for their test results and this is a concern that they will discuss. They are planning to work with Children's Hospital to look at their data in reference to incentives or to change counseling and testing messages. They plan to network with the transgender task force. Another issue that was discussed was that many times during this time of the year many providers forget to give HIV positive clients information about flu vaccines

YOUTH LEADERSHIP

Sergio Avina was elected as alternate co-chair. They discussed the Youth forums. They are in the process of submitting a budget. It was commented that there has been very little committee and community participation during the last 3 months. The community and agencies were encouraged to participate throughout the year to provide input such as the selection of the location for the forums. This would eliminate a concern expressed last year about the location of the forums.

ACTION: Final comments were received about the Youth Survey and they will be submitted. It was stated that they are trying to contact John Copeland to obtain the Youth Surveys from 2000. Chi Wai-Au will follow up on this issue.

BEST PRACTICE

There was no committee attendance at the last meeting. They have been unable to obtain a core group to work on committee issues. They have changed the meeting time to the 3rd Wednesday of the month from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. The meeting for December is cancelled.

EVALUATION:

There was no meeting in November. There was a discussion about the CRAS. Dean Goishi commented that the intent is to do a CRAS annually and questions for inclusion should be submitted. The CRAS may be revised sometime in the spring.

ACTION: A request was made by a PPC member to consider adding the special needs of women on point 6 data collection.

ACTION: Elaine Waldman asked if we could add to the agenda issues that affect women such as rape, incest and violence. Dean Goishi replied that he would look into this.

ACTION: Elaine Waldman will be working on two topics, rape and incest for inclusion in the CRAS and she will forward them to Pamela Ogata.

Mr. Henry commented on the women's specific questions for the CRAS. In terms of domestic violence and rape he does not know that those are gender specific and there is much data and research that suggest that for men who have sex with men that those were significant findings. He commented that those are good suggestions to look at, but he reminded PPC members that we should be thinking as prevention planners and be thinking about the totality of the prevention needs for all BRGs.

OPERATIONS

There was no meeting. They are working on the Policies and Procedures. They will be concentrating on the recruitment efforts and the language in the HIV Prevention Planning Committee application.

GAPS ANALYSIS

Gaps Analysis is continuing to meet and to determine what kind of documents will be needed. At the last meeting they looked at examples of data that they will be reviewing. A consultant provided through CDC will be participating with the Gaps Analysis committee. Patricia Jones reminded the Gaps Analysis committee members that at the last meeting they were asked to review the EPI profile, the Prevention Plan, and the Gaps Analysis conducted by the Philadelphia CPG. To date that document from Philadelphia is the closest model document that they have obtained. Maria Perez stated that she has been in contact with the person who will be providing technical assistance. She commented that the Prevention Plan is much more advanced and sophisticated than anything he has seen. He stated that he is looking for this to be a collaborative effort rather than him leading the task.

Kevin Spears commented that there have not been any minutes from the previous two meetings and there is no record of the discussions. Their clients have done a Needs Assessment about a month ago. They will also be setting a standard as to what they expect to gain from the gaps analysis.

ACTION: If anyone wants a copy of the Philadelphia CPG call Gabriel Rodriguez or Dean Goishi.

ACTION: Dean Goishi commented that a committee member would be assigned to take the minutes at the Gaps Analysis Meetings and share them on an ongoing basis.

ACTION: Dean Goishi asked Kevin Spears to bring the Needs Assessment report mentioned above to the next Gaps Analysis meeting so that the committee may see if that report is appropriate on a countywide basis.

PUBLIC POLICY/MARKETING

Mark Etzel will be coordinating efforts with Richard Zaldivar and Ruth Slaughter to come up with the schedule of Colloquia Speakers by CHIPTS for 2001.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Vickie Ortega commented about the Transgender Health Study conducted by Paul Simon, Cathy Reback, Bobby Gadson and Cathleen Bemis. That study indicated that the source of income for 47.3% of transgender is sex work, which is considered high behavior risk. She also mentioned that the data collected by the transgender youth consortium indicated that that transgender youth of color and Latinos were the highest participants and the study indicated that they are a high behavioral risk group. She believes that programs that are culturally sensitive and linguistically sensitive should be maintained.

IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- It was commented that it is embarrassing that the public is present and PPC meetings are started late, because PPC members are not on time and also those comments are made about members not attending subcommittees. It was suggested that perhaps PPC members could call and encourage each other to be on time.
- Numerous agencies will have the Annual Club Freedom event. It is an alcohol and drug free New Year's eve event it is free and open to the public in West Hollywood Park.
- The second annual transgender pride is being planned. It will take place at the Village in June.
- A new program called Proyecto Fame with Bienestar has been started. It is a program to do outreach to all Latino Communities of faith. Over 50 churches have been contacted. A report of the findings will be provided to the PPC.
- There is an event testimonies Esperanza, which are testimonies of hope, which will take place on June 2, 2001; the AIDS walk moratorium, will take place on October 2. This is in collaboration with the Wall Las Memorias. The Commission on Health Services is having a new commissioner orientation, after the January Commission Meeting at St Anne's, and they will also hold elections on that day.

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