
**LOS ANGELES COUNTY
HIV PREVENTION PLANNING COMMITTEE (PPC)
A Select Committee of the Commission on HIV Health Services
600 South Commonwealth Avenue, 6th Floor- Los Angeles CA 90005-4001**

MEETING SUMMARY
Thursday, October 4, 2001
1:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.
St. Anne's Foundation Conference Room
155 North Occidental Boulevard-Los Angeles, CA

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mario Perez	Maria Perez
Richard Zaldivar (L)	Jeff Bailey
Chi-Wai Au (L)	Sergio Avina
Gordon Bunch	Tony Bustamante (L)
Sandra Cargill (L)	Mark Etzel
Danielle Glenn-Rivera(L)	Edric Mendia
James Miller	Veronica Morales
Vicky Ortega	Ricki Rosales (L)
Frank Roque (L)	Vanessa Talamantes
Kellii Trombacco	Nancy Wongvipat

ABSENT

Ricky Bluthenthal
Ramon Flores
Kevin Kindlin
Juan Carlos Ledesma
Cleo Manago
Keisha Paxton
Gail Sanabria

STAFF PRESENT

Elizabeth Escobedo	Dean Goishi	Oscar Garcia
Gabriel Rodriguez	Rene Seidel	Anna Soto
Delia Sandoval		

ROLL CALL - Roll call was conducted. A quorum was present.

CHIPTS COLLOQUIA SERIES – The Spiritual Response to Living with HIV/AIDS by Dr. **Anton M. Somlai**, Ed.D of the Medical College of Wisconsin. Copies of Dr. Somlai's presentation and handouts are on file at OAPP.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA - The committee approved the agenda.

APPROVAL OF MEETING SUMMARY

The committee approved the Meeting Summary for September 6, 2001 with the following correction: On page 3 on top of page where Mario Perez discussed Latino Pride. There was a discussion on whether or not there was follow up for people that tested positive at Latino Pride. It is important to note that Tiffany Horton, HIV Counseling and Testing representative, indicated that all those people were followed up at the Gay and Lesbian Center.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Sandy Chiang from PATH (People Assisting the Homeless) commented that presently they have two housing facilities, one in West Hollywood and one in West Los Angeles. The West Hollywood center provides immediate emergency and transitional housing for individuals who are HIV positive. Case management and job training are provided at both shelters. They also have three additional job centers throughout Los Angeles County, an access center in Hollywood, and a street outreach team. In January they will be opening a Regional Homeless Center east of Beverly and Vermont. It will be a 98-bed shelter for women, men, families, children, and homeless individuals with chronic illnesses, including HIV/AIDS. They will also provide social services, mental health services, substance abuse, job training, and a job employment center for computers, learning centers, traveler's aid, and a legal clinic. There is going to be a primary health care clinic onsite at the regional homeless center. Flyers about

PATH were made available. The concept of the Regional Center was based on collaboration with many community organizations working together. She asked those interested to call her.

Shirley Bushnell from Van Ness provided copies of the Los Angeles Transgender Health Study by Dr. Cathy Reback. The City of West Hollywood is working with the Sheriff's Department on a one-year pilot program called Hate Free City. A flyer was provided. Anyone experiencing hate incidents is encouraged to call and a report will be taken. On October 16, 2001 the former captain of the West Hollywood Sheriff's Department is receiving an award from the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors for his work with the transgender community. She will be attending a meeting later this month with the Los Angeles Sheriff's Department, where they are seeking input from the gay, lesbian, and bisexual transgender community on perceptions of law enforcement.

Richard Zaldivar stated that he sent Shirley Bushnell's resume to the office of Police Chief Parks requesting he consider her for his Advisory Forum where she can address those issues.

Stephanie Robbins from the Greater Los Angeles Council on Deafness (GLAD) stated that their focus is to provide intervention and education services. They have a program called Women's HIV Intervention Program (WHIP). They are working with the AIDS Education/Services for the Deaf. If anyone is interested in sharing their expertise or experience with them and their clients, they are welcomed to join to meet with them. She stated that they would like to work with deaf clients in the HIV community.

Garrison Smith from the youth department of the Los Angeles Gay and Lesbian Center, spoke about his concern around the youth and HIV risk for young MSM. Recently a lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender youth coalition was formed in Los Angeles County. They are meeting on October 15, 2001 at ALTAMED, from 1:00 to 2:30 pm. He encouraged people working with youth to attend. Their expectation is to create a coalition of all youth providers in Los Angeles County that work with minority youth. There is a flyer on the table. They have a number of positions open within the department.

Jeff Bailey thanked the public for their comments and also thanked those involved in the review of the CDC application for their work.

OAPP REPORT

CDC:

Maria G. Perez commented that the CDC application was completed. She stated that every year we have been doing better. There was a lot of shared work, and this is a product that we should all be very proud of. We were able to articulate effectively the method to get ahead of this epidemic by developing quality programs and having the Prevention Planning Group identify how to target those funds. Thirty two million dollars was requested in this proposal. We should know the results by the end of October or early November.

RFPs by Maria G. Perez

Results for the rebid of the prevention for the Coordinated Prevention Network (CPN) Oversight and for the HIV Counseling and Testing have been sent to the appropriate people. A document included in the packet prepared by Gabriel Rodriguez was discussed. It is a document that lists and includes the results for all of the prevention RFP's released over the last two and a half years. We were not able to allocate all of our counseling and testing funds; we were not able to spend down all of our rebid prevention funds.

Pending RFPs

We were not able to spend all of our funds under the Capacity Building RFP released in 2000. There is a second capacity building RFP that will be released in the next couple of weeks. That rebid has a component that will identify consultants to work with our agencies to do infrastructure development and to do services in areas that we have not been able to maximize or have not been able to allocate in the last year and a half. A second piece of it will be to fund the service provider networks.

There were three that we were not able to fund. The second piece of that will be to identify those organizations and then to fund them to make sure that there are service provider networks in every single one of our 8 SPAs.

In the First Capacity Building RFP, it was hoped to fund two entities, an African American and a Latino, to address issues of capacity building in those communities; to articulate education components; to advance a Latino

and an African American agenda at both the local, state, and federal level. Those components will be included as well.

The second RFP is the Corrections Demonstrations Project. The Office of AIDS indicated that they were going to fund us to do this program over a year and a half ago. As a result of numerous delays, we have been working with the Sheriff's Department and the State Office of AIDS to ensure that those funds are secured for our Corrections Project.

In the fall of 2001, OAPP will release another RFP to complete services to be provided to inmates. The service components to be funded include:

- Transitional case management (that will provide vouchers for emergency and transitional housing),
- Training and development of peer education, (to develop a peer support mechanism inside of the jails that will allow peers to talk to other inmates about testing, and getting into care, and ensuring that they are adhering to their care treatment issues. Also to create a bridge between people who are inside the jails and those who have already left the jails and are back in the community so that people are not lost as they transition back out into the community)
- Staff (e.g., medical, guards) training (including the development of materials)
- Development of HIV prevention education materials, and
- Evaluation of services.

We were not able to fund more than one organization to do counseling and testing in the jails. The office had intended to fund three programs. She encouraged all to consider looking at the RFPs and to think about how to put together a program that would effectively serve the needs of that population.

Charles L. Henry commented that the Juvenile Court Health Services section is shifting its resources to LAC+USC, and Dr. Andrea Kovack will be heading those services.

Strategic Planning

Maria G. Perez commented that the focus has been on the development of the proposal to CDC and the proposal for HRSA. OAPP asked Dr. Sovine to allow us time to work on the proposals before we can reengage in the Strategic Planning process. The committees continue to meet to identify what it is that we want by way of a needs assessment and what kinds of questions we want to be asking ourselves and want to have answered in order for us to effectively understand what the care needs of our population are. So that work you will get updates as Dr. Sovine comes back and continues the work with the office with both the PPC and the Commission.

Last month, the Commission adopted their Continuum of Care Services Model. It is in the packet. It identified the core services that must be provided to every person who is HIV positive. This is the first time the Commission articulated and indicated the services that need to be provided to every person who is HIV positive, or to every person who is at high risk. This model indicates that any person who is at high risk or who is HIV positive must be assessed and offered all the services that are on the core of this Continuum of Care Services Model. The Primary Health Care Core Services are Counseling and Testing, Prevention, Early Intervention, Nutrition-based Therapies, Primary Health Care (Oral Health), Patient Education, Treatment Adherence, Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services. To support this core group of services mentioned are Patient Care Coordination and Language Services, Removal of Barriers through Access, Utilization, Retention, and Adherence, Effective Linkages and Collaboration with Services and Community Development (next circle). The last circle in the model is the Enhancement Services. It is very important to keep in mind that as a result of federal mandates, and what we understand about disparities, one of the areas that has risen to the top is Language Services. In order for people to effectively be engaged in developing their care and accessing care and being adherent to care treatment plans, they need to be provided services in a language that they are comfortable with.

Mario Perez commented that we did a good job this year of describing the cross program activities. Prevention locally has expanded and now includes STD, Hepatitis, and other issues, which are common to the folks that we provide services to. He encouraged everyone to read the section that describes a number of activities that are supported by the OAPP. The goals for Los Angeles County are clearly articulated with respect to prevention.

ACTION: **Mario Perez** suggested that it may be a good idea for this body to allocate a time in an upcoming PPC meeting where they can review some of the highlights of the 2002 application.

After the Planning and Development Division concludes the solicitation and review process, the Prevention Division is responsible for making sure that we effectively implement the services that providers are contracted to provide. Part of that process starting now involves an orientation for all new successful proposers. In October, OAPP will be convening a meeting of successful proposers to review the program expectations for the new counseling and testing contracts as well as some of the new funded or newly recommended for funding prevention programs. Subsequent to that process, we will begin the contract negotiation process and will be coming to terms with the services that we expect will be provided over the course of the next couple of years. It is expected that new counseling and testing services will begin in January and that the newly recommended prevention programs will begin in February 2002.

OAPP has undergone some reorganization. Program managers will be responsible for managing both counseling and testing and Health Education programs in the same SPA. SPA 4 is the most impacted and we will have more program managers dedicated to managing contracts in that SPA. A listing of program managers and the SPA that they will manage will be released soon.

For the first time, this will also include all counseling and testing services provided at public STD and TB clinics so in many ways program managers will have a comprehensive overview of the entire scope of prevention services in their specific areas. OAPP will be conducting numerous meeting with the newly recommended funded providers to review the program expectations including evaluation plans and the new monthly reporting requirements.

Maria G. Perez added that OAPP worked very closely with CPN in SPA 4 to develop a proposal for the State to fund HEP-C Services. The coordinated prevention networks already provide counseling and testing and referrals for STD, TB, Substance Abuse and HIV. SPA 4 was identified because of its high number of veterans and its high number of homeless population with a history of substance abuse. The proposal was submitted in late August and we found out last week that we were funded to provide those services in that SPA. We are one of nine local health departments in the state that will be funded to do that.

CDC will be providing a Starlight Broadcast about the new HIV counseling and testing guidelines on November 15, 2001 and it will be available for providers in Los Angeles.

Mr. Charles L. Henry acknowledged the work of his staff and the Prevention Planning Committee and community partners. He acknowledged the accomplishments through a series of Prevention Planning Committee meetings to the adoption of Prevention Plan 2000 and restructuring of all of our Prevention services consistent with that plan is unprecedented in the context of jurisdictions with this large an epidemic and this amount of resources. He stated that Prevention Planning Committee members should take a moment to celebrate the success and accomplishments that are represented in that work. In a two year period we have collectively worked to reinvigorate and restructure prevention and now have a methodology that is consistent with the Plan that allocates those resources based on those communities most impacted. This is a great accomplishment. He celebrates your work and acknowledges the work of his staff.

He also stated that he thinks we are headed into a very difficult timeframe in terms of funding for HIV/AIDS services. Those sentiments were echoed today by Supervisor Zev Yaroslasky, who hosted the Third District Executive Director's Forum. Prior to the September 11 incident, our Governor for the first time in the history of the epidemic cut prevention funds. He stated that he believes that this is just the beginning of the tightening of the economy. The State has currently instructed the Department of Health Services and other departments to look for budget cut scenarios for next year.

Mr. Henry expressed concern about newspaper articles, media communication, and critics that continue to highlight the increase in sexual risk behavior among men who have sex with men, the increase in sexually transmitted diseases, and their immediate connection in those discussions to the waste of resources and the failure of prevention services. He stated that he respects the work that is done in San Francisco, because on a national and state front, they speak with one voice. They speak very strongly and articulate their needs and advocate through very sophisticated public policy advocacy, lobbying and legislative education approaches. We could learn from that example. He thinks that we have to work collectively to confront and challenge those notions and to find ways to describe what we have done and our successes much more effectively.

He stated that he looks forward to having conversations with the PPC about the ways in which we can collectively make sure that we are articulating our successes and our needs and advocating effectively for those communities that are most impacted and depend upon these resources.

Mr. Henry responded to a question that we have a different approach to lobbying and advocating for resources at the federal versus the state level. At the federal level the County has a lobbying office in Washington that is staffed by several individuals and they have a series of consulting contracts with lobbyists that have expertise in particular areas in the County. The Department has a contract with Susan White and Associates, which is a health care lobbyist in Washington, who has a very good reputation and is a very strong advocate for the health care needs of Los Angeles County. Part of that consulting contract is dedicated to HIV/AIDS advocacy and lobbying work. At the state level, the County has an advocacy lobbying office in Sacramento. San Francisco enjoys four dollars for every one dollar that Los Angeles and the rest of the Southern California jurisdictions receive for health care. There has been from time to time interest expressed at the Board level about addressing that.

ACTION: This is an area that the PPC and the Commission and other community partners could have some meaningful impact with targeted dialogue.

Maria G. Perez commented that today will be her last attendance at the PPC meetings. She thanked everyone for their support. She has accepted a position with Kaiser and will be leaving the office at the end of the month. She thanked Mr. Henry. She stated that he has been an incredible support to her. It has been a very difficult choice for her to make.

Richard Zaldivar thanked Maria for her leadership role in OAPP. He commented that it is a great loss to all. He wished her lots of luck and success in her career. A standing ovation was given to Maria G. Perez.

Mr. Charles L. Henry also acknowledged his appreciation for Maria's work in her tenure at OAPP, for dedicating so much of herself, her skill and expertise and so much of her personal self in terms of the extraordinary pressures that she was under as Director of Planning and Development. He also acknowledged that, besides his position, her position is probably the most difficult position in the office in terms of both the volume of work and the level of interface and interaction with community members.

He also acknowledged her work in the environment within which she and her staff do their work and that he is truly grateful to Maria for having worked through extraordinary conditions, working in an environment where we do not have enough staff resources.

Mr. Henry discussed the challenges in hiring staff. We are trying to get new items, when everyone else in the County government is focused on ways to shrink the Health Department in the services it delivers. He stated that this is another area where he would highlight where our community government partnership would be essential in working together.

Mario Perez also thanked Maria for her leadership. She has clearly articulated a vision for planning and development services in this county that has the clients in mind first and foremost. She made his transition to the prevention services directorship easier and he thanked her for that. She has been a true leader and he concurred that she will be a tremendous loss to OAPP.

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New Members

Jeff Bailey stated that two new members were appointed to the PPC. We are still awaiting a letter to confirm the appointment of one representative. The other representative has relocated to New York. A recruitment campaign to fill PPC vacancies will be initiated.

He passed around a document from the STD program. It was an update on syphilis among MSM here in Los Angeles County. There has been, once again, a continuation of syphilis of what we addressed last year, primarily among men who have sex with men. This year the vast majority of them, greater than last year, are also co-infected with HIV. About two weeks ago there was a community meeting at the Village, at the Gay and Lesbian Center, that brought together over 20 providers to discuss this issue and how the community is going to respond to this. There will be a follow up meeting, on October 9, 2001, at 2:00 p.m. at the Village. There has been a

partnership developed with a number of agencies to plan a campaign and activities to address syphilis on a long-term basis. Last year it was addressed but it was a short-lived program with regards to the media and the posters. These are the types of news reports that some politicians like to pick up on. A lot of national task forces around syphilis elimination have not included gay men. There were no representatives west of Denver on any of the CDC task forces on syphilis. Recently a representative from APLA was appointed to represent us and have a voice around MSM. Posters and brochures that were created last year around the syphilis outbreak both in English and Spanish were made available.

Jeff Bailey commented that LAUSD has just completed their Youth Risk Behavior Surveillance Study (YRBS). They have critical data this year that may be published. That data will be critical information for those who work with school-based populations or are interested in developing programs that want to seek future grants.

Last month we talked about our apathy and reaction to the Governor's cut in prevention dollars. He was glad to say that almost the very next day he received a phone call from a community member, Shawn Griffin from Prototypes to inform him of their plans and asked for PPC support. He asked Shawn to give the PPC an overview of what their plans are for an executive briefing on December 6, 2001.

Shawn Griffin reported that they are developing a response to make sure that the prevention cuts are not continued. They have planned an executive briefing for the Executive Directors of HIV/AIDS Service programs and other related programs like Drug and Alcohol programs. Information will be provided about what the cuts will mean, and the possible impact in the future. At that time it is hoped to develop some type of plan of action and response to the cuts and to let the State of California know that this is something that Southern California is not going to take very lightly because of the impact that HIV has had in our communities. He will e-mail a proposed list of people that will be invited and he will send it to the PPC and anyone else who is interested next week. He invited input, comments and asked for help in trying to get people to the Executive Briefing. For questions and/or comments call him at 310-641-7795 ext 133.

Richard Zaldivar congratulated Shawn Griffin for doing a great job. They will talk about this at the next Executive Sub-committee meeting to ensure that they have a complete agenda on board so they can take formal action and get the PPC involved formally. He stated that anything that he needs from any of us to just ask.

Retreat

Jeff Bailey encouraged volunteers to participate on the Retreat Ad Hoc Committee. The PPC Retreat will be held in January 2002. Those interested in participating were asked to sign up.

SUB COMMITTEE REPORTS

Youth Leadership

Sergio Avina reported that Vicky Ortega is the third Youth Leadership Sub-Committee co-chair. They will be presenting the membership application for the Youth Sub-Committee at the next Executive Subcommittee meeting for approval. After approval they will distribute the application to Youth Leadership sub-committee members and attendees and at the next PPC meeting. A deadline of 30 days will be given for any new members who are interested in applying for the Youth Sub-Committee core group. Between 8 and 10 members will be selected. Before December, they will have an Orientation for newcomers. The Orientation will cover an overview of the PPC, the Commission and the responsibilities of the Youth Sub-Committee members. The meeting in November will be held on the second Wednesday, November 14, 2001, not the third Wednesday. Those agencies with youth programs were asked to encourage youth to participate in the Youth Leadership Committee.

Best Practices The meeting was canceled.

Evaluation The meeting was rescheduled.

Operations Sandra Cargill reported that they also cancelled their meeting and will reschedule. She now has three new members.

Joint Public Policy

Mark Etzel reported that the Commission and the PPC are holding joint Public Policy meetings. There was some concern about the members not having equal representation in the context of the Strategic Planning Effort. There

was consensus that representatives from both bodies would be equal partners. They discussed the prevention budget cuts and drafting a letter to the Governor about the budget cuts. A draft of the letter was included in the packet. It is hoped to create talking points with phone numbers for people to follow up and call the Governor's Deputies. They will follow up on the public comment made by Shirley Bushnell about the challenges facing some transgender individuals who have been harassed by the police.

They also discussed the draft guidelines for Needle Syringe Replacement Programs in Los Angeles County. That document was forwarded to the Board office but there has not been any action taken. They have targeted that as their next current policy action issue. The next meeting is October 19. Dr. Sovine will be speaking on the Strategic Planning Effort to help work on the 5th action step of shared activities for the PPC and the Commission.

There is a rider to the Health and Human Service (HHS) appropriations bill that would increase funding for abstinence only programs. Both AIDS Action Council and APLA have circulated the action alert.

Needle Exchange

Mario Perez commented that it has been about fifteen months since the Board issued a request that guidelines for the implementation of the Needle Exchange be developed. The Sheriff's Department, the Department of Health Services and many programs within DHS developed those guidelines. A tremendous amount of work went into developing those guidelines and it involved a lot of input from the community. To the extent that this body endorses Needle Exchange as a priority strategy in the HIV Prevention Plan, it is important to articulate the need for these types of programs. Elected officials need to know the value that this body has for multiple strategies targeting injection drug users. He stated that he is not sure if there has been a sustained message from community partners to our elected officials and he thinks that it is important to take a look at what our involvement has been and what can be done.

Commission Report

Vanessa Talamantes provided a brief report on the Commission. The Commission approved the Administrative Mechanism report. The report was based on the results of anonymous surveys. The questions were regarding the mechanisms of OAPP and the Commission. The point system was from 1 to 4 and most of the results were high two's and some low two's. OAPP received some of the higher points. There were about 10 recommendations from that report and they will be referred to the Executive Committee where they will be reviewed and sent to the Commission for further discussion.

Maria G Perez clarified that the Administrative Mechanism is a federally mandated evaluation. The purpose of that evaluation was to determine whether or not OAPP effectively released funds into the community and if there were any delays in paying invoices. What was of concern and significant to keep in mind regarding the evaluation is that the majority of the care funded service providers chose not to participate in the evaluation. They either did not attend meetings that were scheduled to provide feedback or did not respond to the survey that was sent to them. Secondly, to put these kinds of things in context is that we have not released an RFP for Care Funded agencies in over 2 years. The information being provided in the evaluation was based on old experiences and maybe to some extent based on prevention, but not necessarily based on availability of CARE Funds. Those are important issues that OAPP and the Commission highlighted and will address in the future. Because the PPC is a select sub-committee it is important to keep in mind some of that work in terms of evaluating the process for prevention funds as well. Next year when the Administrative Mechanism is completed again, the RFPs to fund the CARE services that align with the Continuum of Care Services Model will be released. There will be an opportunity to evaluate OAPP's performance in as it related to releasing the funds to the community in a quick and effective manner.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Vickie Ortega announced that Bienestar Human Services transgender program Transeras Unidas which has been in existence for six years was just recently funded for \$9,000 from the Liberty Hill Foundation to do some work with social change. They are seeking twenty male to female transgender participants. Those participating will be trained in doing advocacy work. An orientation will be provided. Anyone interested should call the Hollywood center, at 323-660-9680.

Richard Zaldivar thanked OAPP, APLA, Gay and Lesbian Center, and everyone who supported the first AIDS Awareness Day at Dodger Stadium on September 22. Due to the tragedy in New York they scaled back the event.

A 16-page supplement that went into La Opinion on Wednesday was circulated to over 180,000 people throughout Los Angeles County in both in English and Spanish, and was also distributed to all the fans attending Dodger Stadium on the day of the event. Ribbons to over 40,000 were distributed at the Dodger game. A diamond vision piece that talked about the AIDS status throughout the County was presented. Alvida, a celebrity from Miami was present. He thanked everyone for a great success.

Jeff Bailey stated that the MSM conference is on November 26 and 27 at USC. Applications and registration forms were included in the packet. It is one of the regional MSM conferences being convened by the CDC. He asked PPC members to review the PPC survey and look at the response rate and areas of satisfaction. Those might be areas that they want to look at within each subcommittee. Social Marketing will be a standing item on the agenda for the Executive subcommittee.

Jeff Bailey commented that Walk Los Angeles has reconvened to a different location. AIDS Walk Los Angeles is really an event in Los Angeles that people identify with regards to HIV/AIDS in helping people. As a result of this event APLA gives money to many organizations. Thanks to the City of West Hollywood for reacting so quickly and inheriting this project basically overnight.

Nancy Wongvipat reported that APLA just launched their Social Marketing program. It is targeting men who have sex with men in the San Fernando Valley around the issues of disclosure and communication. The tag line is "Do you talk about HIV?" They are distributing three different images. One image will be in public spaces such as bus ads throughout San Fernando. All three images will also be available in public social venues such as bars, clubs, bathhouses, and video stores.

Edric Mendia commented that Whittier Rio Hondo AIDS Project has an opening in the Young Women at Risk program.

Mark Etzel stated that CHIPTS would be hosting its 2001 Policy Forum-an Interactive Training Conference on November 30. The focus of this year's event is HIV Prevention Strategies for men of color and their partners. A flyer was included in the packet. Dr. Jeff Kelly from Medical College of Wisconsin, Dr. Rafael Diaz from San Francisco State University, Dr. John Peterson, and Dr. Robin Miller will be at this conference.

La Shanti Prevention for Positives Program is up and running. It is a weekend workshop called Living and Loving fully with HIV. There are postcards in the back. They have had two so far, one in East Los Angeles and another in West Hollywood, both for gay men. They are having one this month in South Central for women. Next month they will have one in Spanish and in December one in a treatment center.

Richard Zaldivar Next Tuesday will be one of the last episodes of the current season of Resurrection Blvd. Which is on Show Time. It is a very powerful episode.

Jeff Bailey A week from today is National Coming Out Day. One of the co-factors around HIV to address is homophobia. He received an email from Bienestar that they are having numerous events around coming out day.

It was commented that as a result of blood donations it is expected that more people will learn their HIV status and hepatitis infections.

The PPC stood for a moment of silence for the People of New York.

ADJOURNEMENT

The meeting was adjourned.
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