

**LOS ANGELES COUNTY
HIV PREVENTION PLANNING COMMITTEE (PPC)
600 South Commonwealth Avenue, 6th Floor • Los Angeles CA 90005-4001**

APPROVED

MEETING SUMMARY

Friday, November 16, 2007

9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

St. Anne's Maternity Home - Foundation Conference Room
155 N. Occidental Blvd.- Los Angeles, CA 90026

MEMBERS PRESENT

Cinderella Barrios-Cernik	Traci Bivens-Davis
Scott Campbell	Cesar Cuadra
Trevor Daniels	Daniel Deniz
Wendy Garland	David Giugni
Mario Gonzalez	Michael Green*
Philip Hendricks	Jeffrey King
Lee Kochems	Miguel Martinez
Jill Rotenberg	Sophia Rumanes
Terry Smith	Ron Snyder
Enrique Topete	Kathy Watt
Tim Young*	

ABSENT

Katie (Catherine) Branson
Jorge Montoya
Daniel Rivas**
Ricki Rosales
Precious Stallworth

* Denotes present at one (1) of the roll calls

** Denotes not present at either roll call; however, voted

OAPP STAFF PRESENT

Chi-Wai Au	Kyle Baker	Anahid Crstyian	Elizabeth Escobedo
Rita Jones-Ray	John Mesta	David Pieribone	Jane Rohde
Rosie Vasquez	Carlos Vega-Matos	Paulina Zamudio	

PPC MEETING

I. ROLL CALL

Roll call was taken at 9:25 A.M. and a quorum was present.

II. REVIEW/APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA

The DRAFT November 16, 2007 HIV Prevention Planning Committee Meeting Agenda was reviewed. Traci Bivens-Davis placed a motion on the floor to approve the November 16, 2007 HIV Prevention Planning Committee Meeting agenda. The motion was seconded by Trevor Daniels. The motion passed by consensus.

MOTION #1: Approve the November 16, 2007 HIV Prevention Planning Committee (PPC) Meeting Agenda.	<i>Motion passed by consensus</i>	MOTION PASSED
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III. REVIEW/APPROVAL OF MEETING SUMMARY

The DRAFT September 6, 2007 HIV Prevention Planning Committee (PPC) Meeting Summary was reviewed. Lee Kochems placed a motion on the floor to approve the September 6, 2007 HIV Prevention Planning Committee Meeting Summary and the motion was seconded by Cesar Cuadra. The motion passed approved by consensus.

MOTION #2: Approve the September 6, 2007 HIV Prevention Planning Committee (PPC) Meeting Summary.	<i>Motion passed by consensus</i>	MOTION PASSED
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IV. COMMUNITY CO-CHAIRS REPORT

Terry Smith welcomed new member Jill Rotenberg from JWCH Institute, Inc. to the HIV Prevention Planning Committee (PPC). Ms. Rotenberg stated she is excited to be a member of the PPC and has been working on the Prevention Plan Work Group.

Mr. Smith shared the bulk of this meeting will be devoted to the work being done to develop and complete the 2009-2013 Los Angeles County HIV Prevention Plan. On behalf of the PPC, Trevor Daniels and Cesar Cuadra attended the United States Conference on AIDS (USCA) in Palm Springs earlier this month. Mr. Smith shared he also attended USCA. Cesar Cuadra shared it was one of the best conferences he has attended. There were various workshops and he enjoyed the round table discussion on research dissemination. The immigrant and migrant farm workers and HIV presentation at the luncheon was the very interesting.

Terry Smith shared he sat on the Asian Pacific Islanders (API) panel which discussed collaboration and how Los Angeles County addressed cultural (across cultures) issues. Mr. Smith thanked Tim Young for the opportunity to participate in the panel discussion. Mr. Smith shared, at this year's U.S.C.A., there was an emphasis on transgender issues.

Trevor Daniels thanked OAPP and the PPC for allowing him to represent the PPC at U.S.C.A. Mr. Daniels enjoyed the conference. Mr. Daniel's focus is on community psychology with a multi-cultured focus and was amazed with the lack of mental health services in the HIV/AIDS prevention programs across the country. Mr. Daniels shared he attended a workshop on African American Gay and Heterosexual Professional Men and Women Advocates. The room slated for this workshop was too small and one of the workshops scheduled to discuss mental health was canceled. Mr. Daniels shared the conference was an excellent opportunity to network and it appears limited discussions/workshops were geared for mental health issues.

Lastly, Mr. Smith on November 15th, there was a forum titled "Our Community, Our Responsibility" which focused on HIV and AIDS in the Latino community. Mr. Smith shared "we should be extremely proud of Mario Pérez". The forum was an opportunity to reinforce some of the work the Prevention Plan Work Group has done, in terms of stepping away from the BRG model and moving toward a hybrid model.

Kathy Watt shared she understands how Mr. Daniels feels about the lack mental health services as it related to HIV and AIDS at these types of conferences. She experienced the same thing about 15 to 20 years ago, when it was felt that substance abuse (drugs and alcohol) was not a

co-factor in the transmission of HIV and AIDS. Ms. Watt suggested that Mr. Daniels “to stay hard and fast” and build allies around the country.

Jeffrey King shared In The Meantime Men’s Group had the opportunity, at U.S.C.A., to co-host a reception with black gay, bisexual, same gender loving men from around the country. Mr. King shared it was wonderful to hear that Los Angeles is not alone. The concerns are the same, no matter where we live or where we work. It appears planning groups in other areas around the country are talking about African American MSM issues but not doing much. As a result of the discussions some alliances and relationships were built.

In addition to attending other plenary sessions, Tim Young shared he attended the State of California Strategic Plan on African American’s session at U.S.C.A. and Dr. Michelle Roland facilitated the discussions.

Enrique Topete shared he attended a session on Crystal Meth and drug addiction and the discussion on immigration at the closing luncheon good. Overall, Mr. Topete shared he enjoyed the conference.

V. GOVERNMENTAL CO-CHAIRS REPORT

Sophia Rumanes welcomed everyone to the meeting. Ms. Rumanes shared the Office of AIDS Programs and Policy (OAPP) applied for Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) grant to expand HIV testing for populations who are disproportionately affected. The CDC has notified OAPP of the grant award. OAPP intends to expand HIV testing in the jails by providing mini clinics for routine HIV testing. OAPP is scheduled to meet with the CDC in January, 2008 and intends to start testing early in calendar year 2008. Ms. Rumanes thanked John Mesta and his team and the people in Prevention Services who worked on the grant.

Ms. Rumanes shared OAPP has written a grant to the CDC to secure/fund a Public Health Hepatitis C Coordinator. The CDC has notified the Los Angeles County Public Health Department of its decision to fund a Public Health Hepatitis C Coordinator position. It has not been determined where this position will be placed in the Public Health Department. OAPP would like the position placed at OAPP; however, there are other departments within Public Health and OAPP is awaiting the decision from Public Health.

Ms. Rumanes shared World AIDS Day is Saturday, December 1, 2007 and OAPP is hosting a breakfast at the Dorothy Chandler Pavilion at 9:00 AM. OAPP will be presenting three awards this year: Prevention Service Award, Clinical Services and Clinical Enhancement Services Award.

Lastly, Sophia Rumanes shared about the November 15, 2007 CDC Satellite Broadcast discussing HIV among different Latino communities. At 12:00 noon there was a panel of local (Los Angeles County) participants who continued the discussion addressing some of the issues and challenges. Ms. Rumanes thanked panelist including Richard Zaldivar, Evelyn Figueroa Gonzales, Brooke Rios, and Dr. Acavo from Gilead Sciences. The panel facilitator was Dr. George Ayala. Ms. Rumanes shared she felt the local panel discussion was real.

VI. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

- Operations Subcommittee – Tim Young shared the proposed art work for the Prevention Plan was distributed to PPC members. The Operations Subcommittee, the Prevention Plan Work Group and the PPC Executive Subcommittee have reviewed and approved the art work.

Mario Gonzalez placed a motion on the floor to approve the Art Work Cover and Tabs for the 2009-2013 Los Angeles County HIV Prevention Plan. Traci Bivens-Davis seconded the motion. The motion passed by consensus.

MOTION #3: Approve the Art Work Cover and Tabs for the 2009-2013 Los Angeles County HIV Prevention Plan	<i>Motion passed by consensus</i>	MOTION PASSED
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Gabriel Leon requested that the art work for the upcoming Prevention Plan accurately reflect the Service Planning Area (SPA) pictured. The picture art work for SPA 7 the Whittier Narrows Recreation Center and the site of the picture is in SPA 3. The PPC suggested citing that Whittier Narrows is part of SPA 3 and SPA 7, and the picture representing SPA 7 was taken in the SPA 3 area of Whittier Narrows Recreation Center.

- Evaluation Subcommittee – Miguel Martinez shared a copy of the Evaluation Subcommittee Recommendations are included in the meeting packet. The Evaluation Subcommittee, the Prevention Plan Work Group and the PPC Executive Subcommittee have reviewed and approved the Evaluation Subcommittee Recommendations. Miguel Martinez placed a motion on the floor to approve the Evaluation Subcommittee Recommendations and Philip Hendricks seconded the motion. The motion passed by consensus.

MOTION #4: Approve the Evaluation Subcommittee Prevention Plan Recommendations for the 2009-2013 Los Angeles County HIV Prevention Plan	<i>Motion passed by consensus</i>	MOTION PASSED
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- Standards & Best Practices Subcommittee – Daniel Rivas shared the HIV Counseling and Testing (HCT) Work Group is a subcommittee of the Standards & Best Practices Subcommittee. Mr. Rivas shared a copy of the HIV Counseling and Testing (HCT) Recommendations are included in the meeting packet. The HCT Work Group, the Standards & Best Practices Subcommittee, the Prevention Plan Work Group and the PPC Executive Subcommittee have reviewed and approved these recommendations. Daniel Rivas placed a motion on the floor to approve the HIV Counseling and Testing (HCT) Recommendations. Tim Young seconded the motion. The motion passed by consensus.

MOTION #5: Approve the HIV Counseling and Testing (HCT) Work Group Recommendations for the 2009-2013 Los Angeles County HIV Prevention Plan	<i>Motion passed by consensus</i>	MOTION PASSED
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Philip Hendricks encouraged Standards & Best Practices Subcommittee to send an email if they are unable to attend scheduled meetings. The last Standards & Best Practices Subcommittee was canceled due to lack of quorum.

VII. PREVENTION PLAN CHRONOLOGY AND TIMELINE PRESENTATION

John Mesta, OAPP Planning and Research, provided a power point presentation titled, "HIV Prevention Plan Chronology and Timeline". A copy of the presentation is attached. Mr. Mesta's presentation included a chronology of events and activities which have taken place in the past year regarding the development of the 2009-2013 Los Angeles County HIV Prevention Plan. The presentation included an overview, highlights from the 2006 PPC Annual Planning Meeting, the HIV Prevention Plan Work Plan (with objectives), and the HIV Prevention Plan Timeline. There was an additional handout - Slide 8 of the presentation, "HIV Prevention Plan Timeline".

After the presentation, there was a questions and answers period.

VIII. LUNCH

IX. PREVENTION PLAN PRIORITIZATION AND RESOURCE ALLOCATION PROCESS PRESENTATION

Diane Brown, Prevention Plan Work Group Co-Chair, provided a power point presentation titled, "Recommendations from the Prevention Plan Work Group". A copy of the presentation is attached. The presentation consisted of the purpose of the Prevention Plan Work Group, the Prevention Plan Work Group Tasks, Background, Structure, Operating Values, Decision-Making process, Recommendations, Data, Concerns/Issues, Lessons Learned and Next Steps.

The recommendations submitted from the Prevention Plan Work Group (PPWG) to the HIV Prevention Planning Committee (PPC) are:

Recommendation #1 – To create a 5-year Prevention Plan

Recommendation #2 – To the Prevention Plan Work Group's (PPWG's) list of prioritized populations with funding allocations. A handout was distributed at the meeting and a copy is attached to this meeting summary.

Recommendation #3 – To accept the PPWG's list of allocations by service type with funding allocations. A handout was distributed at the meeting and a copy is attached to this meeting summary.

Diane Brown shared a group photograph was taken of the Prevention Plan Work Group and the picture will be included in the upcoming Prevention Plan. Additionally, Ms. Brown acknowledged the tremendous work, commitment, and number of hours worked by the Prevention Plan Work Group and the PPC Subcommittees. On behalf the Prevention Plan Work Group and personally, Ms. Brown thanked everyone for their dedication and hard work.

Kathy Watt thanked Diane Brown. Ms. Watt shared, according to her calculation, approximately 40 people spent 227 hours each in the Prevention Plan Work Group process. Ms. Watt congratulated everyone on their commitment.

After the presentation, there was a questions and answers period.

X. PUBLIC COMMENT

- Stephen Collins, MAP, thanked the African American MSM Task Force, the PPC and OAPP for recognizing the needs of the African American MSM in the community and funding the Project Adodi demonstration Project through the Minority AIDS Project (MAP). Mr. Collins provided an overview of project Adodi and reported Project Adodi has met its outreach target.
- Otis Nelson, In The Meantime Men's Group, African American MSM's are impacted by HIV/AIDS, poverty, stigma, institutionalized homophobia, homicide, incarceration and racism, it is hope and recommendation that both the Los Angeles Prevention Planning Group and the Los Angeles Commission continue to build upon efforts to further address the issues and factors that continue to influence the HIV rate of black MSM's in Los Angeles County.
- Shannon Jones, In The Meantime Men's Group, provided an overview of the "My Life, My Style" Project at In The Meantime Men's Group and feels targeted programming is key to effectively adjusting the HIV/AIDS epidemic among African American gay youth and those who don't identify as gay in the Los Angeles area.
- Gregory Wilson, In The Meantime Men's Group, encouraged the PPC to continue to move forward in efforts to address the complex issues of all the people in Los Angeles County who are infected and impacted by HIV and AIDS. In the Meantime is holding a United Nations Event on December 4th for all nationalities and all genders to talk together about what the epidemic is doing in our communities and try to figure out together how we can collectively combat this epidemic together. Flyers are on the back table.
- Bamby Saucedo, acknowledged the Prevention Planning Committee for the great work and that professional development is HIV prevention. Bamby Saucedo encouraged agencies to include professional development in opportunities in future programs. Limited data is available about Transgender individuals, Bamby Saucedo requested the PPC to consider a recommendation to conduct an updated research study that focuses specifically on transgenders and HIV risk and incidence rates. Bamby Saucedo also recommended for the PPC to find a way to find out exactly what is to total population of the transgender community of Los Angeles.
- Victor Martinez, Bienestar, congratulated Diane Brown for the good work of summarizing the work of the Prevention Plan Work Group. Mr. Martinez indicated he did not see in the Next Steps, what action, if any will be taken to finalize the co-factors. When finalizing the co-factors, Mr. Martinez suggested considering the day laborers and migrant populations, who are emerging with HIV risks. Placing a percentage on the funding allocations, instead of uniting communities of color, this approach seems to ferment communities of color. My suggestion is do not include percentages.
- Rev. Russell Thornhill, MAP, acknowledged his brothers who came out and talked about their programs as they relate to African American MSM's. I am honored to be a part of the Prevention Planning process; it was a lot of work and a rich process. I request that the PPC and OAPP honor the work that was done by the Prevention Plan Work Group which was built on data not feelings to have an impact on the county. I encourage us to adopt the slate of recommendations from the Prevention Plan Work Group.
- Gabriela Leon, SPA 7, it seems the percentage being allocated for the African Americans was based solely on a data set and if that type of data is going to be used to give special allocations to particular races or ethnic groups, then also data should have presented for all other race and/or ethnic groups. Why wasn't the data submitted for all other affected populations? It seems specifically a data set was chosen to benefit a racial group and we

also have to think that Latinos are faced with issues of language, isolation, segregation, discrimination, and immigration to name a few. In the SPN's, 97% of the referrals are Latino and in SPA 7 there is a high need for services for Latinos.

- Gabriela Leon, if you are going to talk about allocations in number wise, you have one group that is specifically guaranteed a percentage but what about the allocations for Latinos, API's, etc? One group is addressed with a percentage and Native Americans are being addressed. I recommend that this body do not allocate percentages specifically for one group, because I feel it creates racial tension and I think we should have a minority initiative where all minority groups can benefit from prevention programs.
- Cesar Portillo, acknowledged the hard work represented in the Prevention Plan Work Group recommendations and thanked everyone for the hours spent. Gay men of color are especially at risk for HIV. Language barriers, racial profiling by law enforcement, religious directives, etc. are unique barriers gay men face to stay HIV negative. All MSM of color require targeted and effective prevention. I urge the PPC to adopt a plan that gives priority to all gay men of color.
- Angel Pineda, of GLAD through American Sign Language Interpreter, "Hello and Good afternoon. I've been hearing this discussion from Chinese people, from Black people, from White people, from Latino people; here's the challenge – deafness. I work with HIV MSM's of all different nationalities with the Service Planning Areas (SPA's). The clinics reject us because we need interpreters. My clients go through lots of frustration because they can not get the services, because there are no interpreters. I've driven into the clinics to watch it happen, I've even confronted them on it and told them I'm going to discuss this with OAPP and they have been a little surprised, and say we'll do something about it. That is plain rejection. The reason why is you give us this list of clinics and we go and get denied service. I want to praise the Los Angeles Gay Center because they are one of the best providers of services. Some of my clients live really far and they can't make it there, some live in Long Beach, West Covina, Riverside, and Palmdale and they are really distant. Part of my frustration is that I have talked to my supervisor and asked what is up with this problem? He recognizes it as a problem and the main problem is the interpreters. There are 60 HIV positive cases there and they are talking to me about their problems. I have problems sleeping at home because I think about all of these people who are lacking services. I wonder what is going to happen tomorrow, who is going to be confronted by an interpreter or communication gap. There is a void which is deaf people need sign-language interpreters as service providers. I am the only person in Los Angeles County that has gone around and has put 30,000 miles on my car by driving around to provide services within one year. What can we do to address this situation, can you help us out?"

XI. APPROVAL OF PREVENTION PLAN WORK GROUP RECOMMENDATIONS

Terry Smith made a motion to approve the slate of recommendation developed by the Prevention Plan Work Group. The slate of recommendations is:

Recommendation #1 – To create a 5-year Prevention Plan from 2009-2013

Recommendation #2 – To the Prevention Plan Work Group's (PPWG's) list of prioritized populations with funding allocations.

Recommendation #3 – To accept the PPWG's list of allocations by service type with funding allocations.

Philip Hendricks seconded the motion. The floor was opened for discussion. After discussion, Traci Bivens-Davis called the question. The motion was re-stated and a roll call vote was taken. The motion passed.

<p>MOTION #6: Approve the term of the Prevention Plan, prioritized populations with funding allocations and for the 2009-2013 Los Angeles County HIV Prevention Plan</p>	<p><i>Yes: Barrios-Cernik, Bivens-Davis, Campbell, Cuadra, Daniels, Deniz, Garland, Giugni, Gonzalez, Green, Hendricks, King, Kochems, Martinez, Rivas, Rotenberg, Rumanes, Smith, Snyder, Topete, Watt</i> <i>No: None</i> <i>Abstention: None</i></p>	<p>MOTION PASSED <i>Yes: 21</i> <i>No: 0</i> <i>Abstain: 0</i></p>
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XII. CLOSING ROLL CALL

XIV. ADJOURNMENT – Meeting adjourned at 3:18 P.M.
Note: All agenda items are subject to action.

<p align="center">MOTION AND VOTING SUMMARY</p>		
<p>MOTION #1: Approve the November 16, 2007 HIV Prevention Planning Committee (PPC) Meeting Agenda</p>	<p><i>Passed by consensus</i></p>	<p>Motion Passed</p>
<p>MOTION # 2: Approve September 6, 2007 HIV Prevention Planning Committee (PPC) Meeting Summary.</p>	<p><i>Passed by Consensus</i></p>	<p>Motion Passed</p>
<p>MOTION #3: Approve the Art Work Cover and Tabs for the 2009-2013 Los Angeles County HIV Prevention Plan.</p>	<p><i>Passed by Consensus</i></p>	<p>Motion Passed</p>
<p>MOTION #4: Approve the Evaluation Subcommittee Prevention Plan Recommendations for the 2009-2013 Los Angeles County HIV Prevention Plan</p>	<p><i>Passed by consensus</i></p>	<p>Motion Passed</p>
<p>MOTION #5: Approve the HIV Counseling and Testing (HCT) Work Group Recommendations for the 2009-2013 Los Angeles County HIV Prevention Plan</p>	<p><i>Passed by consensus</i></p>	<p>Motion Passed</p>
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	<i>Abstention: None</i>	
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NOTE: All HIV Prevention Planning Committee (PPC) meeting summaries, tapes and documents are available for review and inspection at the Office of AIDS Programs and Policy (OAPP) located at 600 South Commonwealth Avenue, 2nd Floor, Los Angeles, CA 90005. To make an appointment to review these documents, please call Cheryl Williams at (213) 351-8126.