

CALIFORNIA PLANNING GROUP (CPG)

OCTOBER MEETING NOTES

CPG MEMBERS PARTICIPATING: Jena Adams (Community Co-Chair), Joseph Burke, Francisco Cabas (Community Co-Chair), Shelia Cromwell-Nieve, Holvis Delgadillo, Susan Farrington, Matt Geltmaker, Liz Hall (State Co-Chair), Dennis Hendrix, Jesse Lopez, Amanda Mihalko, Juan Rivera, Jen Rohde-Budz (State Co-Chair), David Selberg, Tony Sillemon, Fred Smith, Deb Suderman, Clarmundo Sullivan, Karl Vidt, Channing Wayne, Michael Weiss

INVITED GUESTS

Mona Bernstein, Pacific AIDS Education & Training Center (PAETC)

MEETING FACILITATOR

Eileen Jacobowitz, M.P.A., EJC Consulting

OFFICE OF AIDS STAFF

Karen Mark, Amy Kile-Puente, Alessandra Ross, Ayanna Kiburi, Katrina Gonzales, Leslie Knight, and Yvonne Gaide

CPG Meeting Goal

Clarify CPG's operational procedures and present an update on the Integrated Plan (IP) and the activities Office of AIDS (OA) is planning to attain its goals and objectives.

CPG Meeting Objectives

By the end of the meeting:

1. OA will clarify Consensus Decision-Making for the work of the CPG
2. Members will make a decision on changes made to the CPG Governance Document
3. OA will clarify the role of the CPG in revising and approving Clearinghouse publications
4. OA will provide an update on the status of the IP and address suggestions and comments submitted by the CPG membership
5. OA will provide an update on the State's activities to meet the goals and objectives of the IP, specifically biomedical intervention (PrEP) and funding for prevention
6. Members will elect Community Co-Chairs for the 2015-2016 membership term

Call to Order/Meeting Starters

- Jena Adams and Francisco Cabas, Community Co-Chairs, welcomed the group and introduced the facilitator, Eileen Jacobowitz.
- Eileen Jacobowitz:
 - Went over member packets, agenda, ground rules, and meeting goals and objectives.
 - Opened up nominations for two elected Community Co-Chairs who will serve through January 2016.
 - Nominations were made for and accepted by:
 - Joseph Burke
 - Francisco Cabas
 - Jena Adams
 - Holvis Delgadillo

Consensus Decision-Making

- Alessandra Ross, Intravenous Drug Use Specialist, reviewed the consensus decision-making model

Governance Document

- Liz Hall, State Co-Chair, asked the membership for approval of the revised Governance document using the Consensus Decision-Making process.
 - One member pointed out that one of his edits, which was the word “infected”, had not been incorporated on page five in the fourth bullet. State staff acknowledged the omission was a mistake
 - Another member was concerned about the stigma associated with the word “infected” and suggested changing the bullet to “Act on behalf of all communities living with and affected by HIV/AIDS in the decision-making process”
 - The member was also concerned with the stigma associated with the words “at risk” in the last bullet on page five. His suggestion was to replace the words with “vulnerable”
 - One member suggested “vulnerable to exposure”
 - The member commented on the possible use of the word “infection” in the bullet
 - The suggested change to the bullet was “Identify the necessary HIV prevention services for those vulnerable to HIV infection”

- The group approved the revised version of the Governance document with the suggested changes to the two bullets on page five. This was the group's first time using the consensus decision-making process to come to a decision, and it was a success!

AIDS Clearinghouse Process

- Amy Kile-Puente, HIV Prevention Branch Chief, clarified the California AIDS Clearinghouse (CAC) process and the CPG's role in the approval process.
- Several CPG members requested specific promotional materials that OA will check on availability and either make available or provide a status update, including the Condom Comeback Wheel and You Are Precious Fan.
- There was also a question on if the CAC had any future plans to include faith-based materials. OA will be assessing this.

Integrated Plan (IP)

- Dr. Karen Mark, OA Division Chief, presented the IP overview, provided responses to CPG members' comments, provided an update on IP goals 4-6 and discussed the next steps for the Integrated Plan and Statewide Coordinated Statement of Need (SCSN).
- Ayanna added that one element of the SCSN is to get feedback from consumers and other stakeholders involved in HIV care and prevention. OA will seek input from the CPG, California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS), etc.
- Based on questions/comments from members, Dr. Mark clarified that states have authority to allocate Ryan White Part B funds to address the highest need and the formula that CDPH Office of AIDS uses to allocate Ryan White Part B funds to California local health jurisdictions was vetted through the CPG in the past.
- Members had questions about how to join the OA Advisory Network. OA will send CPG members the Advisory Network web link that will enable them to sign up.
- Dr. Mark asked the membership to approve the revised goals and objectives of the IP, which members had been given an opportunity to comment on and to which Dr. Mark had presented OA's responses. Dr. Mark assured the CPG that if they did approve the revised goals and objectives, OA would report back to the CPG regularly on OA's activities and progress made toward achieving the revised goals and objectives, but would not re-publish on OA's website the current IP with these revised goals and objectives. This would allow OA and the CPG to focus efforts on updating the IP for 2016.
 - One member, referring to the planned 2016 update to the IP, suggested that we come up with our own IP and let the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) follow because they are looking for guidance from us.

- One member asked if we don't update the IP document currently on OA's website, how would that impact anyone outside of the group or people looking for information on OA's current position? Dr. Mark suggested one way to address this would be by creating a one page document that could be an addendum to the plan on the website with revised goals and objectives. Another possibility is to simply leave the website as is, since the changes are minor.
- Ayanna commented that she and Amy are attending a panel with CDC and they will share the process of the IP. We are one of the few states that have done it.
- One member couldn't see why there would be a problem with keeping the website as is. She didn't think a one page document with the revised goals and objectives is necessary. CPG is supposed to bring back these types of changes to their communities and that's sufficient.
- Any major objections – none.
- Using the consensus decision-making process, the group approved the revised goals and objectives of the IP and agreed that they will be used when OA reports back to the CPG on progress towards achieving them, but will not be updated on OA's website since the changes are minor.

State Activities

- Amy Kile-Puente, HIV Prevention Chief, presented an update on state prevention activities.
- Expanded HIV Testing in Healthcare Settings Request for Applications (RFA) was released on September 29, 2014. The amount awarded is \$2.2M from CDC for January 1 through December 31, 2015. Eighteen Local Health Jurisdictions (LHJs) are eligible to apply. The full RFA is on the OA website. OA needs two CPG members to participate as Review Panelists, but to be eligible, the members cannot be affiliated with an applying agency. Clark Marshall is the OA staff contact person.
- Senate Bill (SB) 870 Demonstration Projects RFA – \$3M was approved to establish up to four public health demonstration projects to reach individuals at high risk for HIV infection(\$2.85 is appropriated to the demonstration projects and the remainder goes to support). The terms of the resulting contracts will be: Year One – Feb 1, 2015 to June 30, 2015; Year Two – July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016; Year Three – July 1, 2016 to January 31, 2017. All funding is contingent on the availability and continuation of state general funds allocated for this purpose.
- Pharmacy campaign SB1743 – Non-Prescription Syringe Sales (NPSS) was signed and goes into effect January 1, 2015. Many pharmacists are unaware of law change so OA is in the process of undertaking a phone survey to discern the needs within the state to educate the retail pharmacies on the change in the law.

- There will be a PrEP think tank co-hosted by the California HIV/AIDS Research Project (CHRP), UCLA Clinical AIDS Research and Education (CARE) Center, Project Inform, and the San Francisco Department of Public Health. Invited to attend: Representatives from each of the PrEP demonstration projects and the five highest burdened LHJ's (Alameda, Long Beach, Orange, San Diego, and Riverside) in the California project area. Several OA staff will also be in attendance.
- The California Department of Public Health (CDPH) Sexually Transmitted Disease (STD) Control Branch and the OA will distribute an STD and PrEP Service Assessment Survey to its clinical partners. The survey data will allow CDPH to tailor and target future technical assistance efforts with respect to STD clinical services and the availability of PrEP. CPG members will receive the survey to assist in the distribution of the survey and/or complete the survey as appropriate.

CPG Updates/Comments

- Mona – The PAETC are doing a series of town hall meetings that are led and coordinated by performance sites. They had the first in Alameda, LA, Orange, and San Diego counties. They are local leading sites, health departments, AIDS Service Organization (ASO) and Community Based Organizations (CBO). They address the PAETC programs and how to be responsive to HIV epidemic. Focus is on clinical care setting, providers and work force issues. By collaborating there's greater input on how to address the epidemic. Every five years they have to compete for their grant so this helps them. Shelia added that there is one coming up in Moreno Valley.
- David – Asked the group to look critically at Post Exposure Prophylaxis (PEP) and PrEP. Instead of funding PEP, PrEP and the Syringe Exchange Program (SEP), what he requested was to fund or bring back funding to OA for care, treatment and HIV testing. His motivation was to restore funding; he's not against PEP and PrEP but in smaller LHJs they are struggling for funding so look critically at huge grants.
- Juan – Suggests that during the next in-person meeting we include a CPG Comment/Question time to bring up issues not addressed on the agenda. He's concerned about the OA-HIPP program. There's a lag in getting checks out, so he's concerned about clients losing coverage. Karen acknowledged the challenges and agreed this could be a topic for the next CPG meeting agenda. Liz also encouraged the group to notify the co-chairs if they have items they want added to the next CPG meeting agenda.
- Channing – SF and Amsterdam are the two remaining cities in the running to host the next International AIDS Conference.
- Joseph – Please call anytime if you have questions about what's going on in San Diego. They are experts on border jurisdiction and how they handle those types of challenges.

- Francisco – Would also like to see a discussion on PEP and PrEP and finding ways to get insurance companies to cover the medication to free up funding.
- A member commented that the problem with the PEP & PrEP program in private practices isn't insurance, but finding PrEP patients. The providers don't know how to provide the service. A lot of clinics are hesitant to take on more PrEP patients because it's not profitable.

Vote on Community Co-Chairs

- Each candidate was given a moment to speak.
- Results: Francisco and Jena were re-elected as Community Co-Chairs

Public Comments

- Lori Jones from the County of San Diego, HHSA, PHS - HIV, STD and Hepatitis Branch is concerned there isn't much public support for the CPG. Given the AIDS conference she's surprised that there aren't more people from the public attending the CPG meeting. She is concerned about the Advisory Network not sending out information or bumping people off. Loves the consensus decision-making process and the IP. Thankful for the service of the CPG.

Next Steps

- Next In-person meeting will be held in Sacramento in February.
- Tentatively scheduled webinar for November.
- Working on getting SharePoint up and running.
- OA will make changes to the Governance document according the consensus decision.
- Meeting notes and PowerPoint slides will be posted online.

Other Questions/Comments from Meeting

- A member asked how to get a representative from the State Medi-Cal program on their local Ryan White Part A Planning Council, as required by the funder. Other members also had the same issue and there was discussion on whether it could be a local or state Medi-Cal representative. Ayanna stated that the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) Ryan White Part A and Part B Project Officers are meeting to discuss the State's Part B representation on the planning councils, as well as other state programs that provide HIV services. This should result in guidance from HRSA that will be helpful in addressing some of the issues.

Adjournment

