

**California STD/HIV Controllers Association  
Executive Committee Call Agenda**

**Friday, September 22, 2017  
8:30 AM – 10:00 AM**

**Executive Committee Members Present**

Adrienne Rogers, Danielle Huntsman, Eric Gordon, Jim McPherson, Patrick Loose (left at 9:33), Vivian Levy

**Others Participating**

Adriana Almaguer, Barbara Vassell, Carolyn Lieber, Curtis Moore, Deborah Collins, Heidi Bauer, Heidi Vert, Hemal Parikh, Jena Adams, Kamal Kaur, Karen Mark, Karla Lopez, Kristy Michie, Matt Feaster, Matt Geltmaker, Patrick Grijalva, Patti Denney, Romni Neiman, Sonali Kulkarni, Staci Syas

**Agenda Item**

1. Welcome/Roll Call

Patrick Loose called the meeting to order at 8:36. A quorum of the Executive Committee was present.

2. Approval of the Agenda

**Motion:** Approve agenda.

Moved – J. McPherson

Seconded – A. Rogers

**Passed** by voice vote

3. Approval of the August 25, 2017 Meeting Minutes

**Motion:** Approve August 25, 2017 Executive Committee meeting minutes.

Moved – V. Levy

Seconded – A. Rogers

**Passed** by voice vote

4. STD Control Branch Update

Heidi Bauer highlighted several items from her written report (refer to “CSTDHIVCA STDCB Updates 09-22-17” report), including the upcoming correctional health meeting scheduled for October 4; the CDC STD data release; the CDC grant funding award for congenital syphilis (Heidi noted that California represents approximately 1/3 of congenital syphilis cases nationally); and the ongoing Bicillin shortage.

Heidi reminded the group of the upcoming National Coalition of State STD Directors (NCSD) annual meeting (November 14-17), and that there are scholarships available for DIS (information was sent to the Association email list yesterday).

Heidi recommends attending if possible, and will check to see if STDCB is able to sponsor any scholarships for STD controllers.

Heidi also responded to a question related to the Council of State and Territorial Epidemiologists (CSTE) vote on syphilis reporting. The intent is to capture better information on neuro-syphilis as a separate assessment, rather than as a symptom. While the change is supposed to take effect January 1, 2018, direction from CDC has not been received and any changes to CalREDIE have yet to be determined. Heidi noted that eye and neuro syphilis morbidity in CA appears to be stable.

## 5. Office of AIDS Update

Karen highlighted several items from her written report (refer to September2017\_FinalOARReport.pdf), including workshops on the integrated plan implementation, progress on the needs assessment briefs, new ADAP programs (PrEP-AP [PrEP assistance Phase 1 for uninsured individuals starting in early 2018; and Phase 2 for underinsured individuals starting in Spring 2018; and Access, Adherence and Navigation Program]), and the state's receipt of \$35 million in Part B supplemental grant funds. Karen shared that OA is looking to expand/increase ADAP enrollment sites to accommodate the new programming. Nineteen sites have also been tentatively identified for funding for the new ADAP Access, Adherence, and Navigation program will be contacted in the near future.

## 6. Legislative Update

Jim provided a brief update on the status of bills being monitored, and advised the group that two bills that the Association had taken positions on (AB186 – Watch, and SB239 - Support) had been approved by the Legislature and submitted to the Governor. A letter has been sent from the Association encouraging the Governor to sign SB239.

Jim also shared that the Association had received a request from APLA, co-sponsor on SB239, for the Association to sign-on and allow its logo to be used on a letter APLA will be sending to the Governor encouraging him to approve SB239.

**Motion:** Approve use of Association logo and co-signing APLA letter to governor Brown supporting approval of SB239.

Moved – A. Rogers

Seconded – P. Loose

**Passed** by voice vote

*Patrick Loose left the meeting (9:33), and Eric Gordon took over as chair pro tempore.*

## 7. LHJ Access to State Rate for LexisNexis® Accurint® Use

Adrienne inquired of STDCB and OA the possibility of LJHs accessing any state discount for LexisNexis® Accurint® user licenses. It had been indicated at the Annual Meeting that such an opportunity may be possible. Romni clarified that the

state doesn't receive a discount. Karen offered to look into the possibility of buying licenses for LHJs if there were any funds left over at the end of the year, but cautioned that funding wouldn't be stable or reliable. Jim asked if an LHJ had/anticipated unspent HIV Surveillance funding, if that could be used to support local LexisNexis® Accurint® licenses. Karen felt that it probably would be allowable, but would need to confirm and report back at the next Executive Committee meeting.

#### 8. Request to make Chlamydia a lab only reportable disease

Jim asked the group to consider asking the membership to recommend to the STD Control Branch that Chlamydia be made a lab report only disease. Heidi Bauer provided an historical overview of Chlamydia reporting and the previous suggestion, approximately five years ago, to make Chlamydia lab reportable only. At that time, there were approximately 15 LHJs that felt strongly that chlamydia should remain both lab and provider reported.

In response to a question on the potential impact of eliminating provider reporting, it was noted that only 25-30% of Chlamydia cases are reported by providers, primarily from a subset of high volume reporters, such as Planned Parenthood. As a result, the provider reported data is likely not representational of Chlamydia morbidity overall. Without the provider reports, the information that would no longer be received from that 25-30% of cases would include race/ethnicity and treatment provided. The information reported with the lab result would continue to include name, date of birth, and gender, as is currently provided.

It was pointed out that the path to recommend a change in Title 17 would be for the Association to make a recommendation to the CCLHO CD Committee, who would, in turn, forward any recommendation to CCLHO to pass on to the CDPH regulators. Matt Geltmaker suggested that the Executive Committee vote first on a recommendation and present the issue and recommendation to the full membership for action. There was general agreement with that approach, and to the underlying suggestion that Chlamydia be made lab reportable only; but it was felt that having a more developed recommendation would be beneficial. Heidi agreed to follow up and provide additional information at the next Executive Committee meeting.

#### 9. Follow Up on Old Business from August Meeting:

##### a. Position Statements

Discussion on this item was deferred to the October 27, 2017 meeting.

##### b. Website Content

Jim reviewed the proposed items for inclusion on the Association web page OA will be hosting. In addition to the distributed items, the Association agendas/minutes will also be posted. Vivian suggested that "adolescent" be deleted from the mission statement in order to reflect a broader scope. The target for submitting the information to OA to add to the web page is October 1.

Without objection, the recommended change will be made to the mission statement and the items submitted to OA for the web page.

c. Dues / Annual Meeting Fee

Adrienne reviewed the results of her research to date with other CCLHO affiliates, including the CD Controllers, Dietitians, and Educators. The CD Controllers charge \$15 dues per LHJ per year, while others charge up to \$200 per year. Some charge dues by agency, while others are per person. In addition, some charge dues as well as fees for their annual meeting (giving a discount to dues paying members). Adrienne also noted that there are several options related to taxation status: 501c3, 501c4 and unincorporated association. The costs to incorporate and/or obtain 501c3 or c4 status are nominal (\$25-\$30), but each has strengths and drawbacks; and there would be year-end reporting (IRS 990 form) provided we take in <\$50,000/year. Adrienne noted that, in any event, our Bylaws would need to make it clear that we are a non-profit Association.

Following general discussion of the issues, it was the consensus of the group that an ad hoc committee should be formed to further research the issues and options, and make a recommendation to the Executive Committee and full membership. An invitation will be sent to all members asking them to contact Adrienne if they are interested in being on the Dues Ad Hoc Committee.

d. Adjusting quorum of the full body

Jim gave a brief overview of the number currently required to constitute a quorum, as stipulated in the Association Bylaws. Following a general discussion, the consensus was to leave the number at 33%+1 for quorum of the membership, and to take no further action.

e. Legality of email polls, call-in meetings

Discussion on this item was deferred to the October 27, 2017 meeting.

10. Other Items/Announcements

None.

11. Adjourn Meeting: Next meeting on October 27, 2017

Eric adjourned the meeting at 9:58am to the next regular Executive Committee meeting on October 27, 2017 at 8:30am.