

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

**Friday, February 24, 2017
8:30 AM – 10:00 AM**

Executive Committee Members Present

Patrick Loose, Bonnie Flippin, Danielle Huntsman, Jim McPherson, Gay Calhoun, Vivian Levy, Sarah Lewis, Eric Gordon

Others Participating

Heidi Bauer, Karen Mark, Adrienne Rogers, Denise Smith, Elisa Gallegos, Hemal Parikh, Paula Kriner, Sandra Pierce, Sonali Kulkarni, Romni Neiman, Debbie Owens-Collins, Brian Wheeler, Julie Vaishampayan, Christine Leivermann, Susan Strong, Matt Geltmaker, Marquette Engel, Susan Philip

Agenda Item

1. Welcome

Jim McPherson conducted a roll call of Executive Committee members, and asked those that were not logged into the WebEx to identify themselves. A quorum of the Executive Committee was present.

Patrick Loose called the meeting to order at 8:36.

2. Introduction of New Officers

Patrick expressed thanks to the outgoing CCLAD and CSTDCA officers for their leadership, and asked the new CSTD/HIVCA Executive Committee members to introduce themselves.

The Executive Committee members each gave a brief introduction.

3. Approval of the Agenda

Jim asked that the Office of AIDS update be moved up to immediately follow approval of agenda.

Motion: Approve agenda as amended.

Moved -V. Levy

Seconded – E. Gordon

Passed with all members present voting Aye

4. Approval of the January 27, 2017 Meeting Minutes

Motion: Approve January 27, 2017 Executive Committee meeting minutes as distributed.

Moved -V. Levy

Seconded – E. Gordon

Passed with all members present voting Aye

5. STD Control Branch Update

Heidi highlighted several items from her written report (refer to CSDHIVCA STDCB Updates 2-24-17 report), including formation of the local STD advisory group, desire to have representation from a low morbidity jurisdiction, and need to finish the committee work by July 2017; the Antibiotic-Resistant Gonorrhea kick-off meeting in Oakland scheduled for March 6, 2017; the continuing Bicillin® L-A Shortage; the Healthy Stores Survey data, which also includes condom access availability data; the one-time CDPH STD grants; California Youth Risk Behavior Survey – 2015 California statewide data; updates on the State’s viral Hepatitis response; and the local capacity building webinar series.

Heidi also noted that April is STD Awareness Month, and that CDC will be launching a “Syphilis Strikes Back” campaign with weekly themes throughout the month of April. Materials are available on the CDC web site, as are materials for the “Get Yourself Tested (GYT)” campaign targeting youth. The STD Control Branch may also be able to assist with local STD Awareness Month efforts.

Eric inquires whether the Healthy Stores data had been released. Several LHJs on the call shared that they had received data. Sarah inquired what the state plans to include with the publicly shared data, such as how/where to get tested, access condoms, etc. Heidi agreed with the suggested inclusion of information. Sarah also offered to share the talking points Santa Clara County was developing for an upcoming Healthy Stores press conference.

Denise noted that the Bicillin shortage has begun impacting Kern County, with Doxycycline beginning to be used for non-pregnant patients. Heidi noted the preference for continuing to use Bicillin, that the state has some supplies available, and also noted the LHJ Bicillin survey done a few months ago, and the possibility of doing another survey to identify potential availability in other jurisdictions. Heidi encouraged providers to be diligent and press Pfizer for delivery of Bicillin, which seems to have had some success.

6. Office of AIDS Update

Karen highlighted several items from her written report (refer to the February 2017 Office of AIDS report), including work on the Integrated Plan, ADAP, OA response to questions from CMS related to the AIDS Waiver, and CPG member recruitment. Karen

also advised that the Kings County syringe exchange program application has been approved.

7. Interjurisdictional Syphilis Data Sharing in CalREDIE

Sarah expressed that the shared benefit of inter-jurisdictional syphilis data sharing outweighed the potential risk, and that she had had a positive response from the state. The proposed method to enable inter-jurisdictional data sharing in CalREDIE would involve having a separate read-only log in for the participating jurisdictions, and that they would be able to view only what the other participating jurisdictions agreed to share.

There was general discussion regarding potential logistics questions/concerns for those jurisdictions opting in to the data sharing arrangement. There was also a suggestion that the data sharing should include all of the reportable sexually transmitted infections (Chlamydia, gonorrhea and syphilis), followed by a suggestion that viral hepatitis also be included. There was consensus in the benefit of including hepatitis B and C in the shared data, but was suggested that we also check with the CD Controllers. Matt will check in with the CD Controllers.

Romni shared that the separate log in approach does not require programming changes in CalREDIE; whereas, other options would require some degree of programming. The consensus was that, while the separate log in may not be ideal, it was an incremental, but significant step forward.

Marquette inquired regarding potential issues with having shared data that included HIV information in the record. Romni noted that it is allowable, appropriate and recommended to include HIV coinfection information in the syphilis case records, and that OA was working toward having HIV labs and other data entered into CalREDIE – though that is still some time away.

Heidi shared that CCLHO had been briefed on the inter-jurisdictional data sharing, and was not opposed; but was waiting to see the new data sharing agreements.

Motion: The Association should recommend that CDPH permit LHJ inter-jurisdictional sharing of Chlamydia, gonorrhea, syphilis, hepatitis B and hepatitis C data in CalREDIE, encourage local health officers to approve their LHJ participation in inter-jurisdictional data sharing, and share the Association's recommendations with the CDPH-Office of Viral Hepatitis Prevention (OVHP), California Communicable Disease Controller's Association (CACDC) and California Conference of Local Health Officers (CCLHO).

Moved -V. Levy

Seconded – S. Lewis

Passed with all members present voting Aye

8. Legislative Update

Jim provided a brief overview of the 11 state bills currently being monitored (refer to Legislative Summary.022117):

- AB186 – safe injection sites
- AB821 – non-substantive technical changes to existing statute (possibly a placeholder bill for later use)
- AB1312 – *not yet fully reviewed*
- AB1534 – insurance carrier HIV care provider access
- AB1538 – non-substantive technical changes to existing statute (possibly a placeholder bill for later use)
- SB179 – reduces barriers to changing gender identifier on birth and other government records and creates a nonbinary gender option
- SB219 - *not yet fully reviewed*
- SB221 – requires inclusion of coverage in health care plans for body composition treatment related to lipodystrophy syndrome
- SB239 – eliminates (or makes consistent with other communicable diseases) HIV status related criminal statutes
- SB245 – requires foster care providers ensure foster youth receive comprehensive sexual health information
- SB562 – California “single payer” health coverage

There was general discussion among those present regarding the pending legislation.

It was noted that the local health officers declined to take a position last year on a bill similar to AB186, but will be discussing the issue at their April meeting. Julie offered to share links to information from the Seattle task force and approval of sites. The link to the report is: <http://www.kingcounty.gov/depts/community-human-services/mental-health-substance-abuse/heroin-opiates-task-force.aspx>, and the link to the article about the approval of site(s) is https://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/awash-in-overdoses-seattle-creates-safe-sites-for-addicts-to-inject-illegal-drugs/2017/01/27/ddc58842-e415-11e6-ba11-63c4b4fb5a63_story.html?utm_term=.bb595d42ea8f

It was suggested that the Committee first focus on AB186, SB179 and SB239, with the intent to take positions on those bills at the next Executive Committee meeting. Jim will follow up with CSAC, CCLHO, and HOAC to see if they have or plan to take a position on those bills.

9. Annual Meeting on May 25 & 26 (date change) in Oakland

Patrick gave a brief update on the status of the 2017 annual meeting, and noted that the dates had been changed due to a competing conference in Oakland. The annual meeting would be a full-day on Thursday, and half-day on Friday. Several participants observed that the new dates immediately preceded a 3-day holiday weekend. There was some discussion of potential alternate dates, and Patrick encouraged anyone who was interested to participate in the 10am Wednesday weekly annual meeting planning work group calls. In an effort to be more inclusive and responsive to member needs,

the proposed format of the meeting would include items of interest targeting high, medium and low morbidity jurisdictions.

The annual meeting planning work group calls are held weekly, on Wednesday at 10am. Dial in: 888-204-5984 Access: 6406746. Patrick will send the meeting appointment to all of the Executive Committee members.

10. Other Items/Announcements

Patrick inquired about a logo and letterhead for the new Association. Danielle advised she was already working on that.

Patrick also inquired about the web site. Jim shared that OA had agreed to continue to host a web page for CSTD/HIVCA, and that the plan was to gather together all of the changes, logo, documents, etc. and send those as a package to update the site.

Patrick asked about the CLIA waived rapid syphilis test. Vivian expressed concern Heidi asked for guidance regarding distribution of commercial/industry material/information

11. Meeting Close: Next meeting on March 24, 2017

Patrick adjourned the meeting at 9:53am to the next scheduled Executive Committee meeting on March 24, 2017 at 8:30am.