

## STEERING COMMITTEE



Friday, January 9, 2026, 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM  
County Operations Center  
5530 Overland Ave, San Diego, CA 92123  
(Meeting Room 124)

### A quorum for this meeting is four (4)

**Members Present:** Michael Donovan | Felipe Garcia-Bigley | Dr. David Grelotti | Cinnamen Kubricky (Vice-Chair) | Mikie Lochner (Chair) | Rhea Van Brocklin

**Members Absent:** Michael Wimpie

### ORDER OF BUSINESS

Agenda Item	Discussion/Action	Follow-Up
1. Call to order, introductions, comments from the chair, and a moment of silence	Mikie Lochner called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM. Introductions were had. A moment of silence was observed.	
2. Public comment (for members of the public)	None	
3. Sharing our concerns (for committee members)	The following comments were made: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- A concern about federal childcare funding cuts.</li> <li>- A reminder that holidays increase the risk of a substance use relapse.</li> <li>- A concern about increased premiums and a loss of health care. A request to discuss it at a future meeting.</li> </ul>	
4. <b>ACTION:</b> Approve the Steering Committee agenda for January 9, 2026	<b>Motion:</b> Approve the Steering Committee agenda for January 9, 2026 <b>Motion/Second/Count (M/S/C):</b> Van Brocklin/Grelotti/5-0 <b>Discussion:</b> none <b>Abstentions:</b> Lochner <b>Motion carries</b>	
5. <b>ACTION:</b> Approve meeting minutes from November 14, 2025	<b>Motion:</b> Approve meeting minutes for November 14, 2025 <b>M/S/C:</b> Van Brocklin/Grelotti/5-0 <b>Discussion:</b> none <b>Abstentions:</b> Lochner <b>Motion carries</b>	
6. <b>ACTION:</b> Approve the HIV Planning Group agenda for January 28, 2026	<b>Motion:</b> Approve the HIV Planning Group agenda for January 28, 2026 <b>M/S/C:</b> Kubricky/Van Brocklin/5-0 <b>Discussion:</b>	

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	<p><b>Abstentions:</b> Lochner</p> <p><b>Motion carries</b></p>	
7. HIV, STD, and Hepatitis Branch (HSHB) Report	<p>Patrick Loose provided the following updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The deployment of food vouchers was successful. PSRAC approved additional funds at their January meeting.</li> <li>- The County is looking into ways to deploy MAI funding.</li> <li>- Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) is coming in July for a site visit to review the programs. They will be reviewing policies and procedures, HPG agendas and minutes. They will also hold consumer focus groups.</li> </ul> <p>The following discussion took place:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- A recommendation to develop a strategy to distribute food vouchers to a larger population in need.</li> <li>- If people are not eligible for enhanced case management, how can case manager ensure clients in those programs get food vouchers too. The process for fund deployment was clarified.</li> <li>- How do we manage the funding deployment and continuation of emergency financial assistance while being a payor of last resort.</li> <li>- Stigma still persists and affects access, which is important to address when developing strategies to reach those in need. How can messaging change, especially within the outreach and prevention realm.</li> </ul>	
8. Committee reports and recommendations	<p><u>Priority Setting and Resource Allocation Committee (PSRAC):</u> met in January to approve FY25 reallocations and had a discussion about data requests. A decision on the attendance policy will be discussed at the next meeting.</p> <p><u>Strategies and Standards Committee:</u> tabled</p>	<p>Mikie Lochner to inquire with the Project Officer regarding a possibility of switching the hospital agency</p>

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	<p><u>Membership Committee</u>: met in November and completed the 2026 workplan. Next meeting will be held in January, and the committee will review the seat descriptions. The goal is to also recruit a new member. Mikie Lochner updated the committee that HRSA is moving closer to appointing a Medi-Cal member.</p> <p><u>Community Engagement Group (CEG)</u>: the committee hosted a holiday party in December. It was well attended.</p> <p><u>Medical Standards and Evaluation Committee (MSEC)</u>: the committee is working on updating the mental health service standards.</p>	representative seat to a non-voting seat
9. HPG Support Staff Report	<p>HPG Support Staff provided the following updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Interviews were concluded for two candidates, Administrative Analyst I and Health Information Specialist II. We expect new staff to join in March.</li> <li>- Brief updates on SB 707 and the upcoming changes were provided.</li> </ul>	HPG SS to summarize the SB 707 at the January HPG
10. Old Business		
a. <b>Update</b> : Committee Chair Retreat (March 2026)	The committee decided to delay the retreat until fall of 2026.	
b. <b>Discussion</b> : HPG Retreat (April 2026)	<p>The following discussion took place:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- A suggestion to review what does and doesn't work in the current service structure (like care coordination) instead of the SWOT analysis.</li> <li>- Since there are several new members, a suggestion to review letter 16-02 that outlines the service categories, policies, and acronyms.</li> <li>- A recommendation to have a deeper conversation and clarify member expectations, specifically what the members have control over and what they don't.</li> <li>- Use the retreat to provide direction to the committees like the</li> </ul>	<p>HPG SS to reach out to Francisco regarding facilitating the discussion</p> <p>HPG SS to work with Recipient's Office to reach out to Delores Jacobs about her availability and next steps (if available to facilitate)</p>

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	<p>Strategies and Standards Committee and PSRAC.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- A request to prioritize solution-based activities.</li> <li>- A recommendation to use the appreciative inquiry framework as the basis for discussion.</li> <li>- What do we do differently to reach more people or those we are not reaching, even though our system works great.</li> <li>- Use the first hour to level set everyone on the rules and what the current service delivery is like. Emphasis on what is going well.</li> <li>- What can be revisited and potentially approved – access, helping people navigate changes (small continuous improvements).</li> <li>- Develop actionable items for each of the committees.</li> </ul>	
11. New Business		
a. <b>ACTION:</b> Approve 2026 meeting schedule	<p><b>Motion:</b> Approve the 2026 HPG and committee meeting schedule with the changes to the August HPG schedule  <b>M/S/C:</b> Garcia-Bigley/Donovan/5-0  <b>Discussion:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Request to adjust the HPG August schedule to 8/12, 8/19 and 8/26 and remove 8/5</li> </ul> <p><b>Abstentions:</b> Lochner  <b>Motion carries</b></p>	
b. <b>Discussion:</b> Data requests for 2026 meetings	Mikie Lochner requested that the chairs reach out to HPG SS until end of January with any data requests.	
c. <b>Discussion:</b> Continuation of food vouchers	A request to have an agenda item on the HPG agenda in February to discuss continuation of food vouchers Emergency financial assistance is meant to be temporary, but a discussion is necessary at a future HPG meeting about access to food via home delivered meals which is a more permanent funding source.	Strategies and Standards to discuss food vouchers and set criteria; work with staff to leverage data
d. <b>Discussion:</b> HPG Vice-Chair elections	Mikie Lochner made an announcement that the HPG vice-chair elections will take place at the February HPG meeting.	

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e. <b>Update:</b> 700 form and other annual requirements (deadline – 4/1/26)	HPG SS provided an update on the submission status.	
12. Routine Business		
a. <b>Review:</b> Committee attendance	The committee reviewed attendance.	
b. Public comments/HPG member comments/Suggestions to the Steering Committee from previous HPG meeting(s)	<p>Public comments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- A comment about the recently adopted 24-month timeframe for the PARS enrollment and the criteria for the waiting list.</li> </ul> <p>Sharing concerns:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Appreciation for the food spread.</li> <li>- A concern that Medi-Cal costs are on the rise, especially for married couples and people with dependents.</li> </ul>	
13. Future agenda items for consideration	This item is redundant and will be removed from future agendas.	
14. Announcements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- A Women’s Voice Conference, hosted by Christie’s Place on March 7, 2026.</li> <li>- A POZabilities speed dating fundraiser on February 21, 2026.</li> <li>- Diversionary Theatre will hold five performances of Rent in May with a plug for HPG at the beginning. Tickets will be available to the clients of the involved organizations.</li> </ul>	
15. Next meeting date	<p><b>Date:</b> Friday, March 13, 2026  <b>Time:</b> 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM  <b>Location:</b> County Operations Center, 5530 Overland Ave, San Diego, CA 92123 (Meeting Room 124) and via Zoom</p>	
16. Adjournment	Meeting adjourned at 12:02 PM.	