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San Diego HIV Planning Group (HPG)

MPox Task Force

Thursday, January 19, 2023

3:00 PM

Meeting occurred via video teleconference (Zoom)

MINUTES

Quorum is 6

Task Force Members Present: Allan Acevedo, Dr. Ankita Kadakia, Bob Lewis, Mikie Lochner (Chair), Patrick Loose, Antonio Page-Kahn, Dr. Ken Riley, Dr. Stephen Spector

Task Force Members Absent: Alberto Cortes, Max Disposti, Brenda Huerta, Cinnamen Kubricky, Raul Robles

Agenda Item	Action/Discussion	Follow-up
1. Call to Order/ Establishment of Quorum	Mikie Lochner, HPG Chair, called the meeting to order at 3:01 PM and noted the presence of a quorum.	
2. Action: Continuation of Teleconferencing	All votes at the meeting were taken by roll call; HPG members' names were called out verbally, then individual voice votes were noted and recorded. Action: Continuation of Teleconferencing Meeting Option Pursuant to Government Code Section 54953(e). a. Find HPG has reconsidered the circumstances of the State of Emergency b. Find that State and local officials continue recommending measures to promote social distancing. Motion/Second/Count (M/S/C): Dr. Ken Riley/Dr. Spector 7/0 Abstentions: Mikie Lochner Motion carries	
3. Chair Comments; Ground Rules & Abstentions	Reviewed by Mikie Lochner.	

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4. Public Comment (See page 2 of agenda for rules)	No public comment.	
5. Sharing our concerns/Comments on items not on agenda (for task force members)	No concerns.	
6. Action: Approval of the Task Force agenda for January 19, 2023	Action: Approve Task Force agenda for January 19, 2023 as presented. M/S/C: Allan Acevedo/Dr. Ken Riley 7/0 Abstentions: Mikie Lochner Motion carries	
7. Action: Approve Task Force meeting minutes	Action: Approve Task Force meeting minutes from November 10, 2022 M/S/C: Patrick Loose/Bob Lewis 7/0 Abstentions: Mikie Lochner Motion carries	
8. Old Business		
	a. Data Report: Vaccine equity data Report presented by Dr. Ankita Kadakia. Two (2) additional cases since report was last updated. New update will take place next Tuesday. Since October 2022, the County has been below 10 cases. State of California is ending MPOX State of Emergency by the end of this month. Efforts (vaccinations, focus on health equity, education, outreach, etc.) will be ongoing. Compilation of California MPOX in state of California was shared. Percentage of persons vaccinated in Latino population is lower than total cases of MPOX in California. Black/African American vaccinations are lower than total cases of MPOX in California. Hospitals would have information on data regarding length of hospital stay. County would have data on demographics.	Dr. Kadakia to find data on demographics of admitted MPOX patients and trends in hospitalization frequency and duration of hospital stays.
	b. Review Report of Vaccinations; Outreach, Health Education and Risk Reduction Activities; and Social Media Activities	

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	Report on MPOX Outreach 2022: Health and Risk-Reduction Education presented by Kym Hodge.	
	c. Review of Work Plan Despite the count ending local emergency on November 10th, primarily due to number of vaccines available, services available have not changed. Do we need to continue the taskforce; if so, what is our mission going to be? Closing equity gaps is going to take more time and effort. We would expect to meet at least meeting two (2) more times. There was suggestion to meet either quarterly or every six (6) months.	Mikie, Kelsey, and Patrick to review minutes and develop list of recommendations forward to present to Public Health Services.
	d. Discussion: Ongoing Data and Reporting Requests to Support Work of Task Force Report on key findings from 5 different EMAs presented by Dr. Ken Riley. Key Strategies and barriers from other EMAs in the United States were noted. New York Meeting: Lengthy Zoom meeting with them to discuss their MPOX Strategies on outreach. NY had to use a two-pronged approach (targeting LGBT community alone would miss target populations). Instead, they targeted focused communities. Geographical access, privacy and convenience are facilitators to vaccine access. Medical mistrust and stigma are major factors in barriers to vaccinations.	
	e. Discussion: Additional Training Required to Support Work of Task Force	
9. New Business		
	a. Recommendations for vaccine equity	
10. Suggestions to Task Force for consideration of future items	Suggestions need to have clear expectations for funding to take place.	

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	Knowing that the state is going to be ending the emergency, what are the needs of this group? The task force agreed to meet on a quarterly basis, instead of monthly. Next meeting will be in-person in accordance with AB2449.	
11. Announcements		
12. Next meeting date	<u>Next Meeting:</u> TBD	
Adjournment	4:00 PM	