

## COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT GROUP



Wednesday, January 21, 2026, from 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM  
County Operations Center (COC); 5530 Overland Ave, San  
Diego, CA 92123 (Training Room 124)

A quorum for this meeting is three (3).

**Committee Members Present:** Michael Donovan (Chair) | Jen Lothridge (Co-Chair) | Sergio Luna  
| Veronica Nava

### MEETING MINUTES

Agenda Item	Discussion/Action	Follow-Up
1. Call to order, comments from the chair, and a moment of silence	<p>The chair called the meeting to order at 3:05PM and noted the presence of an in-person quorum.</p> <p>A moment of silence was observed. The Chair made the following announcements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Happy new year to the committee and members of the public.</li><li>- The committee will be restructuring this year to have four meetings that will be replaced by special events organized by a community-based organization in San Diego.</li><li>- March will be hosted by Christie's Place and May will be hosted by Diversionary Theater.</li></ul>	
2. Review Background, Mission Statement, Goals, and Agreement of Meeting Decorum	Committee members read the Mission Statement, the Community Engagement Group (CEG) Charge, and Meeting Decorum.	
3. Introductions (Name, Role with HPG/Consumer, Pronouns), Icebreaker	Members and participants introduced themselves.	
4. Public comment (for members of the public)	None.	
5. Sharing our concerns (for committee members)	None.	
6. <b>ACTION:</b> Approve the	<b>Motion:</b> Approve the consent CEG	

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consent CEG agenda (which includes the January 21, 2026 agenda and the December 10, 2025 minutes)	agenda (which includes the January 21, 2026 agenda and the December 10, 2025 minutes)  <b>Motion/Second/Count (M/S/C):</b> Lothridge/Nava/2-0 <b>Abstention(s):</b> Donovan <b>Motion carries</b>	
Follow-Up Items from minutes:	None.	
<b>7a. Committee Updates</b>		
I. HIV Planning Group (HPG)	The committee will be meeting next week and voting to accept the recommended reallocations that were approved at this month's Priority Setting and Resource Allocation Committee meeting. They will also have a presentation on prevention from the HIV, STD, and Hepatitis Branch.	
II. Strategies and Standards Committee	The committee will be meeting in February to discuss food vouchers and continue the discussion on PARS.	
III. Steering Committee	The committee met earlier this month to discuss an HPG retreat for the chairs, and a separate retreat for the planning body. Their next meeting will be held in March.	
IV. Membership Committee	The committee could not meet this month. They will be meeting in February to discuss seat descriptions and create an accessible document for outreach and recruitment.	
V. Priority Settings and Resource Allocation Committee (PSRAC)	The committee reviewed the data and expenditure reports and accepted the final reallocations for this fiscal year. More funds were allocated towards Emergency Financial Assistance.	
VI. Medical Standards and Evaluation Committee (MSEC)	The committee's next meeting is in February. They will be reviewing and updating the Mental Health and Psychiatric Medication Management Service Standards. They are requesting stakeholders, providers, and consumers be part of the	

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	discussion.	
7b. Community Updates		
I. CARE Partnership	CARE Partnership met in January and had a presentation on the Getting to Zero (GTZ) app. The group has requested presentation suggestions for the 2026 calendar year.	
II. HIV Housing Committee/Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA)	Lothridge provided the following updates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Fraternity House signed a lease for 2 new units (4 beds).</li> <li>- Townspeople has 6 spaces available for their emergency housing and will begin their Enhanced Care Management (ECM) soon.</li> <li>- Father Joes has 15 openings.</li> <li>- Stepping Stone has 1 opening.</li> <li>- Being Alive is still providing utility and moving support.</li> <li>- HOPWA waitlist will close on 2/20.</li> </ul>	
8. Old Business		
a. Committee Attendance	None.	
9. New Business		
a. Discussion: Review 2026 CEG workplan	February – Collaborate with Malcom X Library and/or The Center Black Services July – Service Standards Exercise August – No Meeting October – No Meeting Prevention Collaboration November – Medical/Medicaid	
b. ACTION: Review and approve the HIV Planning Group presentation	The committee reviewed the current HIV Planning Group presentation and provided the following feedback: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Incorporate data at the beginning of the presentation as a call to action.</li> <li>- Add an overview of the Ryan White Program and funding parts.</li> <li>- Add a slide on the Strategies &amp;</li> </ul>	

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	Standards Committee. - Make CEG slide after PSRAC. - Incorporate more status neutral language. - Add a fun meme at the end to encourage involvement.	
10. Announcements	- Diversionary Theater will be collaborating with POZabilities for 5-6 HIV awareness benefits in May. - A Sweete Affair a POZabilities fundraiser will be held on February 21 <sup>st</sup> . - Big Gay Picnic will return to Balboa Park on February 8 <sup>th</sup> .	
11. Next meeting date	<b>Next Meeting:</b> Wednesday, February 18, 2026, from 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM <b>Location:</b> North Clairemont Library; 4616 Clairemont Drive, San Diego, CA 92117	
12. Adjournment	Meeting was adjourned at 4:26PM.	