

STEERING COMMITTEE



Tuesday, January 21, 2025, 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM
County Operations Center
5530 Overland Ave, San Diego, CA 92123
(Conference Room 124)

A quorum for this meeting is four (4)

Members Present: Michael Donovan | Cinnamen Kubricky (Vice-Chair) | Mikie Lochner (Chair) | Rhea Van Brocklin | Michael Wimpie

Members Absent: Dr. David Grelotti

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 11:00 AM. Introductions were held. The Chair made the following comments: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Acknowledged that this is the first meeting of the new year.	
2. Public comment (for members of the public)	A member of the public expressed concern about the PARS program, noting the number of people that are still on the waitlist.	
3. Sharing our concerns (for committee members)	The Chair made a comment about the medical advocate program. Patrick Loose recommended that the HPG consider reviewing the priorities and discussing what is important for the community. <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Consider Medicare/Medi-Cal training at the HPG, especially as it relates to HIV benefits.	The Chair to work with the HPG Support Staff (HPG SS) to add the training to the work plan.
4. ACTION: Approve the Steering Committee agenda for January 21, 2025	Motion: Approve the Steering Committee agenda for January 21, 2025 Motion/Second/Count (M/S/C): Van Brocklin/Donovan/5-0 Discussion: none Abstentions: Lochner Motion carries	
5. ACTION: Approve meeting minutes from November 19, 2024	Motion: Approve meeting minutes for November 19, 2024 M/S/C: Donovan/Garcia-Bigley/5-0 Discussion: none	

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	Abstentions: Lochner Motion carries	
6. ACTION: Approve the HIV Planning Group agenda for January 22, 2025	Motion: Approve the HIV Planning Group agenda for January 22, 2025, moving 7e to be 7b. M/S/C: Van Brocklin/Donovan/5-0 Discussion: none Abstentions: Lochner Motion carries	
7. Committee reports and recommendations	<p>Priority Setting and Resource Allocation Committee (PSRAC): The committee had a meeting earlier this month to approve reallocations. An ad hoc meeting was approved for February to review FY25 allocations and consider more funds for the primary care category.</p> <p>Membership Committee: The committee is still working on the seat definitions. The membership expectations document will be brought to Steering in March as it is still work in progress and will be presented at the January HPG meeting.</p> <p>Medical Standards and Evaluation Committee (MSEC): The committee is meeting in February to review the Oral Health Standards.</p>	
8. Old Business		
a. ACTION: Approve the revised Mileage Reimbursement Form	<p>Motion: Approve the revised Mileage Reimbursement Form with the changes listed below.</p> <p>M/S/C: Garcia-Bigley/Wimpie/4-0</p> <p>Discussion: The following discussion took place:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Visa gift cards are not allowed. - Arco may not be the cheapest option. - Recommendation to remove the unaffiliated consumer. - Concern about the language regarding ineligibility when two consecutive meetings are missed. 	HPG SS to confirm with the Project Officer about an ability to provide grocery cards in lieu of gas cards (including cards for electric car charging stations).

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - No way to compensate those who drive electric vehicles. - Remove “consumer” from the form. - “You may be eligible to receive reimbursement if you drove to and from the meeting” - A recommendation to have a policy not attached to the reimbursement form that doesn’t call out consumers. - Add language about “I have read and understood the...” - Recommendation to remove items 4 and 5. - (change the mileage amount) <p>Abstentions: Donovan, Lochner Motion carries</p>	
b. ACTION: Steering Committee meeting schedule	No action needed. If a modified time works for Dr. Grelotti, starting March, the committee will move to a new schedule.	HPG SS to ask Dr. Grelotti if 10am on 2 nd Friday of every other month would work.
c. Discussion: 2025 Retreat	<p>The following discussion took place:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - There may be some benefit to discuss the Ryan White funding at the federal level. Ending the HIV Epidemic (EHE) initiative may be at risk of being cancelled. Prep funding may also be at risk, including Medi-Cal and ACA funding. - Provide an overview of different systems and how they work. - Aging is also an important topic that may need training, especially aging women living with HIV. - Current political climate and what the consumers are facing (housing, medical benefits, service coordination, aging deportation). - Recommendation to have a retreat in early spring so the 	<p>HPG SS to look at 11am-3pm or 1pm-5pm on March 26th (HPG meeting).</p> <p>HPG SS to find a trainer without conflicts.</p>

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	discussion can guide the allocations and planning at PSRAC.	
9. New Business		
a. ACTION: Approve 2025 Meeting Schedule	Motion: Approve the 2025 meeting schedule M/S/C: Van Brocklin/Wimpie/5-0 Discussion: Add language to PSRAC clarifying that the June/July meetings are additional. Abstentions: Lochner Motion carries	
b. Discussion: Unaffiliated consumer definition and 33% minimum requirement	<p>The following discussion was held:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The current definition is restrictive as people living with HIV cannot have a job at any of the Part A service organizations. It makes it harder for Christie's Place that tries to empower those people as a goal should be for clients to achieve self-sufficiency which is part of the overall wellness. - A clarification that people living with HIV who are NOT considered an unaffiliated consumer, do not get counted in the demographics. - The rule/definition goes back to the very beginning, which misaligns with the changing time. Ryan White has not been reauthorized since 2009. 	
c. Discussion: Committee assignment process for new and current members	<p>The committee reviewed the process. The following discussion took place:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - HPG SS will be sending four forms for the members to complete and submit, including a committee preference. - When membership makes a recommendation to appoint a new member, it should also include a recommendation for a committee. The Chair will then make the appointment. 	HPG SS to review the membership application with the Membership Committee to ensure that the committee preference is listed and isn't restrictive.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - There is a gap in the current process. - New members should attend at least one CEG meeting. - Current CEG members should attend other committee meetings. - Committee members should be free to move from committee to committee, and their attendance should not be impacted if they don't feel that a committee is a good fit. - Recommendation to move towards a self-selection process from an appointment process, noting this in a policy. 	
d. Public comments/HPG member comments/Suggestions to the Steering Committee from previous HPG meeting(s)	Tabled	
10. Routine Business		
a. Review: Committee attendance	Tabled	
11. HIV, STD, and Hepatitis Branch (HSHB) Report	<p>Patrick Loose updated the committee on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The notification of the partial award has been received. We are expecting next year's award to be the same amount as this year. - There is still a lot of uncertainty based on the current administration, including the future of the EHE Initiative. 	
12. HPG Support Staff Report	Tabled	
a. Administrative budget review	Tabled	
13. Future agenda items for consideration	Tabled	
14. Announcements	Tabled	

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15. Next meeting date	Subject to change, pending confirmation from Dr. Grelotti regarding time change. The date of the 2 nd Friday of every other month has been confirmed, moving forward. Date: Tuesday, March 18, 2025 Time: 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM Location: to be determined, in-person and via Zoom	
16. Adjournment	Meeting adjourned at 1:01 PM.	