

SAN DIEGO HIV PLANNING GROUP (HPG)



Wednesday, February 25, 2026, 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM
Chula Vista Live Well Center
690 Oxford Street, Chula Vista, CA 91911
South Conference Room

A quorum for this meeting is thirteen (13)

HPG Members Joining in Person (21): Nicole Aguilar | Marco Aguirre Mendoza | Juan Conant | Beth Davenport | Michael Donovan | Tyra Fleming | Rosemary Garcia | Felipe Garcia-Bigley | David Grelotti | Lori Jones | Michael King | Michael Lochner (*Chair*) | Jen Lothridge | Eva Matthews | Skyler Miles | Veronica Nava | Shannon Paugh | Ivy Rooney | Stephen Spector | Rhea Van Brocklin | Jeffery Weber

HPG Members Absent (3): Ben Ignalino | Michael Wimpie | Adrienne Yancey

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Agenda Item	Discussion/Action	Follow-Up
1. Call to order and roll call	Mikie Lochner called the meeting to order at 3:01 PM and noted the presence of an in-person quorum.	
2. Welcome, moment of silence, matters from the Chair	<p>A moment of silence was observed. The Chair made the following announcements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A reminder of this being the last meeting of FY25. The next HPG meeting will begin a new fiscal year. - An acknowledgment to members with lived experiences, emphasizing the meeting is focused on their needs and priorities. A reminder to encourage consumers to participate in all committee meetings. - A clarification that discussions should not involve provider contracts or procurement issues. - A reminder to complete the annual form requirements by March 20th and to check in with HPG Support Staff (HPG SS) if there are questions. - Recognition of Tyra Fleming and Dr. Rosemary Garcia for volunteering at the National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness & Testing Event. 	
3. Public comment	<p>The following public comments were made:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A concern that the Client Services Evaluation (Goldenrod) is not being printed on yellow or golden paper. 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A concern about the clients not being notified about termination of contracts and services. 	
<p>4. HPG Member Open Forum</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A suggestion to provide insurance navigation services outside of Ryan White program. - A request to continue food support as it is very helpful in the community. - A reminder that the priority setting process should be data-informed, and an encouragement to request specific data during the process. 	
<p>5. ACTION: Approve the HPG agenda for February 25, 2026</p>	<p>Motion: Approve the HPG agenda for February 25, 2026 Motion/Second/Count (M/S/C): Lothridge/Miles/20-0 Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A concern about the absences among certain members. - A request to start adding a list of open seats in the packet. <p>Abstentions: Lochner Motion carries</p>	
<p>6. HIV, STD, and Hepatitis Branch (HSHB) Report</p>	<p>Patrick Loose provided the following updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The federal administration previously proposed eliminating HIV prevention funding for multiple states, including California. A temporary restraining order blocking that action has expired. The California Attorney General, along with other states, is challenging the proposal. No new updates are available at this time, but further information will be shared as it becomes available. - The current award year (FY25) ends at the end of February. The County has received a partial award due to delayed federal budget decisions. A full award is expected by mid-April. - Due to the County’s high application score, the Minority AIDS Initiative (MAI) will expect a strong supplemental funding award. - Over the next five years, San Diego County is expected to see small annual decreases in Part A funding because 	<p>HPG SS to follow up with the Recipients’ Office to ensure future utilization reports include the total number (n).</p>

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	<p>the number of people living in the County differs from the number diagnosed here.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Part B funding from the State will increase for the next several years, helping offset projected Part A reductions. - The packet includes the expenditure report through December. The year-to-date expenditures for PARS and emergency housing were reversed. - San Diego continues to have one of the highest rates of viral suppression among all Ryan White-funded counties. 	
7. Routine Business		
<p>a. ACTION: Approve the consent agenda for February 25, 2026 which includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. HPG minutes (1/28/26) ii. Minutes from the following meetings: Steering Committee (none); Membership Committee (11/5/25); Priority Setting and Resource Allocation Committee (none); Medical Standards and Evaluation Committee (11/4/25); Community Engagement Group (12/10/25, 1/21/26); Strategies and Standards Committee (10/7/25); CARE Partnership for reference only (11/17/25) iii. <i>(Membership Committee):</i> HPG appointments/ reappointments – none 	<p>Motion: Approve the consent agenda for November 19, 2025 M/S/C: Fleming/Nava/20-0 Discussion: none Abstentions: Lochner Motion carries</p>	
<p>b. Report Outs (Office of AIDS, Housing Committee, other committees)</p>	<p>Leroy Blea provided the following updates. The full report was included in the packet:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Office of AIDS and DHCS will be identifying an individual to fill the Medi-Cal representative seat of different planning bodies and commissions throughout the state. - The Ending the Syndemic Symposium 2026 will have Spanish interpreters. - Additional questions or comments can be forwarded to HPG support staff at hpg.hhsa@sdcounty.ca.gov 	

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	<p>Nicole Aguilar provided the following Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - HOPWA award letters have been issued to providers, with contract implementation on July 1, 2026. 	
8. Old Business		
a. None		
9. New Business		
a. Presentation: Housing Case Management program, NAMI San Diego – Carlos Acevedo	Carlos Acevedo presented on housing case management program offered by NAMI San Diego.	
b. Presentation: Integrated Plan – Virginia Suarez	Virginia Suarez presented on the HIV Prevention and Care Plan.	
c. Discussion: Strategies to continue food vouchers within the Food Bank/Home Delivered Meals service category	<p>Jeffery Weber and Patrick Loose provided an overview of the discussion that took place at the last Strategies and Standards Committee meeting regarding the Food Bank/Home Delivered Meals service category. The following discussion took place:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Using food bank/home delivered meals category is not a time-limited benefit. - It's Important to consider the different family makeup and children's ages when reviewing the assessment criteria. - The funds will be distributed to multiple eligible providers. The primary goal is to identify the number of clients who have the need and to assess for equitable distribution. - Ryan White cannot provide a service that can be paid for by another payor. Clients will be screened for eligibility with Medi-Cal and other sources of food supply. This information will be subtracted from the total to determine ultimate eligibility for food vouchers. 	
d. ACTION: Elect HPG Vice-Chair(s)	The HPG members elected Jen Lothridge and Eva Matthews to serve as HPG Vice-Chairs.	
10. HPG Support Staff Updates	<p>Dasha Dahdouh provided the following update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - HPG SS will be welcoming two new staff in early March, Health Information Specialist II and Administrative Analyst I. HPG SS team will be fully staffed. 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - HPG SS will be reaching out to newly appointed vice-chairs to onboard them and invite them to the future Steering Committee meetings. 	
11. Announcements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A long-term depression treatment trial is going to start at the AntiViral Research Center (AVRC) at the University California of San Diego. More information is available at Current Studies. - Diversionary Theatre is working on offering a Spanish interpreter at the Latino night, prior to the preview performance of Rent. 	
12. Adjournment	The meeting was adjourned at 5:04 PM.	
Next meeting date	Date: Wednesday March 25, 2026 Time: 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM Location: Southeastern Live Well Center, 5101 Market Street, San Diego, CA 92114 (Tubman Chavez Room C) and via Zoom	