Friday, March 13, 2026, 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM
County Operations Center (COC)
5530 Overland Ave, San Diego, CA 92123
(Conference Room 124)

A quorum for this meeting is four (4)

Committee Members: Michael Donovan | Felipe Garcia-Bigley | Dr. David Grelotti | Mikie Lochner (Chair) | Jen Lothridge (Vice-Chair) | Eva Matthews (Vice-Chair) | Rhea Van Brocklin

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. The following comments were made: - Update on Michael Wimpie's resignation as member of HPG and chair of the Strategies and Standards Committee. Jeffery Weber has been appointed as new chair. - Mikie will be absent at the May Steering Committee meeting and has asked Eva Matthews as the new vice-chair to run the meeting. - A reminder that consumers are welcome at all committees.	
2. Welcome to new Vice-Chairs	Mikie Lochner and the committee welcomed new vice-chairs.	
3. Public comment (for members of the public)	None	
4. Sharing our concerns (for committee members)	The following comments were made: - An inquiry about the process for the public to make public comment during the review of data and the budget season, especially at the PSRAC meetings. Participation is encouraged at these meetings. It was recommended that the public be allowed to make public comment after the presentations, and there is no obligation to answer. - A recommendation to allow for public comment after the presentation or after the motion is made.	HPG Support Staff (HPG SS) to update the public comment guidelines slide for HPG and committee meetings to reflect a change in when the public comment is acceptable.

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5. **ACTION:** Approve the Steering Committee agenda for March 13, 2026	**Motion:** Approve the Steering Committee agenda for March 13, 2026 **Motion/Second/Count (M/S/C):** Van Brocklin/Donovan/5-0 **Discussion:** none **Abstentions:** Lochner **Motion carries**	
6. **ACTION**: Approve meeting minutes from January 9, 2026	**Motion:** Approve meeting minutes for January 9, 2026 **M/S/C:** Garcia-Bigley/Donovan/5-0 **Discussion:** none **Abstentions:** Lochner **Motion carries**	HPG SS to correct the theme of the POZabilities event
7. **ACTION**: Approve the HIV Planning Group agenda for March 25, 2026	**Motion:** Approve the HIV Planning Group agenda for March 25, 2026 **M/S/C:** Van Brocklin/Garcia-Bigley/5-0 **Discussion:** none **Abstentions:** Lochner **Motion carries**	
8. HIV, STD, and Hepatitis Branch (HSHB) Report	Patrick Loose provided the following updates: - 5% below in expenses through the month of December compared to the same timeframe last year. - Program staff have been working with clients who are experiencing fear associated with immigration enforcement officers. They are urging them not to use public transportation. - Viral suppression rates are at 94%. - 2.4 million dollars are unspent as of December. In February 1.3 million dollar balance is anticipated. We will likely have about $200K of unspent funds which we can request to carry over to the following year. The following discussion took place: - A reminder to review the reallocations that are being presented at the March HPG meeting. - A recommendation to maximize on the food voucher resource to ensure those who don't know about the program, are enlightened and are able to access. Patrick clarified that occasionally programs encounter	Strategies and Standards Committee or Priority Setting and Resource Allocation Committee (PSRAC) to have a discussion about a way to respond to changes in insurance coverage Mikie to reach out to Nicole and invite her to Steering Committee meetings for HOPWA updates

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	people who are living with HIV but are not in care. The data are collected and reported on. - Case Management focus groups that are taking place in the spring are having the same conversations about what is working well and what are the limitations. - A reminder that the Getting to Zero app is a great resource. Printed materials have been distributed across the County. - A recommendation to show month-to-month trends and a graphic that displays utilization compared to last year.	
9. Committee reports and recommendations	<u>PSRAC</u>: March meeting cancelled due to lack of data. Next meeting will take place in May. <u>Strategies and Standards Committee</u>: The committee met in February and discussed food vouchers, brought back the Service Standards Introduction language and the Case Management Standards. <u>Membership Committee</u>: Andrew Cross and Tania Avalos-Bello were recommended for appointment. Member seat descriptions were visited and finalized. Working on the guidelines. Mikie requested that the committee 1) review the number of seats and consider eliminating some; and 2) review the membership in each committee to ensure quorum is consistent. <u>Community Engagement Group (CEG)</u>: No March meeting, but one will be held offsite at Christie's Place in August. <u>Medical Standards and Evaluation Committee (MSEC)</u>: Plan to finalize mental health standards in May.	
10. HPG Support Staff Report	HPG Support Staff provided the following updates: - Welcome to Tanya Ochoa-Cipes and Angello Nava as new HPG SS. - An update on SB 707 and ADA accommodation.	
11. Old Business		

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a. **Discussion**: HPG Retreat (April 22, 2026)	The annual retreat will take place at 2:00 PM – 5:00 PM. A consultant will facilitate discussion.	
12. New Business		
a. **Discussion**: SB 707 and Guide for Facilitating Hybrid Meetings	Dasha Dahdouh provided the following update: - HPF does not qualify for virtual meetings, but other committees might be able to. - A suggestion to put an action item on the HPG agenda to vote on remote meetings.	HPG to discuss and vote if the County Counsel allows the committees to hold remote meetings
b. **Update**: Integrated HIV Plan updates and next steps – Virginia Suarez	Virginia Suarez reminded the committee that the draft plan was sent to all on March 12 and the deadline to provide feedback using an online form is due on March 25.	
c. **Update**: Bylaws updates	A working group will be formed after Membership makes decisions on the seats. - A recommendation to use more trauma-informed and person-centered language in the bylaws as they are being revised. A needs assessment working group will be formed later this year as we will be deploying the triennial survey in 2027.	
13. Routine Business		
a. **Review**: Committee attendance	The committee reviewed the attendance summary.	
b. Public comments/HPG member comments/Suggestions to the Steering Committee from previous HPG meeting(s)	Public comments: - A concern regarding agencies not printing golden rod forms on yellow or golden paper. - A concern regarding providers and/or the Recipients' Office not notifying the clients about termination of contracts/services. Sharing concerns: - A suggestion to provide insurance navigation resources outside the Ryan White program. - A request to continue food support as it is very helpful to the community. - A reminder that the priority setting process should be data-informed and	HPG needs to provide direction to HSHB on whether they want to stop printing it on the golden/yellow paper

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	an encouragement to request specific data during this process. The following comments were made: - A reminder that the Client Services Evaluation Form is required for clients during intake too. - Goldenrod is used for sharing positive experience. - Getting the data from the clients matters more than the paper color.	
14. Announcements	- A Women's Voice Conference held on March 7. Well attended. - Diversionary Theatre is holding a series of Rent productions in May. Community partners and HPG have been invited to talk about their work. Testing will available.	
15. Next meeting date	**Date:** Friday, May 8, 2026 **Time:** 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM **Location:** Southeastern Live Well Center, 5101 Market Street, San Diego, CA 92114 (Tubman Chavez Room C) and via Zoom	
16. Adjournment	Meeting adjourned at 12:02 PM.	