

SAN DIEGO HIV PLANNING GROUP (HPG)



Wednesday, March 25, 2026, 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM
Southeastern Live Well Center
5101 Market Street, San Diego, CA 92114
Tubman Chavez Rooms B and C

A quorum for this meeting is fourteen (14)

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 | Ben Ignalino | Lori Jones | Michael King | Michael Lochner (*Chair*) | Jen Lothridge (*Vice-Chair*) | Eva Matthews (*Vice-Chair*) | Skyler Miles | Veronica Nava | Shannon Paugh | Ivy Rooney | Rhea Van Brocklin | Jeffery Weber

HPG Members Joining Virtually (1): Leroy Blea

HPG Members Absent (4): Kalee Garland | Cinnamen Kubricky | Stephen Spector | 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 3:00 PM and noted the presence of an in-person quorum.	
2. Welcome, moment of silence, matters from the Chair	A moment of silence was observed. The Chair made the following announcements: - A reminder about the annual requirements. - A reminder that the April HPG meeting will be a retreat. - A reminder that the HPG and the committees are here to support the community living with and impacted by HIV.	
3. Public comment	The following public comments were made: - A reminder that clients should not be retaliated against or for their services cancelled if they have concerns or issues with the system. - A reminder to make data-informed decisions and to show empathy towards everyone's perspectives.	
4. HPG Member Open Forum	The following comments were made: - A reminder to be mindful of the way we discuss things, especially when it comes to housing and substance use. - A reassurance that the community's voice is valuable at HPG meetings and will always be welcome.	

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	- An acknowledgement of Michael Wimpie's service to the HPG and the committees over the years. - An update that Jeffery Weber has been selected as chair of Strategies and Standards Committee. A co-chair will be elected at an upcoming committee meeting.	
5. ACTION: Approve the HPG agenda for March 25, 2026	Motion: Approve the HPG agenda for March 25, 2026 Motion/Second/Count (M/S/C): Miles/Lothridge/21-0 Discussion: none Abstentions: Lochner Motion carries	
6. HIV, STD, and Hepatitis Branch (HSHB) Report	Patrick Loose provided the following updates: - We are estimating about \$500,000 unspent, of which we will be carrying over around \$380,000. - We are still working towards the goal of 95% viral suppression rates and have consistently been very close. - Big declines in mental health services and oral health; both are covered under Medi-Cal. A lot of clients who are on Medi-Cal and were able to access Denti-Cal, are no longer able to. We haven't yet seen the impact on it. - Housing will continue to be a priority. The number of people enrolled in PARS has declined because rent has been going up. People over the age of 45 are being impacted by the crisis the most; they are being priced out of the market. Carlie Langit provided updates on prevention and Ending the HIV Epidemic (EHE). These updates will be provided on a regular basis moving forward. Erica Leary provided updates on the County's harm reduction services program. The following discussion took place: - A concern about women being connected to HIV care services.	

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	- A reminder that more effort should be made to de-stigmatize Narcan and its distribution to the public. - A clarification from Erica Leary that most of the harm reduction program clients are white, middle-aged men, heterosexual men, with 75% being unhoused. A community needs assessment is being conducted in Central and South regions. - Request to have timeframes for data on prevention/EHE and the total number (N) on utilization data to further clarify the number of people served. - A clarification that the HPG is considered an advisory body for prevention and can make recommendations but does not oversee its funding. - A clarification that presence of law enforcement has impacted service delivery and access to services.	
7. Routine Business		
a. ACTION: Approve the consent agenda for March 25, 2026 which includes: i. HPG minutes (2/25/26) ii. Minutes from the following meetings: Steering Committee (1/9/26); Membership Committee (2/4/26); Priority Setting and Resource Allocation Committee (11/13/25); Medical Standards and Evaluation Committee (none); Community Engagement Group (none); Strategies and Standards Committee (none); CARE Partnership for reference only (1/12/26) iii. (<i>Membership Committee</i>): HPG appointments/ reappointments – Tania Avalos-Bello and Andrew Cross	Motion: Approve the consent agenda for March 25, 2026 M/S/C: Donovan/Lothridge/21-0 Discussion: none Abstentions: Lochner Motion carries	
b. Report Outs (Office of AIDS, Housing Committee, other committees)	Leroy Blea and Nicole Aguilar provided updates on Office of AIDS (OA) and the	

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	Housing Committee, respectively. The OA report was included in the packet. Nicole Aguilar also provided the following housing updates: - There are some changes to the current providers. - Stepping Stone will continue with 16 beds; Fraternity House has 41 beds and will be delicensing their residential facility; Townspeople has 54 beds but will not provide emergency housing. - Mama's Kitchen will continue to provide nutritional meals but no utility assistance as of 7/1/26. - Family Health Centers of San Diego (FHCSD) and The Center were awarded new contracts. - Father Joe's Village will have fewer beds starting 7/1/26.	
c. Review: HPG Attendance	The committee reviewed HPG attendance.	
8. Old Business		
a. Update: Integrated HIV Plan	Carlie Langit presented the results of the Integrated HIV Plan feedback solicitation and the next steps.	
9. New Business		
a. ACTION: FY 26 reallocations (current fiscal year, March 1, 2026 – February 28, 2027)	The following public comments were made: - A concern that the information is not available to the public prior to the meeting. - A request for the English speakers to speak slower. Motion: Approve decrease of legal services M/S/C: Donovan/Aguilar/19-0 Discussion: none Abstentions: Blea, Lochner, Van Brocklin Motion carries Motion: Approve increase of home-based health care coordination M/S/C: Lothridge/Weber/18-0 Discussion: Patrick Loose clarified that this service category is designed to prevent	

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	hospitalization and admission into a skilled nursing facility by providing home-based care. Abstentions: Garcia-Bigley, King, Lochner, Van Brocklin Motion carries Motion: Approve increase of food bank/home delivered meals M/S/C: Donovan/Aguilar/14-0 Discussion: Acknowledgement of the rollout of the food vouchers and a reminder to consider other sources of food and supplies. Patrick Loose clarified that Ryan White is a payor of last resort. An additional comment was made that Ryan White saves lives and is a crucial benefit for an undocumented population. Abstentions: Garcia-Bigley, Grelotti, King, Lochner, Matthews, Nava, Paugh, Van Brocklin Motion carries	
b. Presentation: Core Medical Services Waiver and the 75% grant funding spending requirement	Tabled	
c. Update: Client Services Evaluation (Goldenrod)	Tabled	
d. Update: Senate Bill (SB) 707 and guidance on hybrid meetings	Dasha Dahdouh provided an update on her ongoing communication with the County Counsel and the next steps for an opportunity for some committees to meet virtually.	
e. Reminder: HPG Retreat – April 22, 2026 at 2:00 PM – 5:00 PM	A reminder was shared that the annual HPG retreat will be held at 2:00 PM on Wednesday, April 22, 2026.	
10. HPG Support Staff Updates	Dasha Dahdouh introduced Angello Nava and Tanya Ochoa-Cipes, new HPG Support Staff members.	
11. Announcements	- Biomedical Summit will hold a pre-conference on HIV and aging.	
12. Adjournment	The meeting was adjourned at 5:01 PM.	
Next meeting date	Date: Wednesday April 22, 2026 Time: 2:00 PM – 5:00 PM Location: Southeastern Live Well Center, 5101 Market Street, San Diego, CA 92114 (Tubman Chavez Rooms B and C) and via Zoom	