

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT GROUP



*Wednesday, April 16, 2025, 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM
Southeastern Live Well Center; 5101 Market St, San Diego,
CA 92114; Tubman Chavez Room A*

A quorum for this meeting is three (3).

Committee Members Present: Jen Lothridge (Co-Chair) | Skyler Miles | Veronica Nava

Committee Members Absent: Michael Donovan (Chair) | Hector Garcia

MEETING MINUTES

Agenda Item	Discussion/Action	Follow-Up
1. Call to order, roll call, comments from the chair, and a moment of silence	The chair called the meeting to order at 3:00PM and noted the presence of an in-person quorum. Comments from the Co-Chair: Our chair is currently out, and we are wishing a speedy recovery.	
2. Review Background, Mission Statement, Goals, and Agreement of Meeting Decorum	Committee members read the Mission Statement and the Community Engagement Group (CEG) Charge. Jen Lothridge, Skyler Miles, Veronica Nava reviewed the 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. ACTION: Approve the consent CEG agenda for April 16, 2025 (which includes the April 16, 2025 agenda and the February 19, 2025, minutes)	Motion: Approve the consent CEG agenda for April 16, 2025 (which includes the April 16, 2025 agenda and the February 19, 2025 minutes) Motion/Second/Count (M/S/C): Miles/Nava/2-0 Public comment: Abstention(s): Lothridge Motion carries	

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Follow-Up Items from minutes	None.	
7a. Committee Updates		
I. HIV Planning Group	The HPG held its annual retreat in March, gathering valuable feedback on the SWOT activity and SMART goals, which will be summarized and discussed at the next meeting. That meeting will include a board letter approval, recognitions, and a presentation from UC San Diego's student-run organization.	
II. Strategies and Standards Committee	The committee was unable to meet in April due to a lack of quorum and the absence of a chair or co-chair.	
III. Steering Committee	The committee meets every other month on the second Friday now and will meet next in May.	
IV. Membership Committee	Two new applicants were interviewed this month, with both moving forward for HPG membership recommendations.	
V. Priority Settings and Resource Allocation Committee (PSRAC)	PSRAC is preparing for its annual data review in May, with follow-up meetings in June to assess epidemiological data for upcoming funding allocations. Allocations discussions and decisions will take place in June and July, with community input strongly encouraged.	
VI. Medical Standards and Evaluation Committee (MSEC)	MSEC is using subject matter experts to help revise and approve the Oral Health Service Standards and Dental Practice Guidelines. They will then be reviewing the 2024 needs assessment results to inform their 2025 work plan.	
7b. Community Updates		
I. CARE Partnership	Care Partnership will meet on May 19th and receive a presentation about the HIV Planning Group and how to get involved. The aim is to engage interested individuals who want to learn more about HPG's membership opportunities.	
II. HIV Housing Committee/Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS	Miles gave the following updates on HOPWA: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 127 active households are currently searching for housing through HOPWA programs. 	

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(HOPWA)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 5,140 individuals are on the housing waitlist and eligibility is not determined until screening. - The average length of stay in the HOPWA is 4.9 years. - Being Alive continues to accept referrals - Steppingstone had 14 of 16 beds filled; 2 clients on the waitlist. - Mama's Kitchen served 2,382 medical meals to 31 clients in February 2025 and is accepting new referrals. - Fraternity House opened 2 new apartments in Vista; 35 active referrals and seeking women applicants. 	
8. Old Business		
a. Committee Attendance	None.	
b. Discussion: Review the 2025 Community Engagement Group Outreach Plan	<p>Women's Voice Conference</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7 applications were distributed, 2 completed on-site, and 1 follow-up contact was made. • 22 individuals signed up for the distribution list. <p>Future outreach efforts include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participation in the Harm Reduction Mobile Unit twice a month to engage providers and community members. • San Diego City College Health & Wellness Fair • HPG Presentation at CARE • HIV Prevention/HPG presentation at Turning Point Home • Weeklong summer camp to engage the youth 	
9. New Business		
a. Presentation: 2024 Needs Assessment Findings	<p>Virginia Suarez presented on the 2024 Needs Assessment Findings and the following was discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HIV and Ryan White Status • Demographics • Residence • Common Themes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Housing 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Substance use and sobriety ○ Social Support ○ Trouble accessing services ○ English and Spanish differences ● 10 Year Trend - Top 5 Most Important Services ● Services for Adults 50+ 	
10. Announcements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● LGBTQ Center host yoga Fridays at 11am that is very beginner friendly. ● Our HPG brochures have arrived and feel free to distribute. 	
11. Next meeting date	<p>Next Meeting: Wednesday, May 21, 2025, at 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM</p> <p>Location: County Operations Center, 5570 Overland Ave, San Diego, CA 92123, Room 1047 - Medical Examiner's Office</p>	
12. Adjournment	Meeting was adjourned at 4:19PM.	