

## SAN DIEGO HIV PLANNING GROUP (HPG)



*Wednesday, April 23, 2025, 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM*  
*Southeastern Live Well Center*  
*5101 Market Street, San Diego, CA 92114*  
*(Tubman Chavez Room A)*

### **A quorum for this meeting is thirteen (13).**

**HPG Members (18):** Marco Aguirre Mendoza | Beth Davenport | Tyra Fleming | Rosemary Garcia | Felipe Garcia-Bigley | David Grelotti | Ben Ignalino | Lori Jones | Mikie Lochner (Chair) | Eva Matthews | Veronica Nava | Shannon Paugh | Venice Price | Stephen Spector | Jeffery Weber | Michael Wimpie | Adrienne Yancey

**HPG Members Joining Virtually (3):** Michael Donovan | Hector Garcia | Abigail West

**HPG Members Absent (3):** Juan Conant | Cinnamen Kubricky (Vice-Chair) | Skyler Miles | Rhea Van Brocklin

### **ORDER OF BUSINESS**

<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Discussion/Action</b>	<b>Follow-Up</b>
1. Call to order and roll call	Mikie Lochner called the meeting to order at 3:05 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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Continue to be mindful of your conflicts of interest and refrain from participating in discussion if conflicted.</li><li>- Be courteous and respectful of each other.</li><li>- April birthdays were acknowledged.</li><li>- A Long-Term Survivors banner was recently presented to HPG.</li></ul>	
3. Public comment	None	
4. HPG Member Open Forum	The following comments were made: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- A reminder to complete the required Clerk of the Board forms.</li><li>- A concern that there isn't enough attention on coordination of services, especially for people outside of HIV care.</li><li>- A concern that Part F might be impacted by the Federal funding cuts.</li></ul>	
5. Member Recognition	Cinnamen Kubricky, Felipe Garcia-Bigley, Marco Aguirre Mendoza, and Katie Emmel were recognized for their volunteer work at the outreach event Come Home for the Holidays that took place in December 2024.	

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	Francisco Puentes was recognized for his facilitation of and training at the March HPG Retreat.	
6. <b>ACTION:</b> Approve the HPG agenda for April 23, 2025	<b>Motion:</b> Approve the HPG agenda for April 23, 2025 <b>Motion/Second/Count (M/S/C):</b> Spector/Davenport/16-0 <b>Discussion:</b> none <b>Abstentions:</b> Lochner <b>Motion carries</b>	
7. Routine Business		
a. <b>ACTION:</b> Approval of consent agenda for April 23, 2025: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Approval of HPG minutes from March 26, 2025</li> <li>ii. Acceptance of the following committee minutes:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Membership Committee (2/12/2025);</li> <li>Medical Standards and Evaluation Committee (2/11/2025);</li> <li>Community Engagement Group (2/19/2025)</li> </ul> </li> <li>iii. (<i>Membership Committee</i>): HPG appointments / reappointments</li> <li>iv. Committee Reports               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. HPG committees</li> <li>2. State Office of AIDS (OA) and AIDS</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<b>Motion:</b> Approve the consent agenda for April 23, 2025 <b>M/S/C:</b> Weber/Nava/16-0 <b>Discussion:</b> none <b>Abstentions:</b> Lochner <b>Motion carries</b>	

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<p>Drug Assistance Program (ADAP)</p> <p>v. California HPG Report</p> <p>vi. Administrative Items:</p> <p>1. HPG expenditures report</p>		
8. Old Business	None	
9. New Business		
a. <b>ACTION:</b> Approve the Board Letter	<p><b>Motion:</b> Approve the Board Letter</p> <p><b>M/S/C:</b> Nava/Weber/17-0</p> <p><b>Discussion:</b> none</p> <p><b>Abstentions:</b> Lochner, Yancey</p> <p><b>Motion carries</b></p>	
b. <b>ACTION</b> ( <i>Priority Setting and Resource Allocation Committee</i> ): Reallocations for FY 25 (March 1, 2025 – February 28, 2026)	None	
c. <b>Presentation:</b> Student Organization on HIV/AIDS – UC San Diego	Isaac Ng introduced AIDS Awareness Alliance, a newly founded student-run organization at UC San Diego, and discussed its mission and goals for the future.	HPG Support Staff (HPG SS) to connect Isaac Ng with POZabilities and Christie's Place.
d. <b>Discussion:</b> Navigating the Impact of Executive Orders and Federal Actions	<p>The members of HPG participated in an open discussion to address concerns about proposed Federal cuts to HIV programs and their potential impact. The Chair of HPG encouraged the members to support one another and advocate against these harmful changes. The following comments were made:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The proposed changes feel like a repeat of past struggles for long-term HIV survivors, many of whom endured serious mental, physical, and emotional costs. This emphasizes the need for strong support systems to help those fighting the same battle again.</li> </ul>	<p>HPG SS to send a HPG member contact list to Adrienne Yancey, Veronica Nava, Felipe Garcia-Bigley, and Tyra Fleming.</p> <p>HPG SS to add Town Halls and Open Forum as the May Steering Committee</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- A need to look at things from a pragmatic perspective and to not stress over things that cannot be controlled and identify things that can be done.</li> <li>- Some individuals will want to fight, and some will sacrifice their health to do so. There should be support systems in place for those individuals.</li> <li>- A contingency plan can be created during the budgeting process.</li> <li>- A general agreement that the country is at a critical juncture. A community meeting should be created to help understand what the community needs and how we can optimize resources for programs.</li> <li>- A suggestion to host a Town Hall before an HPG meeting and to further discuss the logistics at the Steering Committee meeting.</li> </ul>	meeting agenda items.
10. HIV, STD, and Hepatitis Branch (HSHB) Report	Patrick Loose reviewed the HSHB report and highlighted that the PARS waitlist has gone down. FY25 expenditures are not yet available. The request for carryover will go out in May.	
11. HPG Support Staff Updates	HPG SS team still has a Health Information Specialist II vacancy, and recruitment will start soon.	
12. Announcements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- May 14: A session on mitigating PrEP stigma and community health centers.</li> <li>- May 15: Family Health Centers of San Diego will be host a webinar on psychosocial support services for people aging with HIV.</li> <li>- May 28-30: Spring meeting for the California Planning Group (CPG).</li> <li>- August 2025: Circle of Harmony Conference focused on indigenous communities and HIV.</li> <li>- Venice Price announced that she will be stepping down from HPG and the Strategies and Standards Committee.</li> <li>- The May HPG meeting will be led by the Vice-Chair.</li> </ul>	
13. Adjournment	The meeting was adjourned at 4:51 PM.	
Next meeting date	Date: Wednesday, May 28, 2025 Time: 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM	

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