Friday, May 8, 2026, 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM
Southeastern Live Well Center
5101 Market Street, San Diego, CA 92114
(Tubman Conference Room C)

A quorum for this meeting is five (5)

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

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Agenda Item	Discussion/Action	Follow-Up
1. Call to order, introductions, comments from the chair, and a moment of silence	Eva Matthews called the meeting to order at 10:03 AM. Introductions were had. A moment of silence was observed. Eva made the following comments: - An update on the directive from the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) Project Officer to align the service categories with PCN 16-02 and that Tyra Fleming has been appointed as PSRAC chair while Rhea Van Brocklin will step into the co-chair role.	
2. Public comment (for members of the public)	None	
3. Sharing our concerns (for committee members)	The following comments were shared: - A concern about transparency and leadership moving forward as key service categories that are being eliminated after decades of advocacy. - Gratitude for Rhea's leadership and all the work over the years.	
4. **ACTION:** Approve the Steering Committee agenda for May 8, 2026	**Motion:** Approve the Steering Committee agenda for May 8, 2026 **Motion/Second/Count (M/S/C):** Donovan/Garcia-Bigley/6-0 **Discussion:** none **Abstentions:** none **Motion carries**	

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5. **ACTION**: Approve meeting minutes from March 13, 2026	**Motion:** Approve meeting minutes for March 13, 2026 **M/S/C:** Weber/Donovan/6-0 **Discussion:** none **Abstentions:** none **Motion carries**	
6. **ACTION**: Approve the HIV Planning Group agenda for May 27, 2026	**Motion:** Approve the HIV Planning Group agenda for May 27, 2026 **M/S/C:** Weber/Van Brocklin/6-0 **Discussion:** A request to amend item 8b to reflect action that took place at PSRAC. **Abstentions:** none **Motion carries**	Change item 8b to reflect PSRAC's taking action to recommend approving the new service categories and tabling making recommendations to the FY26 rankings
7. HIV, STD, and Hepatitis Branch (HSHB) Report	Patrick Loose provided the following updates: - A clarification that HSHB leadership was not part of the discussion or decision to change the service categories to align with PCN 16-02. - PSRAC and HPG will need to revisit the rankings as there will be fewer categories after the changes. - All unspent money will be carried over. - Over the course of FY26, PSRAC and HPG have approved funding for PARS twice, and the list continues to grow. - 76 clients are currently on the PARS waitlist, and it is currently closed until there is a significant reduction. The following comments were made: - A request to clarify a real world impact if it looks on the surface like just accounting changes. Patrick clarified that creating certain categories like the	Share 2024 annual data report (Maritza/Patrick)

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	coordinated services was an advocacy effort to ensure that women, families and children are seen. It's also a big shift in the way we collect data through the Needs Assessment and the way we look at the service categories. Eliminated coordinated services takes control away from the planning body and shifts it to the Recipient's Office. - An inquiry on whether certain services can be renamed to address the changes and whether the branch will be able to provide specific demographic data to continue to help the planning body make informed decisions. Patrick clarified that there may be some flexibility with certain categories like Housing. Patrick will also work with his team on how to best report the data. - A reminder that the right questions will need to be asked moving forward to ensure that the funding is allocated the way the planning body wants it to, especially when it comes to grouped categories. - A concern that the voice of consumers has been diminished by this action. - A reminder that conversations happening with the HRSA Project Officer need to be brought to Steering in effort to ensure transparency and give the committee an opportunity to participate in decision making.	
a. Changes to the expenditure report	See above	
8. Committee reports and recommendations	Priority Setting and Resource Allocation Committee (PSRAC): the committee	

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	has decided to hold off on the rankings until the June meetings. Tyra Fleming will be stepping in as chair moving forward. The meeting schedule has been determined with several additional dates in case more time is required. Everyone is welcome to attend. Strategies and Standards Committee: the committee has been working on the food voucher criteria, it will be brought to the May HPG meeting for review and approval. Membership Committee: the committee didn't meet in May due to quorum. They are working on finding a consumer. HRSA has made recommendations to combine certain seats and to make several seats non-voting to help meet the unaffiliated consumer requirement. It will be a phased approach. Community Engagement Group (CEG): The committee is working with the Diversionary Theatre to hold a series of Rent productions. The sales have exceeded expectations, so the production dates have been extended into June. Volunteers will get priority for complimentary tickets. Testing will be provided prior to each production. Live translation is currently not available. Medical Standards and Evaluation Committee (MSEC): The committee will meet in May to finalize mental health service standards and continue to work on the psychiatric service standards. The question on the conflicts remains.	
9. HPG Support Staff Report	HPG Support Staff provided the following updates: - SB 707: HPG and committee members are allowed to use Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) for virtual attendance and will be counted towards quorum. Unlike Just Cause, there are no limits to the number of items ADA can be used.	

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	- HRSA site visit: the Project Officer and several consultants are coming for a triennial site visit between July 21 and July 24. They will attend HPG and PSRAC meetings taking place that week. - Accessibility Ruling: to adhere to the federal accessibility ruling, HPG Support Staff (SS) has been revising the documents. The deadline to be compliant with the requirement has been extended until mid-2027.	
10. Old Business		
a. **Discussion**: 2026 HPG retreat debrief and next steps	The following discussion took place: - An inquiry into the timeline for the final report from the consultant.	
11. New Business		
a. **Discussion**: Interpreters at HPG and committee meetings	The following discussion took place: - A recommendation to consider providing an interpreter remotely at all HPG meetings and an acknowledgement that this may become very costly.	
12. Routine Business		
a. **Review**: Committee attendance	The committee reviewed attendance.	
b. Public comments/HPG member comments/Suggestions to the Steering Committee from previous HPG meeting(s)	Public comments: 3/25/26: - 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. Sharing concerns: 3/25/26: - A reminder to be mindful of the way we discuss things,	

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	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. - 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. 4/22/26: - An invitation to attend meetings to be more informed about the discussions being held and decisions being made at HPG and committee meetings. - A concern about accountability and communication. - A request to provide additional training both internally and within the program delivery system and a reminder that people are benefiting from the Ryan White services.	
13. Announcements	None	
14. Next meeting date	**Date:** Friday, July 10, 2026 **Time:** 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM **Location:** County Operations Center, 5530 Overland Ave, San Diego, CA 92123 (Training Room 124) and via Zoom	
15. Adjournment	Meeting adjourned at 11:40 AM.	