

STEERING COMMITTEE



Friday, May 9, 2025, 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM
North Clairemont Public Library
4616 Claremont Drive, San Diego, CA 92117
(Meeting Room)

A quorum for this meeting is four (4)

Members Present: Michael Donovan | Felipe Garcia-Bigley | Mikie Lochner (Chair) | Rhea Van Brocklin | Michael Wimpie

Members Joining Remotely: Dr. David Grelotti (Just Cause)

Members Absent: Cinnamen Kubricky (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	Mikie Lochner called the meeting to order at 10:04 AM. Introductions were had. A moment of silence was observed.	
2. Public comment (for members of the public)	None	
3. Sharing our concerns (for committee members)	The following comments were made: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- A concern about the need to have more consumers on the Strategies and Standards Committee. Some committees also have too few members.	Mikie Lochner to reach out to Veronica Nava, confirm her interest in being on the Strategies and Standards Committee, and appoint her. Chairs to work with HPG Support Staff (HPG SS) to add more consumers to committees that don't have any.
4. ACTION: Approve the Steering Committee agenda for May 9, 2025	Motion: Approve the Steering Committee agenda for May 9, 2025 Motion/Second/Count (M/S/C): Donovan/Garcia-Bigley/5-0 Discussion: none Abstentions: Lochner Motion carries	

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5. ACTION: Approve meeting minutes from March 14, 2025	Motion: Approve meeting minutes for March 14, 2025 M/S/C: Donovan/Wimpie/5-0 Discussion: none Abstentions: Lochner Motion carries	
6. ACTION: Approve the HIV Planning Group agenda for May 28, 2025	Motion: Approve the HIV Planning Group agenda for May 28, 2025 with the following changes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Remove 9c “approve re-allocations for FY25 - Change 9e to “For reference: Anti-Racism Statement” M/S/C: Van Brocklin/Wimpie/5-0 Discussion: none Abstentions: Lochner Motion carries	HPG SS to add the recently approved Member Expectations document to the July Steering agenda.
7. Committee reports and recommendations	<p>Mikie Lochner reminded the committee members to continue to identify and recruit consumers for their respective committees. <u>Priority Setting and Resource Allocation Committee (PSRAC)</u>: the May meeting got cancelled due to quorum. There may be a need to identify a member who may be able to lead discussion if the Chair and the Co-Chair are unable to attend. Commitment from members is important during the upcoming priority setting and allocation season. Request to reserve an additional date in July. Strategies: more need for members. Membership: reminder to review the attendance policy and work on them so they align.</p> <p><u>Community Engagement Group (CEG)</u>: qualitative results from the needs assessment were presented at the last meeting.</p> <p><u>Membership Committee</u>: the committee is in the process of reviewing the membership list and the engagement efforts.</p> <p><u>Medical Standards and Evaluation Committee (MSEC)</u>: oral health standards and dental practice guidelines are being reviewed at the May meeting. There is a need for more consumer input as there are no consumer members. It has been</p>	<p>HPG SS to share individual committee distribution lists with committee chairs.</p> <p>HPG SS to book more Thursdays in July for PSRAC meetings.</p> <p>Mikie Lochner to re-join MSEC starting May.</p> <p>Patrick Loose to follow up on solutions to leading discussion on mental health and psychiatric standards due to conflicts of interest.</p>

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	recommended that mental health and psychiatry services be reviewed next, especially access issues within the Ryan White and Medi-Cal frameworks. The ongoing challenge is the conflicts of interest among the subject matter experts.	
8. Old Business		
a. Update: California Planning Group (CPG) meeting – May 28-30, 2025 in San Diego	The reception is going to be held at 6:00 PM on May 28, the day of the HPG meeting and is by invitation only.	HPG SS to send email to HPG asking if anyone would be interested in attending.
9. New Business		
a. ACTION (<i>Strategies and Standards Committee and Community Engagement Group</i>): Approve the Anti-Racism Statement	Motion: Approve the Anti-Racism Statement M/S/C: Van Brocklin/Donovan/5-0 Discussion: none Abstentions: Lochner Motion carries	
b. Discussion: Consider holding an ad hoc Steering Committee meeting on June 13	The committee decided not to hold an ad hoc Steering Committee meeting on June 13. The July and August HPG agendas will include the report from the Recipients' Office, action items to approve the key findings, recommendations from PSRAC to approve priority rankings and FY26 allocations, and potential FY25 reallocations.	HPG SS to cancel the June 13 reservation
c. Discussion: Open forum at HPG meetings	The committee discussed an idea of holding an open forum one hour before the regularly scheduled HPG meeting that doesn't follow the Brown Act or the Roberts rules of order as long as the meeting stayed under quorum.	Patrick Loose to inquire on the ability to hold an open forum with the County Counsel.
d. Discussion: Town halls in conjunction with HPG meetings	The committee discussed the next steps for scheduling the regional town halls. The following items were shared: - Maritza Herrera and Alexa Mugol will prioritize South Bay and North County regions, will develop a meeting agenda, and review the questions from the 2014 regional town halls.	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Maritza and Alexa will work with the HPG SS to set dates, find venues, arrange food, and promote the event. - The HPG recruitment table will be available. 	
e. Discussion: Dental implants as an allowable service	<p>The following discussion took place:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) Project Officer clarifies that dental implants can be funded but are a costly service at \$7,000 or more per implant). Denti-Cal may cover implants but only when limited conditions are met. - Costs continue to be the barrier, with potential for significant demand and a subsequent depletion of funds for other essential service categories. - The service will be discussed at the May MSEC meeting. - Final decision on inclusion to be made by the relevant committees after further review. 	
f. Discussion: Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between HIV, STD, and Hepatitis Branch (HSHB) and HPG	<p>The following discussion took place:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - When the Planning Council was first established, there was no MOU. One was later written between HSHB and HPG and is expiring this year. - There may not be a need for it at this time. - The committee will review the draft at the July meeting before deciding to extend the MOU or let it expire. 	HPG SS to add the MOU draft to the July Steering Committee agenda.
g. Discussion: Leading the HPG meeting in Chair's and Vice-Chair's absence	The committee discussed the process for identifying an HPG member that will lead the HPG meeting in Chair's and Vice-Chair's absence. Rhea Van Brocklin volunteered to chair the meeting in May, and it will require a vote at the beginning of the meeting after the HPG SS lead calls the meeting to order.	
h. Discussion: 2025 Truax Awards Ceremony and Reception	<p>The following discussion took place:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A suggestion to consider other venues like libraries. - A recommendation to identify a new Truax award artist through an open call process. 	HPG SS to open a call for artists to create the 2025 Truax Award.

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		HPG SS to research and present potential venues for the event.
i. Discussion: 2025 Outreach Schedule – Katie Emmel	Tabled	
10. Routine Business		
a. Review: Committee attendance	Tabled	
b. Public comments/HPG member comments/Suggestions to the Steering Committee from previous HPG meeting(s)	Tabled	
11. HIV, STD, and Hepatitis Branch (HSHB) Report	Patrick Loose let the committee know that there is no final award yet.	HPG SS to add the integrated plan to the July meeting agenda.
12. HPG Support Staff Report	Tabled	
a. Administrative budget review	Tabled	
13. Future agenda items for consideration	Tabled	
14. Announcements	Pozabilities will be providing a refund to all registrants for a recently cancelled event.	
15. Next meeting date	Date: Friday, July 11, 2025 Time: 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM Location: County Operations Center, 5530 Overland Ave, San Diego, CA 92123 (Conference Room 124) and via Zoom	
16. Adjournment	Meeting adjourned at 12:04 PM.	