

## COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT GROUP



Wednesday, May 21, 2025, 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM  
Seville Plaza; 5469 Kearny Villa Rd., San Diego Ca 92123  
1<sup>st</sup> floor Room C

A quorum for this meeting is three (3).

**Committee Members Present:** Michael Donovan (Chair) | Hector Garcia | Jen Lothridge (Co-Chair) | Skyler Miles | Veronica Nava

### 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 3:01PM and noted the presence of an in-person quorum.	
2. Review Background, Mission Statement, Goals, and Agreement of Meeting Decorum	Committee members read the Mission Statement and the Community Engagement Group (CEG) Charge. Miles, Nava, and Lothridge 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)	A committee member noted the high attendance at CARE meetings and suggested changing the time of this meeting to make it more accessible.	
6. <b>ACTION:</b> Approve the consent CEG agenda for May 21, 2025 (which includes the May 21, 2025 agenda and the April 16, 2025, minutes)	<b>Motion:</b> Approve the consent CEG agenda for May 21, 2025 (which includes the May 21, 2025 agenda and the April 16, 2025 minutes) with the revision of marking Michael Donovan as absent under the April 16, 2025 minutes. <b>Motion/Second/Count (M/S/C):</b> Lothridge/Miles/4-0 <b>Public comment:</b> <b>Abstention(s):</b> Donovan <b>Motion carries</b>	
Follow-Up Items from minutes:	None	
7a. Committee Updates		
I. HIV Planning Group (HPG)	HPG met at the end of April and had a presentation from UC San Diego student organization – AIDS Awareness Alliance. The group also had a discussion on navigating the impact of federal actions	
II. Strategies and Standards Committee	Strategies and Standards Committee will meet June 3 <sup>rd</sup> to review and/or approve the Service	

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	Standards Introduction, Non-Medical Case Management, Universal, Trauma-Informed Care and Emergency Financial Assistance and Housing.	
III. Steering Committee	Steering met earlier this month and approved the Anti-Racism Statement. They also discussed incorporating open forums/town halls into HPG meetings and planning for the 2025 Truax Awards Ceremony.	
IV. Membership Committee	Membership Committee approved Hector Garcia for seat 13 and discussed the pending and expired seats. As of May there are 17 vacant seats including 9 general member seats. The Getting to Zero Community Engagement Project was also reviewed.	
V. Priority Settings and Resource Allocation Committee (PSRAC)	PSRAC did not meet in May due to lack of quorum. They will be meeting next on June 12, 2025.	
VI. Medical Standards and Evaluation Committee (MSEC)	MSEC met earlier this month and approved the Oral Health Care Service Standards. They are continuing to update the Dental Practice Guidelines and will then move on to mental health.	
7b. Community Updates		
I. CARE Partnership	CARE met earlier this month and had a presentation from the HIV Planning Group Support Staff (HPG SS) along with two members. The presentation covered general information about the HPG, how to become a member, 2025 Happyville, and the importance of priority setting and resource allocation.	
II. HIV Housing Committee/Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA)	Miles attended the HOPWA meeting and reported the following updates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>San Diego Housing Committee is experiencing budget cuts</li> <li>Being Alive is almost at full capacity</li> <li>No updates from Mama's Kitchen</li> </ul>	
8. Old Business		
a. Committee Attendance	None.	
b. Discussion: Review 2025 CEG workplan	The committee discussed and made the following edits: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>August</b> – joint presentation with outside organization. Or in-depth review of 4-5 service categories</li> <li><b>October</b> – similar exercise to Happyville but for the service standards documents.</li> <li><b>December</b> – holiday party</li> </ul>	HPG SS will update the workplan with the changes.

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9. New Business		
a. <b>Discussion:</b> Outreach Materials and Community Events	<p>HPG SS presented the current outreach materials and upcoming community events:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>The Collective Coalition Sober Pride 2025</b> - 6/21 from 2 – 8PM</li> <li>• <b>La Maestra Pride Health Fair</b> - 6/21 from 2 – 8PM</li> <li>• <b>Big Gay Picnic</b> - 6/27 TBD</li> <li>• <b>San Diego Pride Festival</b> - 7/19 TBD</li> <li>• <b>San Diego Pride Festival</b> - 6/21 TBD</li> </ul> <p>The following was discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A committee member expressed appreciation for the inclusion of harm reduction and wondered if there was a way for us to distribute Narcan at outreach events. Additionally, we could provide their resources or training formation (i.e. Alpha Project)</li> </ul>	<p>HPG SSS will send outreach presentation to the group for additional edits and feedback.</p> <p>HPG SS will look into more ways to incorporate harm reduction and prevention in outreach activities.</p>
i. Townhall	<p>The committee discussed the following for a potential townhall:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A two-part meeting format was proposed: an open townhall followed by the official business meeting. This format aims to boost community engagement and make meetings more accessible and informative.</li> <li>• The townhall could be co-hosted with an outside organization and focus on topics like prevention, harm reduction, or others of community interest.</li> <li>• August was proposed as a good month to test the new meeting structure.</li> <li>• Alternative venues such as libraries or The Center could be possible hosting locations.</li> <li>• Offering food through partner organizations was suggested to attract more participants.</li> </ul>	<p>HPG SS to follow up regarding logistics for hosting a townhall.</p>
10. Announcements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Chair of the Strategies and Standards Committee encouraged folks to come to their meetings to look at the material, ask questions, and make suggestions.</li> <li>• POZabilities is hosting a Flamingo themed fundraiser for Memorial Day. Monday, May 26, 2025 from 1:00 - 3:30PM.</li> <li>• POZabilities is sponsoring the San Diego HIV consortium – a Provider-Patient forum to discuss HIV research and findings.</li> </ul>	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Yoga at the Center Fridays 11 am - 12 pm LGBT Center</li><li>• The Chair also announced the passing of John Stein who was a key member in the community including his work with Being Alive, the yoga program, and the HIV consortium.</li></ul>	
11. Next meeting date	<b>Next Meeting:</b> Wednesday, June 11, 2025, at 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM <b>Location:</b> Southeastern Live Well Center; 5101 Market St, San Diego, CA 92114; Tubman Chavez Room A	
12. Adjournment	Meeting was adjourned at 4:27 PM.	