MEETING MINUTES

CARE PARTNERSHIP FOR WOMEN, CHILDREN, AND FAMILIES Monday, September 15, 2025 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Southeastern Live Well Center 5101 Market St, San Diego, CA 92114; (Tubman Chavez Room A)

Agenda Item	Action	Follow-up
Welcome and introductions	Johneisha Jones started the meeting at 11:06AM, and the participants introduced themselves online.	
Comments from the Chair/	The chair mentioned that we will be disabling introductions, chat, and muting for security purposes.	
Respectful Engagement	Respectful engagement guidelines read by Johneisha Jones.	
Moment of silence	A moment of silence was observed, remembering those who have passed and those living with or affected by HIV/AIDS and/or COVID-19.	
Review Mission Statement	Mission Statement read by Johneisha Jones	
Public comment/ Sharing our Concerns	 The Chair of the San Diego County HIV Planning Group (HPG) introduced himself and encouraged attendees to engage with the group. He emphasized the importance of public comments and consumer involvement, noting that community members are the best experts on the services provided. Johneisha thanked the chair for attending and emphasized the importance of attending HPG meetings. She encouraged community members to participate, share feedback, and make their voices heard to ensure funding and services reflect the real needs of those affected. A community member expressed concern about possible funding cuts to the MCAP program at UCSD, noting that the program has provided essential support to many women. They shared worries about new waitlists for therapy services. The MCAP representative acknowledged existing funding gaps, confirming that there is currently a waitlist for therapy. They emphasized the need to address these gaps, noting that efforts to find alternative referrals for clients have so far been unsuccessful. The chair acknowledged that most agencies, including Christie's Place, are facing waitlists for mental health services and shared that a part-time therapist was recently hired to help reduce the backlog. They asked the community to be patient 	

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	 as funding limitations are addressed, reminding individuals that mental health services may also be accessible through their medical coverage outside of HIV-specific programs. A community member described MCAP as a vital source of support for themselves and many families, women, and children. A community member emphasized that MCAP provides a unique sense of belonging and care that other programs cannot replace. The chair praised MCAP's staff for creating a family-like environment. She encouraged community members to speak at city and County levels, attend HPG meetings. She emphasized that raising public awareness is essential to protecting these vital services. She offered her support in this process. The HPG chair clarified that HIV funding is managed at the County level, not the city, and emphasized that any concerns about services should be formally documented through agency grievance policies or Golden Rod forms. He encouraged members to submit these forms as this allows the County and the HPG to track and address complaints. He assured members that no one could face retaliation for raising issues and offered his and Johneisha's support in the process. A member shared that they have been part of MCAP since 1998 and have consistently received strong support. They emphasized that MCAP has been especially valuable for mothers with children. 	
 Review & approval of the meeting agenda 	The agenda for September 15, 2025, was approved by consensus as presented.	
Review & approval of the meeting minutes	The minutes for July 17, 2025, was approved by consensus as presented.	
 Discuss 2025 Training Opportunities/ Updates 	November: Updates on MediCal December: Self-care presentation and holiday party	
Old Business		
a. None		
New Business		
a. Presentation: Shamine Linton Founder/CEO, Sharia's Closet	Shamine Linton presented on Sharia's Closet and discussed the following: • Who we are, what we do, and our why • The faces of Sharia's Closet • Sharia's Closet locations	

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	 Referring organizations Ways to support Ongoing needs Community needs Call to action Donation Drop Off: 6244 El Cajon Blvd Ste #5 San Diego, CA 92115. Mon-Sat, 9AM- 4PM. Clothes must be washed and separate by gender/type of clothing. Contact Us: info@shariascloset.org or 619-808-4979 	
b. Presentation: Erin Moore Project Analyst, Division of Prevention Science, University of California, San Francisco	Erin Moore presented on Ivy Study: Intervention for Virological Suppression in Youth • Test a technology-based intervention ○ Video counseling ○ mHealth app "WYZ" • Inclusion Criteria: ○ Age 18-29 years old ○ 3mo since HIV diagnosis ○ Viral load >20 copies/mL within the last year excluding 3mo after initial diagnosis ○ English speaking ○ Live and receive care in California • Activities: \$470-530 max over 12mo How to Sign Up Call/text 415-735-1507 (M-F, 9a-5p) Email ivy@ucsf.edu https://ivy.ucsf.edu/how-sign	
Reports		
a. Women and Youth Out of Care Group Discussion	 Support youth in the community impacted by or living with HIV. Providing guidance and care to those who feel confused or unsure. Many newly diagnosed youth are unaware of available services, so early engagement, face-to-face support, and trust-building are crucial to keep them connected to care. A parent mentioned their 27-year-old son with HIV and cerebral palsy struggling with hopelessness and resistance to care, highlighting concerns about the emotional well-being of youth. 	
a. HIV Planning Group (HPG)	North Regional Planning Meeting: October 10 th from 11am-1pm at 649 W Mission Rd, Escondido, 92025.	

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Planning Group Support Staff	 Truax Awards: Call for nominations are open until October 5th. The ceremony will be held on December 1st from 3-5pm. HPG Newsletter: Subscribe to receive updates on community events, research studies, and HPG meeting announcements. Email HPG.HHSA@sdcounty.ca.gov. 	
b. Ryan White Part D	 Individual experiences and community voices often don't reach decision-makers, creating gaps between needs and available services despite funding. There is a need for collaboration to maintain and improve the overall care system. Shannon thanked everyone for being here today to share their stories and express their concerns. 	
c. Research		
i. AIDS Clinical Trials Group (ACTG)/ Antiviral Research Center (AVRC)	 HIV prevention study: (16 years+, all genders) once yearly lenacapavir injection. The waitlist open and if you are interested reach out to Marvin Hanashiro. 	
ii. HIV Neurobehavioral Research Program (HNRP)	None.	
iii. Mother, Child & Adolescent Program (MCAP)	 UPLIFT Study: Focus on attitudes toward breastfeeding while living with HIV. For pregnant individuals, regardless of whether they plan to breastfeed. HIV Research Learning Opportunity: Online via YouTube at Saveaidsresearch.org 9/16 from 8AM – 8PM 	
iv. UC San Diego Moores Cancer Center		
13. Announcements	 The chair wanted to wish safe travels for the yearly annual retreat, where the ladies from Christie's Place are going up to Camp Julian. A women's Voice Conference Saturday, March 7th, 2026. Crown Plaza Center in Mission Valley. Registration will begin at the beginning of 2026. 	

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	 MCAP Youth Program Seeking Safety for individuals who have experienced substance use or trauma. jmora@health.ucsd.edu October 19th from 11am-3pm drag show at the rail as a fundraiser for MCAP. Red Dress Party October 4th. Annual HIV Fundraiser. Raised over 400k in the last 10 years. UCSD PAP rally for individuals to get free pap smears and will be providing childcare on October 14th you need to make an appointment through UCSD. 	
14. Next Meeting Date	Next CARE Partnership Meeting- Monday, November 17, 2025 In-Person Location: Southeastern Live Well Center 5101 Market St, San Diego, CA 92114; (Tubman Chavez Room A)	
15. Adjournment	Meeting adjourned at 12:51pm.	