

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT GROUP (CEG)



Wednesday, September 16, 2026, from 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM
Valencia Park / Malcolm X Branch Library
5148 Market St, San Diego, CA 92114

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A quorum for this meeting is five (5)

Committee Members: Roger Al-Chaikh | Tania Avalos-Bello | Andrew Cross | Esteban Duarte | Michael Donovan (Chair) | Jen Lothridge (Co-Chair) | Veronica Nava | Angela Vito Cruz

MEETING AGENDA ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Call to order, roll call, comments from the chair, and a moment of silence
2. Review Background, Mission Statement, Goals, and Agreement of Meeting Decorum
3. Introductions and Icebreaker
4. Public comment (for members of the public)
5. Sharing our concerns (for committee members)
6. **Action:** Approve the consent CEG agenda (which includes the September 16, 2026 agenda and the July 15, 2026 minutes)
7. Updates
 - a. Committee Updates:
 - i. Membership Committee
 - ii. Strategies and Standards Committee
 - iii. Medical Standards and Evaluation Committee
 - iv. Priority Setting and Resource Allocation Committee
 - v. Steering Committee
 - vi. HIV Planning Group
 - b. Community Updates:
 - i. CARE Partnership
 - ii. HIV Housing Committee/Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA)
8. New Business
 - a. **Presentation:** National Preparedness Month Presentation
9. Old Business
 - a. Review 2026 CEG workplan
 - b. Committee Attendance
10. Announcements
11. **Next meeting date:** Wednesday, October 16, 2026, from 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM
Location: Southeastern Live Well Center, 5101 Market St, San Diego, CA 92114 Tubman Chavez Room B & C
12. Adjournment

Community Engagement Group Charge:

1) Educate Community Members

- Educate/train community members about the HIV Planning Group's local HIV services planning process and prepare them for and support them in increased involvement throughout the HIV Planning Group Process: committees, task forces, working groups, and other opportunities, as well as HIV Planning Group membership.

2) Increase Community Members' Participation

- Increase the level and diversity of community involvement, including from under-served and under-represented populations.
- Represent the needs of all community members, including those unable to participate in meetings.
- Provide linkages to regional and population-specific community groups and ensure communication between those groups and the Community Engagement Group.
- Identify and seek to overcome barriers to community participation.

3) Represent Community Member Needs Throughout the HIV Planning Group Process

- Provide community representation on HIV Planning Group committees, task forces, etc., and ensure the flow of information from those groups to the Community Engagement Group.
- Encourage maximum community involvement in the Priority Setting Committee and other established venues for the annual priority setting and budget allocations process; the Community Engagement Group will not develop separate budget recommendations.
- Serve as a venue for providing community feedback regarding HIV Planning Group issues (e.g., task forces).