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San Diego HIV Planning Group (HPG)

Wednesday, October 26, 2022

3:00 PM

Meeting occurred via video teleconference (WebEx)

MINUTES

Quorum is 14

HPG Members Present: Allan Acevedo / Amy Applebaum / Alberto Cortes / Beth Davenport / Dr. David Grelotti / Dr. Elizabeth Hernandez / Pam Highfill / Dr. Delores Jacobs / Mikie Lochner / Moira Mar-Tang / Venice Price / Shannon Ransom / Raul Robles / James Rucker / Dr. Stephen Spector / Dr. Winston Tilghman / Karla Torres / Regina Underwood / Rhea Van Brocklin / Freddy Villafan / Abigail West / Michael Wimpie

HPG Members Absent: Alfredo De Jesus / Felipe Garcia-Bigley / Cinnamon Kubricky / Robert Lewis / Ivvan Reyna

Agenda Item	Action/Discussion	Follow-up
1. Call to Order/ Establishment of Quorum	Mikie Lochner, HPG Chair, called the meeting to order at 3:02 p.m. and noted the presence of a quorum.	
2. Action: Continuation of Teleconferencing	All votes at the meeting were taken by roll call; HPG members' names were called out verbally, then individual voice votes were noted and recorded. Action: Continuation of Teleconferencing Meeting Option Pursuant to Government Code Section 54953(e). a. Find HPG has reconsidered the circumstances of the State of Emergency b. Find that State and local officials continue recommending measures to promote social distancing. Motion/Second/Count (M/S/C): Van Brocklin/Acevedo 14/0 Abstentions: Lochner, West Motion carries	
3. Chair Comments; Ground Rules & Abstentions	Mikie Lochner led the group in a moment of silence; provided reminders of teleconferencing guidelines, presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Joe Zilvinskis, noted HPG member and staff birthdays; noted a list of open HPG seats was sent to all members, read the Code of Civil Discourse, and noted	

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	the Conflict of Interests (COI) guidelines and COI sheet in the packet.	
4. Public Comment (See page 2 of agenda for rules)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A member of the public noted Borrego Health System is losing its Medi-Cal contract and expressed concern that people living with HIV (PLWH) who receive care in that system may be left without a provider. A member of the public stated they believed that the HPG has too many meetings and that the meeting material is not sent out in sufficient time. 	
5. Sharing our concerns	None	
6. Action: Approval of the HIV Planning Group (HPG) agenda for October 26, 2022	Action: Approve the HPG meeting agenda for October 26, 2022 as presented. M/S/C: Cortes/Rucker 17/0 Abstentions: Hernandez, Lochner, Robles, West Motion carries	
7. Old Business		
None		
8. New Business		
a. ACTION: (Membership Committee): Review and approve recommendation(s) for HPG membership.	There are no Membership Committee recommendations for HPG membership currently.	
b. ACTION: (Priority Setting and Resource Allocation Committee) (PSRAC): Review and approve recommendations for reallocation of funds in FY 22 (the current year, March 1, 2022 – February 28, 2023)	Dr. Jacobs reviewed the PSRAC recommendations for FY 22 reallocations. The action item information sheet was included in the meeting materials packet. Action: Decrease funding to non-Medical Case Management for Housing (priority #7) by \$250,000 from \$250,000 to \$0, decrease funding to Housing: Location, Placement and Advocacy Services (priority #9) by \$100,000 from \$100,000 to \$0, and decrease funding to Psychosocial Support Services (priority #16) by \$60,000, from \$60,000 to \$0. M/S/C: PSRAC, 11/0 Abstentions: Applebaum, Jacobs, Lochner, Mar-Tang, Ransom, Spector, Underwood, Van Brocklin, Villafan, West Motion carries	
	Action Increase funding to Emergency Housing Assistance (priority #8) by \$298,235 from \$780,000 to \$1,078,235.	

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	M/S/C: PSRAC 14/0 Abstentions: Jacobs, Lochner, Mar-Tang, Ransom, Spector, Villafan, West Motion carries	
	Action: Increase funding to Transportation (priority #20) by \$10,000, from \$142,830 to \$152,830. M/S/C: PSRAC 8/0 Abstentions: Applebaum, Grelotti, Jacobs, Lochner, Mar-Tang, Ransom, Rucker, Spector, Tilghman, Underwood, Villafan, West Motion carries	
	Action: Increase funding to Medical Case Management (priority #5) by \$43,512, from \$1,318,338 to \$1,361,850 and increase funding to non-Medical Case Management (priority #6) by \$10,360, from \$442,021 to \$452,381 M/S/C: PSRAC 7/0 Abstentions: Applebaum, Davenport, Grelotti, Jacobs, Lochner, Mar-Tang, Ransom, Rucker, Spector, Tilghman, Underwood, Villafan, West Motion carries	
	Action: Increase funding to Mental Health (Counseling/Therapy) (priority #15) by \$47,893, from \$1,011,062 to \$1,058,955. M/S/C: PSRAC 9/0 Abstentions: Applebaum, Davenport, Jacobs, Lochner, Price, Ransom, Rucker, Spector, Underwood, Villafan, West Motion carries	
c. ACTION: (Steering Committee): Approve the board letter to accept additional Ending the HIV Epidemic (EHE) funding	Mikie Lochner discussed the action item, the action items information sheet was included in the meeting materials packet. Action: Approve the board letter to accept additional Ending the HIV Epidemic (EHE) funding M/S/C: Steering Committee 15/0 Abstentions: Applebaum, Lochner, Tilghman, Villafan, West Motion carries	
d. ACTION: (Strategies and Standards Committee) Approve the recommended changes to Universal service standards	Shannon Ransom discussed the action item, the action items information sheet was included in the meeting materials packet. Action: Approve the recommended changes to Universal service standards M/S/C: Strategies and Standards Committee 18/0 Abstentions: Lochner, West Motion carries	

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e. Presentation: HPG Conflict of Interest (COI) policy and COI disclosure form – Rodney von Jaeger	Rodney von Jaeger presented on the HPG's new required Conflict of Interest policy and disclosure form and reviewed the County's required Statement of Economic Interest (Form 700) form and process.	
f. ACTION: Approval of HPG consent agenda for October 26, 2022	Action: Approval of HPG consent agenda for October 26, 2022, which includes: Approval of HPG Minutes from September 28, 2022; acceptance of the following committee minutes: Steering Committee: June 14, 2022, July 19, 2022, and September 20, 2022; Strategies and Standards Committee: September 6, 2022; Membership Committee: September 14, 2022; Priority Setting and Resource Allocation Committee: September 8, 2022; Consumer Group (Community Engagement): September 21, 2022; (Included for your information, not for acceptance; CARE Partnership: September 19, 2022; HIV Housing Committee: March 16, 2022, May 18, 2022, July 20, 2022; Faith-Based Action Coalition: September 8, 2022) M/S/C: Jacobs/Villafan 18/0 Abstentions: Lochner, West Motion carries	
g. Follow-up items from the minutes	The HPG reviewed follow-up items from the September 28, 2022 minutes.	
h. Presentation: Presentation: Highlights of the National Harm Reduction Conference – Lori Jones	Tabled until the December HPG meeting.	
i. HIV, STD, and Hepatitis Branch (HSHB) Reports – Lauren Brookshire		
a. HSHB Monthly Report: October 2022	Lauren Brookshire reviewed the HSHB report, which was included in the meeting materials packet and highlighted: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rodney von Jaeger is retiring in January; HSHB is attempting to dual fill the position so overlap and training can occur. • The Monkeypox (MPX) state of emergency will lapse on November 10, 2022 as cases have decreased significantly. • There are several procurements in place, outlined in the report. 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All Ryan White (RW) contract will be extended in the new fiscal year, ensuring no gap in services. • The Capacity Assessment report shows longer waiting times for Psychiatric Med. Mgmt appointments in Southeast San Diego and longer waiting times for Mental Health appointments in the North region. 	
b. HRSA, CDC and CDPH policies and procedures updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Non-competing continuance for FY 23 RW Part A funds was submitted to HRSA on October 3, 2022. • The State is expected to end the COVID state of emergency at the end of February 2023; if so the County will probably do likewise. 	
c. Expenditure/budget review	<p>The expenditure reports were included in the meeting materials packet:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RW Part A funding: Data through August 2022; with 50% of the fiscal year (FY) elapsed, there is underspending in several service categories, with a savings of approx.\$770,000, HPG actions taken in August and September will be show more spending the next reports. Emergency Housing Assistance shows accelerated spending. • RW Part B/Other funding: Part B, with 42% of FY elapsed with 47% of funds expended. Prevention: 67% of FY elapsed with 57% of funds expended • Ending the HIV Epidemic (EHE) grants: CDPH EHE grant 100% FY elapsed with 3% of funds expended, HRSA EHE 50% of FY elapsed with 40% of funds expended; both EHE grants can carry over funds from years 1 & 2 of the grants into years 3 – 5. 	
d. Service Utilization Summary Report – September 2022	Service utilization overall is approx. 10% less compared to the previous year (2,734 unduplicated clients seen through September 2022, vs. 3,034 through September 2021). Service Utilization has number for “Unduplicated clients”, but that title should say “Total clients.”	
e. Client Service Evaluation (Goldenrod) Summary Report	Two Goldenrod reports were received, both from RW providers, both were positive remarks.	
10. Reports		

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a. Committee Reports (Community Engagement (Consumer), Membership, Strategies & Standards, PSRAC, Medical Standards and Evaluation)	No updates	
b. Planning Group Support Staff (PGSS) Report –	Tabled	
c. Report from State Office of AIDS (OA) and AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP) – Abigail West and Jesse Peck	Two lifesaving bills for Transgender persons were signed into law by Governor Newsom; details are on page 7 of the included OA report.	
d. GTZ Community Engagement Project Updates	Continuing to work the recommendations through the HPG committees to address the concerns of Consumers.	
e. California HIV Planning Group (CHPG)	Tabled	
f. Faith-Based Action Coalition (FBAC)	Tabled	
11. Suggestions to Steering Committee for consideration of future items	Tabled	
12. Announcements	Please submit turn in nominations for the Brad Truax Awards by November 1, 2022.	
13. Next meeting date	Next Meeting: Wednesday, December 14, 2022 Location: WebEx Note: The November HPG meeting has been cancelled.	
14. Adjournment	5:01 p.m.	