

## SAN DIEGO HIV PLANNING GROUP (HPG)



Wednesday, November 19, 2025, 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM  
Southeastern Live Well Center  
5101 Market Street, San Diego, CA 92114  
Tubman Chavez Room C

### A quorum for this meeting is thirteen (13)

**HPG Members Joining in Person (19):** Nicole Aguilar | Marco Aguirre Mendoza | Juan Conant | Beth Davenport | Michael Donovan | Tyra Fleming | Rosemary Garcia | Felipe Garcia-Bigley | Ben Ignalino | Lori Jones | Michael Lochner (*Chair*) | Jen Lothridge | Eva Matthews | Veronica Nava | Shannon Paugh | Stephen Spector | Rhea Van Brocklin | Jeffery Weber | Michael Wimpie

**HPG Members Absent (6):** David Grelotti | Michael King | Cinnamen Kubricky (*Vice-Chair*) | Skyler Miles | Ivy Rooney | Adrienne Yancey

### ORDER OF BUSINESS

Agenda Item	Discussion/Action	Follow-Up
1. Call to order and roll call	Mikie Lochner called the meeting to order at 3:03 PM and noted the presence of an in-person quorum.	
2. Welcome, moment of silence, matters from the Chair	A moment of silence was observed. The Chair made the following announcements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Recognition of America Gonzalez Castaneda for all her work on HPG.</li><li>- Reminder about the conflicts of interest.</li><li>- Reminder to be kind to one another.</li></ul>	
3. A moment to remember and honor Kenneth Riley, MD, MPH	The HPG members and other attendees honored Dr. Kenneth Riley and shared the memories.	
4. Public comment	The following comments were made: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- An acknowledgement that the County recently adopted a 24-month timeframe (from 48 months) for the PARS enrollment and discussed the criteria for the waiting list.</li></ul>	
5. HPG Member Open Forum	The following comments were made: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Appreciation for the food spread.</li><li>- A concern that Medi-Cal costs are on the rise, especially for married couples and people with dependents.</li></ul>	
6. <b>ACTION:</b> Approve the HPG agenda for November 19, 2025	<b>Motion:</b> Approve the HPG agenda for November 19, 2025 and switch the order of items 8 and 10. <b>Motion/Second/Count (M/S/C):</b> Van Brocklin/Nava/18-0	

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	<p><b>Discussion:</b> None  <b>Abstentions:</b> Lochner  <b>Motion carries</b></p>	
<p>7. HIV, STD, and Hepatitis Branch (HSHB) Report</p>	<p>Patrick Loose provided the following updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The changes implemented at the October HPG meeting have not yet taken effect and will reflect by January.</li> <li>- All SNAP recipients have been funded again, but HSHB is still proposing reallocations to support those living with HIV with additional funds. SNAP is not alone to meet people’s nutritional needs.</li> <li>- A recommendation for the planning body to assess the clients’ nutritional needs moving forward; is there an opportunity to support them in ongoing ways as this reallocation is a temporary relief.</li> </ul>	<p>The Recipients’ staff will add additional information on the report to show comparison data</p>
<p>8. Old Business</p>		
<p>a. None</p>		
<p>9. New Business</p>		
<p>a. <b>ACTION:</b> Approve the Board Letter</p>	<p><b>Motion:</b> Approve the Board Letter to authorize acceptance of funding to address sexually transmitted infections, support harm reduction services, and apply for future funding opportunities.  <b>M/S/C:</b> Donovan/Lothridge/18-0  <b>Discussion:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- A clarification from Patrick that the savings from a cancelled grant are going towards another a program to support disease intervention. This funding is guaranteed through June 30, 2026.</li> <li>- A confirmation that the total amount is over a five-year period.</li> </ul> <p><b>Abstentions:</b> Lochner  <b>Motion carries</b></p>	
<p>b. <b>ACTION (PSRAC):</b> Approve FY25 Reallocations</p>	<p><b>Motion:</b> Approve a decrease in Outpatient Ambulatory Health Services by \$445,250 from \$1,821,037 to \$1,375,787.  <b>M/S/C:</b> PSRAC/10-0  <b>Discussion:</b> none</p>	

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	<p><b>Abstentions:</b> Conant, Garcia-Bigley, Ignalino, Lochner, Matthews, Nava, Paugh, Spector, Van Brocklin  <b>Motion carries</b></p> <p><b>Motion:</b> Approve an increase of in Emergency Financial Assistance by \$445,250 from \$61,856 to \$507,106.  <b>M/S/C:</b> PSRAC/11-0  <b>Discussion:</b> none  <b>Abstentions:</b> Davenport, Garcia-Bigley, Lochner, Matthews, Nava, Paugh, Spector, Van Brocklin  <b>Motion carries</b></p>	
<p>c. <b>Presentation:</b> The Pacific AIDS Education and Training Center (AETC)</p>	<p>The staff from the Pacific AETC presented on advancing the HIV workforce capacity through regional collaborations and partnerships. The group also held an open discussion with the HPG members.</p>	
<p>10. Routine Business</p>		
<p>a. <b>ACTION:</b> Approve the consent agenda for November 19, 2025 which includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. HPG minutes (10/22/25)</li> <li>ii. Minutes from the following meetings: Steering Committee (9/12/25); Membership Committee (9/10/25); Priority Setting and Resource Allocation Committee (6/12/25, 7/17/25, 7/24/25, 7/31/25, 8/7/25); Medical Standards and Evaluation Committee (9/9/25); Community Engagement Group (10/16/25); Strategies and Standards Committee (8/5/25); CARE Partnership for reference only (9/15/25)</li> <li>iii. (<i>Membership Committee</i>): HPG appointments/ reappointments – Pamuela Halliwell, Sergio Luna, Joseph Westcott</li> <li>iv. (<i>CEG</i>): Joint City/County HIV Housing Committee designated CEG seat appointment – Jen Lothridge</li> </ul>	<p><b>Motion:</b> Approve the consent agenda for November 19, 2025  <b>M/S/C:</b> Fleming/Ignalino/18-0  <b>Discussion:</b> none  <b>Abstentions:</b> Lochner  <b>Motion carries</b></p>	
<p>b. Report Outs</p>	<p>Deferred</p>	

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11. HPG Support Staff Updates	<p>Dasha Dahdouh shared the following updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- America Gonzalez Castaneda will be transitioning to a new role with the contract team within the branch.</li> <li>- The HPG Support Staff (team is hiring for two vacancies).</li> <li>- Alexa Mugol is returning to the branch in a different capacity, to support HPG SS.</li> </ul>	
12. Announcements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The 36<sup>th</sup> Dr. A. Brad Truax Award Ceremony and Reception is taking place on Monday, December 1, 2025 at 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM. It will be held at The Center.</li> <li>- Tree Lighting Ceremony at Village Hillcrest at 6:00 PM, hosted by Mama’s Kitchen.</li> <li>- Trauma-Informed Care event, hosted by Pacific AETC, on December 2, 2025. Open registration, a link will be disseminated.</li> <li>- Pacific AETC is currently hiring for a full-time remote worker to live and work on Hawaii.</li> <li>- Red Ribbon Gala, sponsored by Impulse San Diego, will benefit POZabilities, on November 30, 2025. It will include a silent auction.</li> <li>- Thanksgiving dinner at 11:00 AM at The Center.</li> </ul>	
13. Adjournment	The meeting was adjourned at 4:51 PM.	
Next meeting date	<p>Date: Wednesday, December 17, 2025 (<i>one week early</i>)            Time: 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM            Location: Southeastern Live Well Center, 5101 Market Street, San Diego, CA 92114 (Tubman Chavez Room C) and via Zoom</p>	