
**LOS ANGELES COUNTY
HIV PREVENTION PLANNING COMMITTEE (PPC)
600 South Commonwealth Avenue, 10th Floor•Los Angeles CA 90005-4001**

APPROVED

MEETING SUMMARY

Thursday, August 6, 2009

12:10 PM - 3:59 PM

St. Anne's Maternity Home - Foundation Conference Room
155 N. Occidental Blvd.- Los Angeles, CA 90026

MEMBERS PRESENT

Traci Bivens-Davis
Juli-Ann Carlos
John Copeland
Trevor Daniels
Michael Green*
AJ King
Miguel Martinez
Sandra Olivas
Ricki Rosales
Sophia Rumanes
Precious Stallworth*
Kimberlee Woods

Scott Campbell
Tyrone Carter
Cesar Cuadra
David Giugni
Philip Hendricks
Lee Kochems
Victor Martinez
Ron Osorio
Jill Rotenberg
Terry Smith
Enrique Topete

ABSENT

Jeffrey King
Tim Young

* Denotes present at one (1) of the roll calls

OAPP STAFF PRESENT

Kyle Baker	Elizabeth Escobedo	Min Kim	John Mesta
Pamela Ogata	Jane Rohde	Gwendolyn Thompson	Paulina Zamudio

PPC MEETING

I. ROLL CALL

Roll call was taken at 12:10 PM and a quorum was present.

II. COLLOQUIA PRESENTATION

“Social Networks and Social Networking Technology for Preventing HIV/AIDS among Homeless Youth”

Dr. Rosemary Veniegas of the Center for HIV Identification, Prevention and Treatment Services (CHIPTS) shared Dr. Eric Rice sends his deep regrets for not presenting today and sent Ms. Eve Tolbert, Project Director to provide the presentation. Dr. Veniegas provided some background and introduced Ms. Eve Tolbert who provided the presentation.

The presentation included new results from a detailed social network survey conducted with 135 homeless youth during summer of 2008. The results of the survey clarify what kinds of relationships within homeless networks reduce sexual and injection drug taking risk behaviors. Building on the strengths of these networks to reduce HIV risk is promising and innovative approaches for targeting high risk, hard to reach, often transient population are critical. The

presentation concluded with a description of a social network-based investigation for homeless youth that will utilize social networking websites (e.g. MySpace or Facebook) for mounting a peer-driven HIV/AIDS prevention campaign.

There was a question and answer period following the presentation. A copy of the power point presentation titled “Social Networks and Social Networking Technology for Preventing HIV/AIDS among Homeless Youth” is available upon request.

III. REVIEW/APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA

The DRAFT August 6, 2009 HIV Prevention Planning Committee (PPC) Meeting Agenda was reviewed. A motion to approve the August 6, 2009 Los Angeles County HIV Prevention Planning Committee (PPC) meeting agenda was made by Traci Bivens-Davis and seconded by Miguel Martinez. The motion passed by consensus.

MOTION #1: Approve the August 6, 2009 HIV Prevention Planning Committee (PPC) Meeting Agenda.	<i>Passed by consensus</i>	MOTION PASSED
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IV. REVIEW/APPROVAL JULY 2, 2009 MEETING SUMMARY

The DRAFT July 2, 2009 HIV Prevention Planning Committee (PPC) Meeting Summary was reviewed. Lee Kochems placed a motion on the floor to approve the July 2, 2009 PPC meeting summary. The motion was seconded by Miguel Martinez. The motion passed by consensus.

MOTION #2: Approve the July 2, 2009 HIV Prevention Planning Committee (PPC) Meeting Summary.	<i>Passed by consensus</i>	MOTION PASSED
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V. PUBLIC COMMENT

- Humberto Franco, The Wall-Las Memorias, announced it is disheartening to hear about the State budget cuts and it appears smaller agencies with close community ties are being hit the hardest.
- Charles Karsters, Being Alive, announced effective August 14th he is resigning from Being Alive. Mr. Karsters thanked the PPC and PPC community for all the support he has received. Additionally, Mr. Karsters announced he is relocating to Honolulu, Hawaii.
- Juilan Sanchez, MAP, announced the Minority AIDS Project (MAP) is hosting a transgender summit titled “Transgender Connection” on August 15th from 12:00 PM to 7:00 PM at the Wholeness and Wellness Center. Flyers in English and Spanish are available on the back table. Everyone is welcome.
- Richard Zalidvar, The Wall-Las Memorias, acknowledged and thanked Charles Karsters for his leadership in the local HIV/AIDS movement. Additionally, Mr. Zaldivar respectfully requested for the PPC to look at agencies in the neighborhood fighting HIV/AIDS within their target populations and to maintain/experience very little impact to their current level of funding. Lastly, Richard Zaldivar announced The Wall-Las Memorias and other community organizations intend to visit the Sacramento legislature with a video camera to

interview members of the legislature regarding the budget cuts and to upload the videos to “You Tube”.

- Adriano Aldridge, In the meantime Men’s Group, extended an invitation to all African American Gay and bisexual men to attend the 8th Annual Wellness for Life Conference on Saturday, August 8th from 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM at the Wilshire Plaza Hotel Conference Center. Flyers are on the back table.
- Bamby Salcedo, Childrens Hospital Los Angeles, extended an invitation to everyone to attend “Angels in Change” on September 21, 2009 at 6655 Santa Monica Blvd. Additionally, Bamby Salcedo respectfully requested for the PPC to consider the transgender community when suggesting funding recommendations.
- Jury Candelario, APAIT, respectfully requested for the PPC to prioritize recommendations for budget allocations to communities of color and small community based organizations.
- Victor Martinez, Bienestar, announced Bienestar in collaboration with John Perez’s office will host the 4th Annual Briefing in Sacramento on August 19, 2009.
- Jill Rotenberg, JWCH, announced the SPA 4 SPN meeting is scheduled on August 20th at 12:00 PM at the Maternal Child and Adolescent Center at LAC/USC. Ms. Rotenberg encouraged individuals interested in attending to RSVP.

VI. GOVERNMENTAL CO-CHAIRS REPORT

- Sophia Rumanes shared there is a Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) dated July 29, 2009 for community-based organizations (CBOs) which is located on the back table.
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Interim Progress Report (IPR)
Sophia Rumanes introduced John Mesta who provided an update on the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Interim Progress Report (IPR). Mr. Mesta shared the 2009/2010 CDC Guidance was received on August 5th and the application/report is due on October 5, 2009. As in the past, Mr. Mesta shared a meeting will be scheduled for the PPC to review, provide input/feedback and vote to concur, concur with reservations or not concur on the document. PPC members will be notified and polled on their availability to attend the IPR Review meeting.
- OAPP Process/Update on the State of California Budget
Dr. Michael Green provided an overview of what is known regarding the State of California budget reductions. Dr. Green reported OAPP has not received official notification from the State of California Office of AIDS regarding budget cuts, funding and/or the potential effects to Los Angeles County. Dr. Green shared it has been reported the Governor of California has used his blue pencil line item veto authority. The Office of AIDS Programs and Policy (OAPP) and Los Angeles County Department of Public Health (DPH) leadership have been conducting internal strategic planning meetings in response to the State budget reductions. OAPP constructed a plan and included the PPC co-chairs and the Commission co-chairs in a discussion with DPH leadership. It was reported the State Office of AIDS received an \$80 million reduction to operating expenses (general funds contribution from the State of California), which could equate to a \$5.3 million reduction to Health Education/Risk Reduction (HE/RR) services being provided in Los Angeles County, a \$1.1 million reduction to HIV Counseling and Testing (HCT) services in Los Angeles County, Early Intervention Programs (EIP) reduced by \$ 2.1 million dollars and the Therapeutic Monitoring Program eliminated. Additionally, it was reported the Long Beach

Public Health Department would be receiving a substantial reduction in funding from the State of California Office of AIDS. It appears there would be an \$11.5 million reduction in funding to Los Angeles County from the State of California Office of AIDS. The Governor of California's budget is retroactive to July 1, 2009 and OAPP is incurring costs of \$1 million dollars per month until the reductions are implemented. The recommendations/proposals for prevention are: no reductions to HIV Counseling and Testing (HCT) services and preserve \$4.3 million of the reduction for Health Education/Risk Reduction Services (HE/RR). The Priorities and Planning Committee of the Commission proposed the following: eliminate funding for Legal Services, reduce funding for Psycho-Social Case Management, reduce/eliminate funding for Peer Support Programs, eliminate funding for Provider Trainings, eliminate funding for Capacity Building, eliminate funding for Treatment Education Services, eliminate funding for Medical Nutrition Therapy Services, and reduce Transportation Services. There was a question and answer period immediately following Dr. Green's report.

VII. COMMUNITY CO-CHAIRS REPORT

- PPC Process/Update on the State of California Budget
Terry Smith shared there has been several meetings and/or responses to the State of California budget cuts. Mr. Smith referred back to Mario Pérez' comment at the last PPC meeting indicating OAPP would come with a proposal to the PPC co-chairs and/or PPC Executive Subcommittee. Mr. Pérez participated in the July 30th PPC Executive Subcommittee meeting and invited the PPC co-chairs (along with Commission co-chairs) to participate in a meeting with Department of Public Health administration at 4:00 PM on July 30th. OAPP's proposal was outlined.

On Friday, July 31st, an emergency meeting was held for the PPC Executive Subcommittee to review OAPP's proposal. The group in attendance agreed to adopt the two-tier model which included the sun setting of School Based Programs and Faith Based Programs. The priority populations would remain the same. The vote was: Yes – 6, No -0, and Abstain -1.

AJ King shared there is a motion on today's agenda. Kimberlee Woods placed a motion on the floor to schedule a meeting to review the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Interim Progress Report (IPR) and authorize those members who participate in the IPR review to represent the full body of the PPC in voting for concurrence, concurrence with reservations, or non concurrence. Precious Stallworth seconded the motion. The motion passed by consensus.

<p>MOTION #3: Schedule a meeting to review the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Interim Progress Report (IPR) and authorize those members who participate in the IPR review to represent the full body of the PPC in voting for concurrence, concurrence with</p>	<p><i>Passed by consensus</i></p>	<p>MOTION PASSED</p>
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Terry Smith suggested moving the Joint Public Policy Committee report to follow the break.

MOTION #4: Move the Joint Public Policy Committee Report up in the agenda to follow the break.	<i>Passed by consensus</i>	MOTION PASSED
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Terry Smith shared that he and AJ King participated in a conference call with the CDC regarding PrEp. Mr. Smith shared the Co-Morbidity Think Tank has been postponed. A planning meeting will be scheduled in October, 2009. The PPC and Commission Integration Task Force are moving forward. AJ King and Terry Smith met with the co-chairs of the Latino Task Force and met with Dr. Rose Veniegas regarding the Prevention Cost Analysis Project.

Lastly, Terry Smith reported a Vigil/March is scheduled on Tuesday, August 11th at 7:00 PM at Pershing Square to protest the State of California budget cuts.

AJ King responded to a comment regarding the full body of the PPC discussing and voting on the budget cuts. AJ King’s response was due to the time constraints in responding, the PPC Executive approved a motion at the July 30th PPC Executive Subcommittee to empower members present to represent the PPC Executive Subcommittee. It was suggested to revise the PPC Policies and Procedures to include language which addresses Emergency meetings.

VIII. BREAK

IX. JOINT PUBLIC POLICY COMMITTEE REPORT

Kimberlee Woods reported the Joint Public Policy Committee met and reviewed the State of California budget, discussed the PPC request for a presentation on Condoms in the Adult Film Industry, discussed the Ryan White extension, discussed the fact the Senate has passed a version of affordable health care, discussed SB-1201 (ADAP counting), and discussed HIV Surveillance. Lee Kochems added the next Joint Public Policy Committee meeting on August 19th from 12:00 to 5:00 PM will include the annual legislative review.

X. PRELIMINARY FINDINGS FROM NATIONAL HIV BEHAVIORAL SURVEILLANCE (NHBS-MSM2) PRESENTATION

To monitor behaviors associated with HIV infection and exposure to HIV prevention programs and resources, the CDC initiated the national HIV Behavioral Surveillance (NHBS) project in 2003. NHBS has been conducted in approximately 15 to 24 metropolitan areas with three risk populations – MSM, IDU, and heterosexuals living in high AIDS morbidity areas. Trista Bingham, HIV Epidemiology Program (HEP) provided a power point presentation of the NHBS data collected during the 2008 MSM cycle (known locally as the “LA Men’s Survey) in Los Angeles. The presentation shared the preliminary findings on socio-demographic characteristics, sexual and drug-use behaviors, exposure to HIV prevention programs, and results from the rapid testing algorithm testing component. Additionally, the presentation

included the differences in sexual and drug-use behaviors by age group of the participants (i.e. 18-29 year olds to men 30 years and older) and race/ethnicity.

There was a question and answer period following the presentation. A copy of the power point presentation titled “Preliminary findings from National HIV Behavioral Surveillance (NHBS-MSM2)” is available upon request.

XI. SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

- **Operations**

Traci Bivens-Davis shared the Operations Subcommittee met on July 14th and finalized the details of the New PPC Member Orientation, which occurred on July 17th. The Operations Subcommittee continues to work on revising the PPC Policies and Procedures. The Operations Subcommittee reviewed PPC member attendance (8 members have questionable attendance concerns) and reviewed the applications for PPC membership. Applications for PPC membership are available online and at PPC meetings.

The next Operations Subcommittee meeting is scheduled on Tuesday, August 10th at 10:30 AM at OAPP.

- **Evaluation**

Miguel Martinez shared the Evaluation Subcommittee met on July 20th and are working on steps to develop the Service Inventory. The Evaluation Subcommittee is looking for a site for the two-day Data Summit.

The next Evaluation Subcommittee meeting is scheduled on Monday, August 17th from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM at OAPP.

- **Standards & Best Practices**

Trevor Daniels reported the Standards & Best Practices Subcommittee met on July 16th with no quorum present. The group in attendance reviewed the Standards & Best Practices Work Plan. A meeting is scheduled on Tuesday, August 18th at The Village at 11:30 AM regarding SBP Goal #7 (HIV and Mental Health).

The next Standards & Best Practices Subcommittee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 20th from 1:30 PM to 3:30 PM at OAPP.

- **HIV Counseling and Testing (HCT) Work Group**

Sophia Rumanes reported the HCT Work Group met on July 16th and was well attended by the HCT community. Representatives from Inverness provided presentations on their “ClearView Test Kits”, OAPP staff provided a presentation on Counselor Stress related to RTA and the HCT Summit will be a ½ day event.

The next HIV Counseling and Testing Work Group meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 20th from 10:30 AM to 12:30 PM at OAPP.

XII. TRANSGENDER TASK FORCE REPORT

April Saravia shared the Transgender Task Force met on July 29th at Childrens Hospital Los Angeles. The task force received a set of recommendations from the Program Ad Hoc Group.

The next Transgender Task Force meeting is August 26th at Childrens Hospital Los Angeles.

XIII. LATINO TASK FORCE REPORT

Victor Martinez expressed thanks to the PPC Community Co-Chairs, Terry Smith and AJ King, for meeting with the Latino Task Force co-chairs. Mr. Martinez shared the Latino Task Force is experiencing challenges with participation from the Latino community and providers and has requested for the PPC co-chairs to write a letter of invitation to agencies funded through OAPP to provide services to Latino populations. The Latino Task Force has established a working Group who are reviewing document (e.g. CDC document and NLAAD document) and will be providing recommendations to the Latino Task Force. The Latino Task Force has finalized the first draft of their timeline. The Commission on HIV is interested in having a conversation with the Latino Task Force regarding convening a Latino Consumer Caucus.

The next Latino Task Force meeting is August 21st at 10:00 AM at OAPP.

XIV. STANDING REPORTS

- City of Los Angeles – Ricki Rosales shared the City of Los Angeles AIDS Coordinator’s Office has completed the two (2) Public Service Announcements (PSAs) [1 targeting youth and 1 targeting women] were filmed and are in post production. The Mayor of the City of Los Angeles is enforcing the ordinance regarding incorporating Hepatitis A, Hepatitis B and Hepatitis C activities/education into the duties/responsibilities of the City of Los Angeles AIDS Coordinator’s Office; therefore, the City of Los Angeles AIDS Coordinator’s Office is meeting with the Hepatitis providers.
- City of West Hollywood – David Giugni shared The City of West Hollywood Social Services staff met with John Copeland and the Sexually Transmitted Disease Programs (STDP) staff to discuss ways to increase the visibility and to continue the “Check Yourself” campaign targeting HIV positive men in the West Hollywood area. Additionally, Mr. Giugni reported the City of West Hollywood Social Services staff has been assured special services contracts will not be cut and contracts will remain at the current level. Lastly, Mr. Giugni shared “In the Moment” is at its peak and the last web-episode for this year has launched.
- City of Pasadena – Sandra Olivas shared the City of Pasadena Public Health Department has been impacted by the State budget cuts. There will be changes in the HIV Counseling and Testing (HCT) services and the education prevention services. The Maternal Child Health Program and Black Infant Child Program have been eliminated. There is the possibility the City of Pasadena Public Health Department will be restructured.
- Alcohol and Drug Programs Administration (ADPA) – No Report.
- Sexually Transmitted Diseases Program (STDP) – John Copeland reported the “Don’t Think Know” campaign (a home test kit) targeting young women of color (under 25) to test for Chlamydia has been fairly received. 1,500 test kits were ordered and of the returned test kits, and the Public Health laboratory has identified between a 7%-8% infection rate.

Additionally, Mr. Copeland encouraged everyone to take some of the “Check Yourself” campaign materials on the back table. Lastly, Mr. Copeland STDP is looking into ways to reach HIV positive men as 66% of last year’s Syphilis infections were with HIV positive men.

- HIV Epidemiology Program (HEP) – Juli-Ann Carlos shared she is unable to provide a current HIV surveillance update because the system is frozen (transitioning to a new system); however, data is still be collected.
- California Design Summit (CDS) – Ricki Rosales shared dialogue regarding restructuring the California Design Summit resumed a couple of weeks ago. The framework for restructuring the planning body has been completed; however, some of the details need to be worked out. The restructuring plan will be presented to the body at the next meeting in September, 2009 in Berkeley, CA.
- Urban Coalition for HIV/AIDS Prevention Services (UCHAPS) – Terry Smith shared the next UCHAPS meeting is August 20th through August 21st in Atlanta, prior to the National Prevention Conference. Additionally, Mr. Smith reported for Ms. Watt that UCHAPS has been vocal and active in the dilemma regarding the State of California budget and Syringe Exchange.
- Incarcerated Task Force – Ron Osorio shared the group did not meet in the month of July, 2009.

XV. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- David Guigni encouraged PPC members and the PPC community to attend the Commission meeting on Thursday, August 13th when the Commission will vote on the budget recommendations. Additionally, David Guigni encouraged individuals to attend the Vigil regarding the state budget cuts on Tuesday, August 11th evening at Pershing Square. Flyers are on the back table.
- Sandra Olivas thanked the PPC and the PPC Operations Subcommittee for the New PPC Member Orientation.
- Tyrone Carter announced over 100 youth were at the REACH LA pre Ball event. Mr. Carter thanked Bienestar for providing HIV testing. Tyrone Carter announced the Ball was a success and two positives (one at each event) were identified.
- Jill Rotenburg announced on Friday, August 28th from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM at St. Anne’s, the National AIDS Treatment Advocacy Program will be providing a free Hepatitis C update.
- AJ King announced the California STD Training Center will be providing a free training on Selecting Effective Behavioral Interventions on September 14th and September 15th at OAPP. Important framework for applying for the upcoming CDC FOA will included.
- Terry Smith announced the Commission has tentatively scheduled a Priorities and Planning Committee meeting on Tuesday, August 11th. Additionally, Mr. Smith expressed the importance of the PPC and Commission working together.
- Enrique Topete announced the Wall-Las Memorias is hosting its Strike Out AIDS Day event on September 18th at Dodgers Stadium. Tickets are \$11.00 each.
- Phil Hendricks announced RAM is hosting a free mental, dental and eye care event from August 8th through August 16th at the Forum in Inglewood.

- Victoria Ortega requested to adjourn the meeting in honor of Buzzar Licea.

XVI. CLOSING ROLL CALL

XVII. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 3:59 PM.

Note: All agenda items are subject to action.

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