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

APPROVED

MEETING SUMMARY

Thursday, October 1, 2009

12:15 PM - 4:20 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
Trevor Daniels
Michael Green*
AJ King
Miguel Martinez
Sandra Olivas
Jill Rotenberg
Terry Smith

Scott Campbell
John Copeland
David Giugni
Philip Hendricks
Lee Kochems
Victor Martinez
Ricki Rosales
Sophia Rumanes
Enrique Topete

ABSENT

Tyrone Carter
Cesar Cuadra
Jeffrey King
Ron Osorio
Precious Stallworth (E)
Kimberlee Woods (E)
Tim Young (E)

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

OAPP STAFF PRESENT

Marisa Cohen	Elizabeth Escobedo	Terri Hudson	Min Kim
Heather Northover	Paulina Zamudio		

PPC MEETING

I. ROLL CALL

Roll call was taken at 12:15 PM and a quorum was present.

II. COLLOQUIA PRESENTATION

“Harm Reduction and Syringe Exchange Programs in the City and County of Los Angeles”
Dr. Rosemary Veniegas of the Center for HIV Identification, Prevention and Treatment Services (CHIPTS) provided some background and introduced Stephen Simon, City of Los Angeles AIDS Coordinator’s Office; Anna Long, County of Los Angeles Department of Public Health and Ricky Bluthenthal, California State University-Dominguez Hills who provided the presentation. Harm reduction programs follow a set of strategies that reduce the negative consequences of drug use for active drug users.

The presentation discussed Syringe Exchange Programs, Secondary Syringe Exchange Programs, Pharmacy Syringe Sales and Narcan (naloxone) availability in the city of Los Angeles. The presenters addressed data on syringe exchange programs and successes and challenges in their implementation. The relevance of these programs was discussed in regard to HIV prevention for those who inject methamphetamine, cocaine, crack, heroin, i.e., the hard core four drugs described in the Los Angeles County HIV Prevention Plan 2009-2013.

There was a question and answer period following the presentation. A copy of the power point presentation titled “Harm Reduction and Syringe Exchange Programs in the City and County of Los Angeles” is available upon request.

III. REVIEW/APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA

The DRAFT October 1, 2009 HIV Prevention Planning Committee (PPC) Meeting Agenda was reviewed. A motion to approve the October 1, 2009 Los Angeles County HIV Prevention Planning Committee (PPC) meeting agenda was made by Trevor Daniels and seconded by Miguel Martinez. The motion passed by consensus.

MOTION #1: Approve the October 1, 2009 HIV Prevention Planning Committee (PPC) Meeting Agenda.	<i>Passed by consensus</i>	MOTION PASSED
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IV. REVIEW/APPROVAL SEPTEMBER 3, 2009 MEETING SUMMARY

The DRAFT September 3, 2009 HIV Prevention Planning Committee (PPC) Meeting Summary was reviewed. John Copeland noted and requested the following changes under the Sexually Transmitted Diseases Program (STDP) Report: page 7 “within the past 2 years STDP has lost approximately one-third (1/3) of its staff” and “The distribution of condoms program was eliminated”. Miguel Martinez placed a motion on the floor to approve the September 3, 2009 PPC meeting summary with noted corrections. The motion was seconded by Scott Campbell. The motion passed by consensus.

MOTION #2: Approve the September 3, 2009 HIV Prevention Planning Committee (PPC) Meeting Summary with noted corrections.	<i>Passed by consensus</i>	MOTION PASSED
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V. PUBLIC COMMENT

- Josh Riley, Friends Research Institute, announced the next meeting of the Harm Reduction Collaborative is Friday, October 2nd from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM at Friends Research Institute. Everyone is invited to attend.
- Josh Riley, Friends Research Institute, announced the new issue of “Twacked” has been released. The theme of this issue is “Why We Still Love Madonna”. Copies are available on the back table.
- Bamby Salcedo, Childrens Hospital Los Angeles, thanked everyone who participated in the “Angels in Change” event on September 21, 2009 and shared 2010 “Angels in Change” calendars are on sale for \$10.00.

VI. COMMUNITY CO-CHAIRS REPORT

- PPC/Commission Integration Work Group Update
Terry Smith reported the HIV Commission/PPC Integration Work group met on September 30th. The members of the HIV Commission/PPC Integration Work Group are Michael

Johnson, Sergio Aviña, AJ King, Terry Smith, Kathy Watt, Sophia Rumanes and Craig Vincent-Jones. The four tasks discussed at the September 30th meeting were:

- Explore the possibility to develop a comprehensive plan to respond to how HIV is addressed in Los Angeles County
- Incorporating the HIV prevention perspective into the HIV Commission Continuum of care.
- Conducting/facilitating more annual combined meetings (joint HIV Commission/PPC meetings).
- Increasing thoughtful presence, communication and training between the HIV Commission and PPC.

The group intends to meet monthly. There was a question and answer period following the report.

AJ King shared planning for the PPC Integration Think Tank will resume.

- **PPC/Commission National HIV/AIDS Strategy Town Hall Meeting Planning Update**
It was announced at the September 3rd PPC Meeting that The White House Office of National AIDS Policy (ONAP) has issued a “Call to Action: Americans Speak About HIV/AIDS” to develop a National HIV/AIDS Strategy (NHAS). The Town Hall Meeting in Los Angeles has been scheduled on October 18th. The PPC Community Co-Chairs suggested working with the HIV Commission to develop a brief discussing the HIV epidemic in Los Angeles County. The PPC Community Co-Chairs acknowledged a couple of other HIV/AIDS events scheduled in Los Angeles on October 18th: AIDS Walk Los Angeles and the AID for AIDS fundraiser event. Victor Martinez is participating on the conference call on Friday, October 2nd to identify a location and time to host/facilitate the National HIV/AIDS Strategy Town Hall Meeting in Los Angeles. Mr. Martinez indicated after the conference call, he will email the PPC of the location and time for the National HIV/AIDS Strategy Town hall Meeting in Los Angeles.
- **Open Nominations for PPC Community Co-Chair**
AJ King reported Terry Smith’s 1st term as PPC Community Co-Chair expires on December 31, 2009. The term for the next PPC Community Co-Chair begins effective January 1, 2010. Mr. Terry Smith is eligible for a second term as PPC Community Co-Chair. Sophia Rumanes read the duties and responsibilities for the PPC Community Co-Chair from the PPC Policies and Procedures. AJ King placed a motion on the floor to Open nominations for PPC Community Co-Chair for thirty (30) days and election/selection of PPC Community Co-Chair to occur at the November, 2009 PPC Meeting and Traci Bivens-Davis seconded the motion. The motion passed by consensus.

<p>MOTION #3: Open nominations for PPC Community Co-Chair for thirty (30) days and election/selection of PPC Community Co-Chair to occur at the November, 2009 PPC Meeting.</p>	<p><i>Passed by consensus</i></p>	<p>MOTION PASSED</p>
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Jill Rotenberg nominated Terry Smith for a second term as PPC Community Co-Chair. Mr. Smith accepted the nomination. Nominations for PPC Community Co-Chair will remain open for thirty (30) days, additional nominations identified for PPC Community Co-Chair within thirty (30) days are to be forwarded to the PPC Operations Subcommittee (Traci Bivens-Davis).

VII. GOVERNMENTAL CO-CHAIRS REPORT

- 2010 Application to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)
Elizabeth Escobedo reported the 2010 application to the CDC is due on October 5th and John Mesta is in the office attempting to submit the application today. Ms. Escobedo thanked the PPC members (Miguel Martinez, Ricki Rosales, David Giugni and John Copeland) who participated in the review of the 2010 CDC Application.
- September 15, 2009 Board of Supervisors Response to OAPP Budget Cut Recommendations – Michael Green reported on September 15th, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors took action on the service reductions/service eliminations based on the Budget Cut Recommendation proposals submitted by the Office of AIDS Programs and Policy (OAPP) and the HIV Commission.
- Dr. Michael Green reported on September 29th, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors approved the Health Education/Risk Reduction (HE/RR) contract package submitted by OAPP for prevention services in Los Angeles County, which will go into effect October 1, 2009. The Successful Bidders Conference will be scheduled within the next six (6) weeks.
- Michael Green reported the Ryan White Treatment Modernization Act was scheduled to sunset on September 30, 2009. Both the House of Representatives and Senate passed a resolution to continue the Ryan White Treatment Modernization Act until October 31, 2009.
- Sophia Rumanes announced one of the requirements for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Community-Based Organizations (CBOs) Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) PS10-1003 is to meet with the Health Department and to complete the checklist. Ms. Rumanes shared the process to obtain a Letter of Support from the Office of AIDS Programs and Policy (OAPP) is:
 - A formal letter (on agency Letterhead) addressed to the Director of OAPP (with a copy to Sophia Rumanes) from the agency Executive Director or designees indicating the need(s) of the agency to apply for grant PS10-1003. After receipt of the letter requesting a Letter of Support from OAPP, a meeting will be scheduled. At the meeting, it will be determined if OAPP will generate a Letter of Support.
 - OAPP is posting the counseling and testing data summaries on the OAPP website. For specific data requests, a data request form is available on the OAPP website. Questions regarding data are to be directed to Candice Rivas, OAPP Planning & Research, (213) 351-8352
 - Ms. Rumanes encouraged agencies interested in applying for the CDC Funding Opportunity to apply early. The application is to be submitted through grants.gov and the deadline for the application is October 26th.

- OAPP HE/RR Contract Recommendations Results Presentation
Sophia Rumanes provided a power point presentation titled “2009 HIV Health Education/Risk Reduction Request for Proposal (RFP) Awards”. The presentation included the Health Education/Risk reduction (HE/RR) RFP Timeline, an analysis of the HE/RR RFP, PPC Priority Populations with Percentages, Geographic Estimate of Need (GEN) percent Allocations for each Service Planning Area (SPA), listing of the 2009 HE/RR RFP categories, the overall 2009 HE/RR RFP Information, RFP Award Considerations, and a listing of HE/RR Programs by RFP Category by SPA.

There was a question and answer period following the presentation. A copy of the power point presentation will be placed on the PPC Page of the OAPP website.

VIII. BREAK

IX. “ARE YOU VACCINE-O’LICIOUS?!” PRESENTATION

AJ King introduced Colleen Murphy of the AIDS Research Alliance who provided some background on the AIDS Research Alliance which is a research and education organization whose purpose is to find ways to treat HIV and hopefully find a cure for HIV.

The power point presentation “Are You Vaccine-o’licious?” explained what is a vaccine, discussed the different types of vaccines and answers to some questions (e.g. why do we need an HIV vaccine?, why is it so hard to find an HIV vaccine?, what will a future HIV vaccine look like?, and where do we go from here?). AIDS Research Alliance is trying to see if a combination of two (2) vaccines can help reduce viral load in individuals who become infected. The presentation included who AIDS Research Alliance is studying, what happens and what will happen as a result of this study. The presentation concluded with a series of Myth Busters and a list of websites to obtain additional information on HIV vaccines.

There was a question and answer period following the presentation. A copy of the power point presentation titled “Are You Vaccine-o’licious?” is available upon request.

X. UPDATE ON BLACK LOS ANGELES HIV/AIDS COALITION (BLAAC)

Terry Smith provided a brief update on the Black Los Angeles HIV/AIDS Coalition (BLAAC) who developed a new mission statement at their last meeting. The new mission statement is “To address the HIV epidemic among African Americans in Los Angeles County through policy and advocacy efforts by engaging local and state government and policy makers”.

At the next meeting on October 21st, BLAAC will be developing their goals and objectives.

XI. SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Operations
Traci Bivens-Davis reported the Operations Subcommittee met on September 8th and discussed the Public Comment period for documents developed by the PPC, reviewed the language regarding the evaluation of the PPC Mentor Program, discussed the PPC Subcommittee structure and had a conference call on September 25th regarding the PPC Subcommittee structure, discussed and recommended changes to the language in the PPC Policies and Procedures, discussed issues regarding PPC member attendance and PPC and

subcommittee meetings. Ms. Bivens-Davis reminded the group that three (3) Excused absences equal one unexcused absence.

The next Operations Subcommittee meeting is scheduled on Tuesday, October 13th at 10:30 AM at OAPP.

- Evaluation

Miguel Martinez reported at the last Evaluation Subcommittee meeting, the instruments for the Service Inventory were reviewed and finalized. The Evaluation Subcommittee intends to begin the Service Inventory Survey next week starting with HIV Testing. The representative from the HIV Epidemiology Program (HEP) presented a PPC Member Profile which was forwarded to the PPC Executive Subcommittee.

The PPC Member Survey and the standardization of data collection tools will be discussed at the next Evaluation Subcommittee meeting which is scheduled for Monday, October 19th from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM at OAPP.

- Standards & Best Practices

Philip Hendricks reported the Standards & Best Practices Subcommittee did not meet in the month of September, 2009 due to the PPC review of the 2010 CDC Application scheduled on September 17th.

The next Standards & Best Practices Subcommittee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 15th from 1:30 PM to 3:30 PM at OAPP.

- HIV Counseling and Testing (HCT) Work Group

Philip Hendricks reported the HIV Counseling and Testing Work Group did not meet in the month of September, 2009 due to the PPC review of the 2010 CDC Application scheduled on September 17th.

The next HIV Counseling and Testing Work Group meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 15th from 10:30 AM to 12:30 PM at OAPP.

- Joint Public Policy Committee

Terry Smith reported Kimberlee Woods is recuperating from knee surgery and Mr. Smith will provide the Joint Public Policy Report. Mr. Smith reported the Joint Public Policy Committee met on September 16th with a discussion on the HIV/STD Adult Film Industry issue and the 2009-2010 Policy and Legislative Agenda document being disseminated. Mr. Smith provided a brief overview of the 2009-2010 Policy and Legislative Agenda document dated September 23, 2009 from the PPC to Mario Pérez which is included in the PPC members meeting packet. There was a question and comment period following the brief overview of the document. A comment was made that the portion of the document identified as “At the State Level:” seems to be focused on care services and not much detail on HIV prevention. Miguel Martinez placed a motion on the floor to modify/amend the document dated September 23, 2009 from the PPC to Mario Pérez with the subject line of 2009-2010 Policy and Legislative Agenda add under the 3rd arrow “At the State Level:” a bullet stating include Health Education/Risk Reduction (HE/RR), HIV Counseling and Testing (HCT) and Prevention. Phil Hendricks seconded the motion. A hand count vote

was taken. The motion passed and it was recommended to forward the revised document to the Joint Public Policy Committee.

<p>MOTION #4: Modify/amend the document dated September 23, 2009 titled 2009-2010 Policy and Legislative Agenda to add under the 3rd arrow “At the State Level:” a bullet stating include Health Education/Risk Reduction (HE/RR), HIV Counseling and Testing (HCT) and Prevention and forward the amended document to the Joint Public Policy Committee.</p>	<p><i>Passed by consensus</i></p>	<p>MOTION PASSED</p>
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XII. TRANSGENDER TASK FORCE REPORT

Bamby Salcedo reported the Transgender Task Force met on September 23rd with 12 participants and approved recommendations related to leadership and HR. The approved recommendations will be included in the Transgender Task Force draft recommendations document expected to be completed by the next meeting. Additionally, the Transgender Task Force agreed to include the area of Trans-Man (separate category) into their larger document.

Due to the United States Conference on AIDS (USCA), the next Transgender Task Force meeting is October 21st at Childrens Hospital Los Angeles and due to the Thanksgiving Holiday in November, the November 2009 Transgender Task Force meeting has been rescheduled to November 18th.

XIII. LATINO TASK FORCE REPORT

Victor Martinez reported the Latino Task Force met on September 25th and continue to review the CDC document (The State of AIDS) and the NLAAD recommendations to be used as a baseline for the Latino Task Force recommendations. In the spirit of collaboration, a phone call was received from the HIV Commission requesting representation to develop a Latino caucus.

The next Latino Task Force meeting is October 16th 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 facilitated a Summit for Hospitals a couple of months ago and the City of Los Angeles AIDS Coordinator’s Office continues to work with those hospitals to expand and begin HIV testing within the facilities. In the next few months, the City of Los Angeles AIDS Coordinator’s Office will be working with Drew through the National Minority AIDS Training center to develop a similar training for clinics.

Two testing contracts have been awarded to augment existing contracts with JWCH and Bienestar to expand HIV testing in Downtown Los Angeles and South Los Angeles.

In the next couple of days, the City of Los Angeles AIDS Coordinator’s Office is releasing a small RFP (\$75,000.) for testing in clinics, only one clinic will be funded. It is preferred that the clinic already provide testing. Information regarding this RFP will be on the City of Los Angeles web site.

- City of West Hollywood – David Giugni reported the City of West Hollywood released an RFP (\$1,000,000) augmenting current contracts targeting programs affected by the Medi-Cal cuts.

Mr. Giugni shared the statistics from the City of West Hollywood testing blitz during Pride Week in June. Mr. Giugni thanked the testing providers who participated in Pride Week.

- City of Pasadena – Sandra Olivas shared she had nothing to report.
- Alcohol and Drug Programs Administration (ADPA) – No Report.
- Sexually Transmitted Diseases Program (STDP) – John Copeland reported meetings with representatives from the City of West Hollywood are occurring to target HIV positive men with a Syphilis prevention message. Posters are on the back table for the In Spot and Syphilis Programs.

<p>MOTION #5: Extend the October 1, 2009 PPC Meeting for an additional ten (10) minutes.</p>	<p><i>Passed by consensus</i></p>	<p>MOTION PASSED</p>
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- HIV Epidemiology Program (HEP) – Juli-Ann Carlos reported most of the data for the Epidemiology Profile is at the graphic designer. Additionally, Ms. Carlos shared for agencies and/or individuals who need data to complete the application for the CDC grant, slides are available and the Semi-Annual HEP Summary is available on the HEP web site. Individuals with specific requests can email or call Ms. Carlos.
- California Design Summit (CDS) – Ricki Rosales shared the 2nd California Design Summit meeting was held in the second week of September, 2009. The framework for the California Design Summit was presented and the basic structure was accepted consisting of an action network at different levels administered by the State of California Office of AIDS. The core group will consist of 18 to 21 individuals. The main form of communication is via email. A couple of groups have been formed to: develop the roles and responsibilities and membership. A face to face meeting is being scheduled in November, 2009 in San Diego.

Terry Smith provided additional clarification on the “action network” and shared there is a need to determine mechanism to obtain feedback/input from local planning bodies.

Susan Forrest shared there seems to be the appearance that the California Design Summit is dividing into two specialized groups without input/feedback from the local planning bodies.

- Urban Coalition for HIV/AIDS Prevention Services (UCHAPS) – Kathy Watt shared she had nothing to report.
- Incarcerated Task Force – No Report.

AJ King and the PPC acknowledged and thanked Dr. Rosemary Veniegas for her continual audio visual technical assistance at today’s meeting and always.

XV. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Jill Rotenberg announced the SPA 4 Service Provider Network (SPN) meeting at 12:00 Noon on October 15th at AIDS Project Los Angeles (APLA) Kingsley location.
- Jill Rotenberg announced the Grand Opening of the Center for Community Health Downtown Los Angeles at 10:00 AM on October 29th (522 South San Pedro Street, Los Angeles, 90013).
- Jill Rotenberg announced JWCH is hosting a fundraiser Masquerade Ball on October 29th.
- Enrique Topete announced The Wall-Las Memorias is presenting its 3rd Annual Latinos, Faith, Culture HIV & Mental Health Conference on October 26th from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM at The California Endowment.
- Phil Hendricks encouraged everyone to come out to AIDS Walk Los Angeles on Sunday, October 18th in West Hollywood.
- Lee Kochems announced he has resigned from the California State University Long Beach (CSULB) Foundation and remains committed to the PPC. Mr. Kochems has submitted his updated contact information.

XVI. CLOSING ROLL CALL

XVII. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 4:20 PM.
Note: All agenda items are subject to action.

MOTION AND VOTING SUMMARY		
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NOTE: All HIV Prevention Planning Committee (PPC) meeting summaries, tapes and documents are available for review and inspection at the Office of AIDS Programs and Policy (OAPP) located at 600 South Commonwealth Avenue, 9th Floor, Los Angeles, CA 90005. To make an appointment to review these documents, please call Cheryl Williams at (213) 351-8126.