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

APPROVED

MEETING SUMMARY

Thursday, September 3, 2009

12:17 PM - 3:29 PM

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

MEMBERS PRESENT

Scott Campbell
John Copeland
David Giugni
AJ King
Lee Kochems*
Sandra Olivas
Jill Rotenberg
Terry Smith*
Enrique Topete
Tim Young*

Tyrone Carter*
Trevor Daniels*
Michael Green*
Jeffrey King
Miguel Martinez*
Ricki Rosales
Sophia Rumanes*
Precious Stallworth*
Kimberlee Woods

ABSENT

Traci Bivens-Davis (E)
Juli-Ann Carlos (E)
Cesar Cuadra
Philip Hendricks (E)
Victor Martinez (E)
Ron Osorio (E)

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

OAPP STAFF PRESENT

Elizabeth Escobedo
Paulina Zamudio

Rene Galano

Min Kim

John Mesta

PPC MEETING

I. ROLL CALL

Roll call was taken at 12:17 PM and a quorum was not present.

II. COLLOQUIA PRESENTATION

“State Of The HIV/AIDS Epidemic Among Gay and Bisexual Men in the United States”

Dr. Rosemary Veniegas of the Center for HIV Identification, Prevention and Treatment Services (CHIPTS) provided some background and introduced Dr. Rafael M. Diaz from the Cesar Chavez Institute at San Francisco State University who provided the presentation titled “State of the HIV/AIDS Epidemic among Gay and Bisexual Men in the United States”.

The presentation included an overview of eleven (11) important trends in the spread of the HIV epidemic among gay and bisexual men in the United States. Among other topics, the presentation discussed and interpreted data on the overrepresentation of gay men of color in new HIV diagnoses, the increased reliance on sexual risk reduction strategies other than condom use, the role on internet mediated sexual encounters, and the impact of stimulants (particularly Crystal Meth) in the current spread of HIV. The presentation concluded with a reflection on current challenges for HIV prevention, including those related to the Center for

Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Diffusion of Effective Behavioral Intervention (DEBI) initiatives.

There was a question and answer period following the presentation. A copy of the power point presentation titled “State of the HIV/AIDS Epidemic among Gay and Bisexual men in the United States”.

III. BREAK

At 1:52 PM, Terry Smith announced several PPC members have joined the meeting and a quorum is present.

IV. REVIEW/APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA

The DRAFT September 3, 2009 HIV Prevention Planning Committee (PPC) Meeting Agenda was reviewed. Trevor Daniels made a request to move the Standards & Best Practices Subcommittee Report and the HIV Counseling and Testing (HCT) Work Group Meeting Report to follow the Break (Agenda item VIII). Miguel Martinez placed a motion on the floor to modify and approve the September 3, 2009 Los Angeles County HIV Prevention Planning Committee (PPC) Meeting Agenda and David Giugni seconded the motion. The motion passed by consensus.

MOTION #1: Modify and approve the September 3, 2009 HIV Prevention Planning Committee (PPC) Meeting Agenda.	<i>Passed by consensus</i>	MOTION PASSED
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V. REVIEW/APPROVAL AUGUST 6, 2009 MEETING SUMMARY

The DRAFT August 6, 2009 HIV Prevention Planning Committee (PPC) Meeting Summary was reviewed. Lee Kochems placed a motion on the floor to approve the August 6, 2009 PPC meeting summary. The motion was seconded by Scott Campbell. The motion passed by consensus.

MOTION #2: Approve the August 6, 2009 HIV Prevention Planning Committee (PPC) Meeting Summary.	<i>Passed by consensus</i>	MOTION PASSED
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VI. PUBLIC COMMENT

- 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 in making recommendations for funding.
- John Mesta, OAPP, announced the 13th Annual ALIANZA Conference titled “Culture, Stigma, Prevention...What is your Action” is scheduled for Saturday, September 19th at the Wilshire Grand Hotel. Attendance for this event is free. Registration forms and additional information is on the back table.

- Gregory Victorienne, UCLA Department of Family Medicine, announced IRB approval has been received for a study and is seeking participants for a feasibility study targeting Black MSM. Information and flyers are on the back table.
- Jill Rotenberg, SPA 4 SPN, announced the SPA 4 SPN meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 17th at LAGLC's The Village at 12:00 noon.

VII. COMMUNITY CO-CHAIRS REPORT

AJ King reported Terry Smith, Sophia Rumanes, and himself met on September 2nd with the Commission on HIV Co-Chairs and Craig Vincent Jones and discussed the Integration Work Group. The PPC members are Cesar Cuadra, Terry Smith, AJ King and Sophia Rumanes. The Commission members are Sergio Aviña, Michael Johnson, Kathy Watt and Craig Vincent-Jones. One of the goals of the Integration Work Group would be to explore the possibility of completing one Comprehensive (care, treatment and prevention) Plan for the next cycle. The first meeting of the Integration Work Group is tentatively scheduled for the end of September. Additionally, there was a discussion regarding the PPC and Commission conducting a joint meeting (at least yearly).

The PPC Community Co-Chairs (AJ King and Terry Smith) have agreed to contact the State Office of AIDS (Dr. Michelle Roland) to pursue a dialogue around the recent budgets cuts to the State Office of AIDS and the impact on Los Angeles County.

There was a discussion at the PPC Executive Subcommittee to propose not to conduct a general body meeting of the PPC for the month of December, 2009 and the PPC subcommittees could decide individually if a subcommittee wants to meet in December 2009. AJ King placed the motion on the floor to not conduct the PPC general body meeting in the month of December, 2009; with PPC Subcommittees independently exercising the option to meet or not. Ricki Rosales seconded the motion. The motion passed by consensus.

<p>MOTION #3: Do not conduct the general body PPC meeting in the month of December, 2009 and for the PPC Subcommittees independently exercising the option to meet or not in December, 2009.</p>	<p><i>Passed by consensus</i></p>	<p>MOTION PASSED</p>
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VIII. GOVERNMENTAL CO-CHAIRS REPORT

Sophia Rumanes shared the budget proposals/reductions & cuts documents developed by OAPP will be presented to the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors on September 15, 2009. Additionally, Ms. Rumanes shared the Health Education/Risk Reduction (HE/RR) Request for Proposal (RFP) awards will be released sometime next week. Lastly, Ms. Rumanes shared the current cooperative agreement with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) will expire in 2009. A two-year bridge funding from the CDC is being issued which will require OAPP to submit an application for funding for the next 2 years to the CDC. The CDC seems to highlight: HIV Testing, Evidence based Interventions, Health Education/Risk Reduction (HE/RR), Partner Integration Collaboration Services, and Prevention with Positives. Following Ms. Rumanes report, there was a question and answer period.

John Mesta shared the PPC review of the 2010 Application to the CDC is scheduled for Thursday, September 17th from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM at OAPP. Mr. Mesta explained the proposed review process and encouraged PPC members to participate in the review.

IX. UPDATE FROM NATIONAL HIV PREVENTION CONFERENCE

Terry Smith reported a number of people attended the National HIV Prevention Conference last month in Atlanta and time has been allocated on today’s agenda for individuals to report back and/or share about their experience(s) at the 2009 National HIV Prevention Conference.

- Jill Rotenberg shared the plenary sessions were excellent (informative and motivational).
- Sophia Rumanes shared the UCHAPS portion of the conference was intensive with the opportunity to meet the new Los Angeles CDC Project Officer, Jeffrey Brock. Mr. Brock is planning on visiting Los Angeles in the near future. Additionally, Jeff Crowley, White House Staff person, shared in preparation for a National HIV/AIDS Strategy, Community Forums/Town Hall meetings are being scheduled for various locations (including Los Angeles) in the United States.

As a result of Ms. Rumanes update regarding the White House’s commitment to schedule a Community Forum/Town Hall meeting in Los Angeles, it was suggested for the Commission on HIV and Prevention Planning Committee to advertise and solicit community participation for the Town hall meeting scheduled for Los Angeles.

- Elton Naswood shared the National HIV Prevention Conference was an empowering experience for him. Additionally, Mr. Naswood encouraged everyone to get involved in a dialogue/process in preparation for the upcoming Los Angeles Town Hall Meeting.
- Kathy Watt shared the Town Hall meeting can be used as mechanism for all voices (everyone) to be heard and used as an opportunity to get the word out to the community to obtain feedback/input about what Los Angeles would like to see in a National HIV/AIDS Strategic Plan.

There was additional discussion regarding planning for the upcoming National HIV/AIDS Strategy Town Hall meeting in Los Angeles. Miguel Martinez placed a motion on the floor for the Prevention Planning Committee (PPC) to explore with the Commission on HIV the possibility of forming a Work Group around the planning for the National HIV/AIDS Strategy Town Hall Meeting in Los Angeles. Enrique Topete seconded the motion. The motion passed by consensus. Tyrone Carter volunteered to provide assistance in the group.

<p>MOTION #4: The Prevention Planning Committee (PPC) is to explore with the Commission on HIV the possibility of forming a Work Group around the planning for the National HIV/AIDS Strategy Town Hall Meeting in Los Angeles.</p>	<p><i>Passed by consensus</i></p>	<p>MOTION PASSED</p>
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X. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT

- Standards & Best Practices Subcommittee

Trevor Daniels reported the Standards & Best Practices Subcommittee met on August 20, 2009 with a quorum present. The subcommittee reviewed and updated the 2009 Standards & Best Practices Subcommittee Work Plan. Due to the PPC review of the 2010 CDC Application on September 17th, the next Standards & Best Practices Subcommittee is scheduled on October 15, 2009 at 1:30 PM at OAPP.

 - HIV Counseling and Testing (HCT) Work Group

Trevor Daniels shared the report provided by Phil Hendricks regarding the August 20, 2009 HCT Work Group Meeting. The HCT Summit is tentatively being scheduled for November, 2009 as a ½ day Summit. It was reported some of the HCT providers are experiencing challenges with the “start up” for the new contracts (effective 07/01/09). It appears there is a problem with STD testing not being offered at some sites. The next HCT Work Group Meeting is scheduled on Thursday, October 15th at 10:30 AM at OAPP.
- Evaluation Subcommittee

Miguel Martinez reported the Evaluation Subcommittee met on August 17th and completed the draft service inventory tool. The draft Service Inventory Tool was submitted to, reviewed by, and approved by the PPC Executive Subcommittee at the last PPC Executive Subcommittee meeting. The Data Summit is being scheduled in January, 2010 and the next Evaluation Subcommittee meeting is on Monday, September 21st at 2:00 PM at OAPP.
- Operations Subcommittee

Jill Rotenberg reported the Operations Subcommittee met on August 11th and the meeting consisted of a debriefing on the New PPC Member Orientation, discussion on procedure to post PPC documents for a Public Comment period, creation of an Evaluation Tool for the PPC Mentoring Program, drafting language to amend the PPC Policies and Procedures, and a discussion around reviewing the PPC meeting structure. The October 22nd PPC Executive Subcommittee is being extended in order for the Operations Subcommittee to present recommendations to the PPC Executive Subcommittee. Ms. Rotenberg reminded the PPC members to review their respective attendance. The next Operations Subcommittee meeting is September 8th at 10:30 AM at OAPP.
- Joint Public Policy Committee

Kimberlee Woods distributed a document dated August 20, 2009 titled “2009-2010 Policy and Legislative Agenda” to the PPC members to review and make a motion and vote on the document at the October 1, 2009 PPC meeting. Lee Kochems requested the document to be placed on PPC letterhead and the 1st paragraph modified to state “the PPC recommends to OAPP” and forwarded to the PPC members for review and endorsement.

XI. TRANSGENDER TASK FORCE REPORT

Miguel Martinez reported the Transgender Task Force continues to meet with good progress and good representation from the Transgender community. The Transgender Task Force is reviewing five sets of recommendations and the next Transgender Task Force meeting is September 23, 2009 at 10:30 AM at Childrens Hospital Los Angeles.

XII. LATINO TASK FORCE REPORT

Enrique Topete reported the Latino Task Force met on August 21st and has developed a Timeline. The Latino Task Force is reviewing three documents (CDC, State Office of AIDS and NLAAD Recommendations). The next Latino Task Force meeting is Friday, September 18th at 10:00 AM at OAPP.

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

Terry Smith shared the California African American AIDS Coalition has experienced some challenges. The Black Los Angeles HIV/AIDS Coalition (BLACC) is one group of the 5 regions throughout California addressing HIV/AIDS among African Americans. The California African American AIDS Coalition is receiving funding through the California State Office of AIDS. As a result of the current state budget, funds were cut for the California African American Coalition (resulting in budget cuts for BLAAC). The next meeting for BLAAC is October 28, 2009.

XIV. STANDING REPORTS

- City of Los Angeles – No Report
- City of West Hollywood

David Giugni shared the City of West Hollywood recognizes September as National Alcohol and Drug Recovery Month and the City of West Hollywood is facilitating two (2) events: September 9th – Crystal Meth Community Update and on September 26th cosponsoring with LAGLC a free comedy event titled “One Gay At A Time”.

Additionally, representatives from the City of West Hollywood, Craig Vincent-Jones, and representatives from APLA visited Senator Diane Feinstein’s office on yesterday regarding the sun setting of the Ryan White Care Reauthorization Act.

- City of Pasadena

Sandra Olivas shared the City of Pasadena has received their official letter from the State of California Office of AIDS regarding cuts to the HIV Counseling and Testing (HCT) and Education Prevention Programs. Ms. Olivas shared HIV testing and education services continue in the City of Pasadena. Also, Ms. Olivas shared the Mayor of Pasadena and representatives from the City of Pasadena are contacting Senator Feinstein and other legislators on the sun setting of the Ryan White Care Reauthorization Act.

- Alcohol and Drug Programs Administration (ADPA)

Tim Young shared September 29th is National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Day. ADPA is going through a Request For proposal (RFP) process for all of its (ADPA) modalities; the next RFP for release is directed for CAL-WORKS, followed by General Relief, which will probably be followed by Prevention. ADPA is sponsoring/participating in the following events in recognition of National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month:

- September 10th – A Recovery rally at Mulberry Park (SPA-7) from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM.
- September 18th – Service Provider Meeting for SPA-4, SPA-6, and SPA-8 to include recommendations on how the RFP’s will be shaped.
- September 23rd – ADPA and the Department of Mental health are participating in the 15th Annual Latino Behavioral Health Conference in Universal City.
- September 29th – Drug Medi-Cal Provider Meeting at ADPA from 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM.

- October 16th – 2nd Quarterly Provider Meeting in Santa Fe Springs at the Town Hall Center from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM.
- October 23rd – ADPA in partnership with UCLA is presenting a lecture series on Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders.
- Sexually Transmitted Diseases Program (STDP)
John Copeland shared he was asked to respond to three questions: (a) what is the impact of the State Budget cuts to STDP?, (b) what is the status of the STD/HIV Integration Project? (c) and is STD testing occurring in the Bath Houses/Sex Clubs? Mr. Copleand's responses were as follows:

- What is the impact of the State budget cuts?
STDP did not lose any money from the State Office of AIDS because STDP did not receive funding from the State Office of AIDS. STDP was hit hard by the budget reduction, within the past 2 years STDP has lost approximately one-third (1/3) of its staff. The distribution of condoms program was eliminated; previously over 1,000,000 condoms were distributed. THE STDP Mobile Testing Van Program has been eliminated (unable to afford maintenance of van and supplies). The Health Education Program has been reduced to one individual answering the "Hot Line" when called. Because of the no hold harmless clause, approximately \$293,000.00 from the CDC for the Syphilis Elimination Program was lost.
- What is the status of the STD/HIV Integration Project?
STDP no longer provides funding for CBO's to provide STD testing along with HIV testing.
- Is STD Testing occurring in the Bath Houses/Sex Clubs?
The County of Los Angeles is required to provide STD testing in the bath Houses/Sex Clubs; however, STDP does not have the funds in the budget to provide test kits. STDP is working to get a line item in their budget for purchasing and supplying STD test kits for Bath House/Sex Club testing.

Following Mr. Copeland's report, there was a question and answer period. It was suggested for the PPC to draft a letter to Dr. Kevin Fenton spelling out the STD reductions in Los Angeles County, using language around program collaboration integration, explaining how STD and HIV are integrated and how Los Angeles County performed well with the Syphilis Elimination Funds provided by the CDC. The PPC Community Co-Chairs (Terry Smith & AJ King) volunteered to work with John Copeland and the STDP staff to obtain facts and statistics and draft a letter to Dr. Fenton.

- California Design Summit
Terry Smith reported the next meeting for the California Design Summit (formerly known as California HIV Planning Group) is September 8th and September 9th in Berkeley, California.
- Urban Coalition of HIV/AIDS Prevention Services (UCHAPS)
Kathy Watt reported UCHAPS met for two days prior to the 2009 National HIV Prevention Conference in Atlanta. In addition to the State of California budget reduction discussion, some of the other discussions were: Partner Services, Partner Collaboration Integration Services, HIV testing in non-clinical settings, HIV testing in clinical settings, and the Ryan White Reauthorization Act. Ms. Watt shared she will prepare a write up of the UCHAPS meeting.

- Incarcerated Task Force – No Report

XV. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- David Giugni announced to RSVP for the City of West Hollywood Crystal Meth Update, please contact David Giugni at (323) 848-6410.
- Susan Cohen, LAGLC, announced due to the State Budget cuts, LAGLC is in the process of closing down and shipping off materials used for the California AIDS Clearing House. Individuals interested in ordering materials, the website is www.hivinfo.org.
- John Mesta announced the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Pre-Application Workshop for Community Based Organizations (CBO's) is scheduled on September 9th. Kathy Watt shared the information discussed/disseminated at the CDC Pre-Application Workshop will be placed on the website.
- Enrique Topete announced The Wall-Las Memorias Project's 9th Annual Strike Out AIDS Celebration is a two day fundraising event: Thursday, September 17th, a dinner honoring Senator Gilbert Cedillo and Dr. Robert Ross of the California Endowment and on Friday, September 18th the Los Angeles Dodgers versus the San Francisco Giants at Dodgers Stadium. The Wall-Las Memorias Project is seeking individuals to participant in forming the AIDS ribbon on the field prior to the game. Flyers are on the back table.

XVI. CLOSING ROLL CALL

XVII. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 3:29 PM.

Note: All agenda items are subject to action.

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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.