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

APPROVED

MEETING SUMMARY

Thursday, February 5, 2009

12:00 PM - 4:00 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
Cesar Cuadra
Trevor Daniels*
Mario Gonzalez
Philip Hendricks
Jeffrey King
Miguel Martinez
Ron Osorio*
Jill Rotenberg
Precious Stallworth

Scott Campbell
Tyrone Carter
Daniel Deniz
David Giugni
Michael Green*
AJ King
Lee Kochems
Sandra Olivas*
Ricki Rosales
Sophia Rumanes
Terry Smith

EXCUSED ABSENCE

Katie (Catherine) Branson
Enrique Topete
Kimberlee Woods

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

OAPP STAFF PRESENT

Kyle Baker
Min Kim
Rafeeq Rahim

Ricardo Contreras
Tia Mao
Carlos Vega-Matos

Elizabeth Escobedo
John Mesta
Paulina Zamudio

Gary Garcia
True Pawluk

PPC MEETING

I. ROLL CALL

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

II. COLLOQUIA PRESENTATION

“Factors Associated with late HIV Testing for Latinos Diagnosed with AIDS in Los Angeles”
Ky Coussey of the Center for HIV Identification, Prevention and Treatment Services (CHIPTS) provided some background and introduced Dr. Amy Rock Wohl, Chief Epidemiologist at the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health, HIV Epidemiology Program.

Dr. Wohl's presentation showed Latinos are more likely to test late for HIV infection compared to other racial/ethnic groups in the United States. A population-based interview study was used to examine factors associated with late HIV testing for Latinos diagnosed with AIDS in Los Angeles County to develop more effective HIV testing outreach strategies. Latinos testing for HIV within one year of an AIDS diagnosed were considered late testers, while those diagnosed with AIDS more than one year after an HIV diagnosis were defined non-late testers. After adjusting for age, education, country of birth and injection drug use in a logistic regression

analysis, completion of the interview in Spanish was the main factor associated with late testing. Latinos testing late for HIV were also more likely to test due to illness and less likely to test as part of a clinical screening. Late testers were more likely to receive their first HIV positive test as a hospital inpatient and less likely to test positive in a community health center or public clinic. To accomplish widespread and timely HIV testing for Latinos in Los Angeles County, Spanish-language social marketing campaigns are needed and Spanish-speaking patients should be offered HIV testing in all clinical settings. Additionally, Dr. Wohl addressed the relevance of these findings to the priority populations and risk factors in the 2009-2013 Los Angeles County HIV Prevention Plan.

There was a question and answer period following the presentation. A copy of the power point presentation titled “Factors Associated with Late HIV Testing for Latinos Diagnosed with AIDS in Los Angeles County, 2000-2004” is available upon request.

III. REVIEW/APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA

The DRAFT February 5, 2009 HIV Prevention Planning Committee (PPC) Meeting Agenda was reviewed. A motion to modify the February 5, 2009 Los Angeles County HIV Prevention Planning Committee (PPC) meeting agenda to add a report from the City of Pasadena under the Standing Reports agenda item by Mario Gonzalez and seconded by David Giugni. The motion passed by consensus.

<p>MOTION #1: Modify the February 5, 2009 HIV Prevention Planning Committee (PPC) Meeting Agenda to include a report from the city of Pasadena under the Standing Reports Agenda item.</p>	<p><i>Passed by consensus</i></p>	<p>MOTION PASSED</p>
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IV. REVIEW/APPROVAL JANUARY 12, 2009 MEETING SUMMARY

The DRAFT January 12, 2009 HIV Prevention Planning Committee (PPC) Meeting Summary was reviewed. A motion to approve the January 12, 2009 HIV Prevention Planning Committee Meeting Summary was made by Miguel Martinez and seconded by Lee Kochems. The motion passed approved by consensus.

<p>MOTION #2: Approve the January 12, 2009 HIV Prevention Planning Committee (PPC) Meeting Summary.</p>	<p><i>Passed by consensus</i></p>	<p>MOTION PASSED</p>
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V. PUBLIC COMMENT

- Ryyn Chua, APAIT, announced in recognition of International Women’s Day on Tuesday, March 10th, APAIT and organizations in the Long Beach/South Bay area targeting Asian Pacific Islander (API) Women are hosting a press conference (unveiling a new Public Service Announcement [PSA]) and luncheon. Contact Ryyan Chua at APAIT for information.

- Cesar Cuadra announced a workshop titled “Using RE-AIM ” scheduled for Thursday, February 19th from 8:30 AM to 12:00 PM at the USC Galen Center. Flyers and registration form are on the back table.
- Jeffrey King commended the PPC for addressing HIV in Los Angeles County and encouraged the PPC to take bold steps to target African American men and to require OAPP funded agencies to participate in the PPC.
- Christian Fleming, In the Meantime Men’s Group, Inc., announced several events scheduled during the month of February, 2009.
- Jasmine Burnett, Black Pride Los Angeles, provided some background on the Black Pride Coalition and the mission of Black Pride. Ms. Burnett announced some upcoming events. Additional information on Black Pride Los Angeles can be obtained from the website www.blackpridela.org or by email to info@blackpridela.org.
- Victor Martinez, Bienestar, announced Bienestar’s Women Conference is scheduled for March 7th at the East Los Angeles Center. The conference geared toward Latina women will be in Spanish only. Flyers are on the back table.
- Mattee Jim, Red Circle Project at APLA, expressed concern regarding the misclassification of underserved populations and data collection. An example was cited.
- Darrin Aiken, APLA, in recognition of NBHAAD, invited the PPC and the community to a forum where a clip from the film “Breaking the Silence” will be viewed with a discussion following the viewing. The event is scheduled for Thursday, February 12th at 6:00 PM at Plummer Park. Flyers and palm cards are on the back table.
- Rev. Russell Thornhill, Unity Fellowship Church, encouraged everyone to pick up the calendar of NBHAAD activities and to get tested/know your status. Additionally, Rev. Thornhill announced the Minority AIDS Project (MAP) has an open position in the prevention section for a bi-lingual (English/Spanish) to work with Latino men. Employment Opportunity Announcement is on the back table.
- Elliott Johnson commended the PPC for their work and requested for the PPC to focus attention in the Black community to address the disparities in the African American community.
- Veronica Montenegro, NLAAD Committee, & Alex Aguilar, Alianza, requested to add an agenda item to the next PPC meeting to discuss the recommendation to establish a Latino Task Force. In October, 2008, OAPP co-sponsored a community forum and one of the recommendations from the community forum was to establish a Latino Task Force.
- Joanne Granai, thanked the PPC for the growth she has acquired over the past two (2) years working with the PPC and expressed her commitment to continue to work for HIV Prevention. Additionally, Ms. Granai announced in recognition of NBAAD she is sponsoring a women’s motorcycle ride in SPA 1.
- Lawrence Fernandez, Jr., LACADA, announced in recognition of NBAAD, LACADA in collaboration with AltaMed will be providing HIV prevention information and HIV testing on February 6th at 612 E. 4th Street, Los Angeles. Additionally, LACADA in collaboration with the Black Student Union will be providing HIV testing at the Black Student Union at Cerritos College on February 27th. Lastly, LACADA in collaboration with “Understanding Principles for Better Living Church” is facilitating an NBAAD event on February 10th which will be hosted by Rev. Della Reese. For additional information, www.upchurch.org.

VI. COMMUNITY CO-CHAIRS REPORTS

- Extend Nominations for PPC Representatives to the Commission on HIV

Terry Smith reported no nominations have been received for the PPC representative to the Commission on HIV. A motion was placed on the floor to extend the nominations for PPC representative to the COH for one more month.

<p>MOTION #3: Extend nominations for a PPC member to represent the PPC on the Commission on HIV (COH). This seat is a nonvoting seat.</p>	<p><i>Passed by consensus</i></p>	<p>MOTION PASSED</p>
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- Update on Think Tank
Terry Smith and AJ King shared the PPC Executive Subcommittee and a group of others have met to plan the Think Tank. The Think Tank will be an opportunity to think outside the box. The initial Think Tank is not the end all – be all of Think Tanks. After the initial Think Tank there will be a series of Think Tanks to develop a strategic plan around Think Tanks. The 1st Think Tank is for PPC members and Annual Planning Meeting attendees. The second Think Tank will include an invitation to researchers, Department of Mental Health, TB and other disciplines not involved in the PPC. It is anticipated the process will take between 12 and 24 months to complete.

You should be receiving a Save the Date for Friday, March 6th at the California Endowment for the first Think Tank. This will be an all day event and is mandatory for PPC members. In this time of reduced budgets and to minimize cost for the Think Tank, you are on your own for lunch. Sophia Rumanes provided some clarification on the purpose of the Think Tank.

After the update on the Think Tank, there was a question and answer period.

It was suggested for the PPC Executive Subcommittee and Think Tank Planning Committee to:

1. Share letter developed by Jeffrey King (forwarded to the PPC Executive Subcommittee) with Think Tank participants.
2. Determine how to best engage the larger community (everyone) in the Think Tank process.
3. Establish a realistic time commitment.

VII. GOVERNMENTAL CO-CHAIRS REPORT

- CDC 2008 Annual Progress Report (APR)
Sophia Rumanes shared OAPP is awaiting the receipt of the Guidance for the 2008 Annual Progress Report (APR) from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Usually the APR is due by the end of March. John Mesta shared Monday, March 9th has been set as the tentative date for the PPC to review the APR.
- Update on Service Provider Networks (SPN)
As the SPN contracts will sun set on February 28th, Sophia Rumanes shared a meeting has occurred with all of the SPN providers and an additional training with the SPN consumers

will be scheduled. The Operations Committee of Commission on HIV (COH) will continue to work with the SPNs and Jill Rotenberg has agreed to represent the PPC at the meetings to ensure prevention has a voice in SPN activities.

- Sophia Rumanes introduced True Pawluk, OAPP Director of Communications, who encouraged everyone to “check out” the HIV Prevention Planning Committee (PPC) link on the OAPP web site. Additionally, Ms. Pawluk announced she is managing OAPP’s Social marketing contracts and OAPP is determining the direction for social marketing. As part of the process, OAPP is developing a Community Advisory Board (seeking about ten to twelve individuals). Community Advisory Board applications are on the back table and/or can be obtained on the OAPP web site. Lastly, a Facebook page has been established for OAPP. If you have any questions, please call or email True Pawluk.
- Budget
Due to a reduction in State of California Funding, Sophia Rumanes shared some of the preventions contracts were reduced 6% (HCT) and 9% (HERR) which resulted in OAPP anticipating 1,000 less HIV tests in Los Angeles County. County of Los Angeles Public Health funds are being monitored for things like travel, supplies, hiring, etc. It was suggested and Ms. Rumanes agreed to provide the information on how the budget reduction affected service units at the March, 2009 PPC meeting.
- Sophia Rumanes introduced Kyle Baker, OAPP Director of Government Relations, who provided some background on the Stimulus Bill (one time only funding). Mr. Baker shared the House of Representatives proposed \$335 million for HIV, STD, and Viral Hepatitis and the Senate proposed \$400 million. Mr. Baker indicated the AIDS Action website has useful information to contact your representative or senator.

VIII. SERVICE PROVIDER NETWORK (SPN) UPDATE

- Joanne Granai, SPA 1/SPN Coordinator, announced the final SPA 1/SPN meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 11th from 12:00 PM to 2:00 PM.
- Jill Rotenberg, SPA 4/SPN Coordinator, shared the next SPA 4/SPN meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 19th at APLA (Wilshire site) with a presentation on HIV and Mental Health and a discussion on the future of SPA4/SPN Meetings. The March, 2009 and April, 2009 SPA 4/SPN meeting have been scheduled and individuals will be notified via the SPA 4/SPN list serve. Jill Rotenberg shared a Consumer leadership Training is scheduled for Friday, February 20th from 8:30 AM to 3:30 PM at the California Endowment. Space is limited; please contact any of the SPN Coordinators or Jill Rotenberg for additional information.
- Traci Bivens-Davis, SPA 5/SPN, shared the SPA 5/SPN met on Tuesday, February 3rd and agreed to continue to meet. The consensus was to meet bi-monthly and the next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 7th at Venice Family Clinic.
- Sharon White for Jane Price, SPA 6/SPN Coordinator, shared the members of the SPA 6/SPN thanks OAPP for the funding opportunity allowing them to meet on a monthly basis. Their final OAPP funded meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 10th and the group agreed to continue to meet quarterly.

- Mario Gonzalez, SPA 8/SPN, shared the SPA 8/SPN have been invited to merge with the City of Long Beach Planning Group. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 8th.

IX. BREAK

X. SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Operations
Jill Rotenberg reported the Operations Subcommittee met on February 13th and finished their work plan. The 2009 PPC Operations Subcommittee Work Plan was submitted to and approved by the PPC Executive Subcommittee. A couple of additions are to be added to the 2009 PPC Operations Subcommittee Work Plan which are: to work more closely with the PPC Evaluation Subcommittee on the Service Inventory and developing a tool for gathering PPC input from consumers in the community. The next Operations Subcommittee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 10th at 10:30 AM at OAPP.
- Evaluation
Miguel Martinez reported the Evaluation Subcommittee's 2009 Work Plan has been approved by the PPC Executive Subcommittee. As of today's PPC meeting, two survey documents are implemented: Colloquia Presentation Evaluation Form and PPC Meeting Comment card. The next Evaluation Subcommittee meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 23rd at 2:00 PM at OAPP.
- Standards & Best Practices
Phil Hendricks reported the Standards & Best Practices Subcommittee met on January 15th and assigned individuals to the goals on their 2009 Work Plan and established due dates for the tasks and goals indicated on the 2009 Standards & Best Practices Work Plan. Additionally, a webcast on Structural Interventions was viewed with a discussion following the viewing of the web cast. The IDI Intervention Recommendations were finalized and forwarded to the PPC Executive Subcommittee. The PPC Executive Subcommittee reviewed the IDI Intervention Recommendations and returned the document to the Standards & Best Practices Subcommittee for clarification. The next Standards & Best Practices Subcommittee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 19th at 1:30 PM at OAPP.
 - HIV Counseling and Testing (HCT) Work Group
Precious Stallworth shared the HCT Work Group met on January 15, 2009 and reviewed and updated their 2009 HCT Work Group Work Plan by assigning individuals tasks and due dates. Ms. Stallworth apologized for not returning the numerous phone calls and emails resulting from the HCT Recruitment efforts. The next HCT Work Group meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 19th at 10:30 AM at OAPP.
- Joint Public Policy
Lee Kochems reported the Joint Public Policy Committee met on February 4th and Mr. Kochems thanked Kyle Baker and Sophia Rumanes for their update (earlier in the meeting) on the Stimulus Package. The Joint Public Policy Committee is monitoring the Federal budget and Ryan White Reauthorization. Medicare Part D will end at the end of February 2009. The next Joint Public Policy meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 4th from 12:00 PM to 5:00 PM to look at the legislative agenda and the legislative docket (approximately 15 pieces of legislation). Two days prior to the next Joint Public Policy meeting, the Commission on HIV (COH) will post the legislative agenda on its web site.

Mr. Kochems distributed the revised “Condoms in the Adult Film Industry” proposed legislation. There is no author for this legislation. Mr. Kochems invited everyone to the next Joint Public Policy meeting.

XI. TRANSGENDER TASK FORCE REPORT

Miguel Martinez introduced Transgender Task Force Co-Chairs, Matte Jim and Rebecca Perez, who thanked the PPC for organizing and supporting the Transgender Task Force. Three meetings of the Transgender task Force have occurred with over twenty participants. The Transgender Task Force will be developing recommendations. The next meeting is scheduled for February 25th.

XII. UPDATE FROM THE BLACK LOS ANGELES HIV AIDS COALITION (BLAAC)

In recognition of African American Heritage Month (Black History Month), Terry L. Smith, PPC Community Co-Chair, and Traci Bivens-Davis, PPC Operations Subcommittee Chair, provided a power point presentation on The Black Los Angeles HIV AIDS Consortium (BLAAC) including the history, the structure of BLAAC, membership, mission, goals, basic principles and upcoming projects. A copy of the power point presentation is available upon request. E-mail Traci Bivens-Davis to get on the BLAAC mailing list at tbivens@commongroundwestside.org

XIII. UPDATE FROM 2009 NATIONAL BLACK HIV/AIDS AWARENESS DAY (NBHAAD) COMMITTEE

February 7, 2009 is National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day (NBHAAD). Sharon White, of the Watts Healthcare Foundation, provided a power point presentation on behalf of the National Black HIV AIDS Awareness Coalition Los Angeles 2009 Campaign themed “Black Life is Worth Saving”. The power point presentation included the mission statement, NBHAAD components, an overview of NBHAAD, history, partial listing of NBHAAD coalition Los Angeles membership, plans for 2009 and contact information. The website is www.NBHAADLA.org. A calendar of events for NBHAADLA is available on the back table.

XIV. STANDING REPORTS

- City of Los Angeles – Ricki Rosales shared the City of Los Angeles AIDS Coordinator’s Office and other partners continue to focus on the hospital summit scheduled for March 12th focusing on private hospitals (23) within the city of Los Angeles with a goal of expanding testing within the facilities. Invitations from the Mayor of Los Angeles have been sent out. Additionally, the City of Los Angeles AIDS Coordinator’s Office continues to do exercises on the budget (i.e. percentages, what to cut and where to cut) and are awaiting a response from the Mayor of Los Angeles on his decision on the current year budget cuts, if any. Lastly, the City of Los Angeles current prevention contracts end on March 31st and the City of Los Angeles is preparing to meet with agencies for renewal. Currently, there is no plan to reduce contracts. If you have a contract with the City of Los Angeles, you will be contacted.
- City of West Hollywood – David Giugni shared the City of West Hollywood has contracted prevention services and interventions, for a number of years, through the Los Angeles Gay and Lesbian Center (LAGLC) WeHo Life Program. Last year WeHo Life developed an online intervention titled “In The Moment” which is a web-episode. Mr. Giugni encouraged everyone to check out the web-episode at www.weholife.org. There is a brief online survey

and your feedback is requested. Additionally, two web-episodes were contracted for last year and the City of West Hollywood has contracted four additional web-episodes. Lastly, Mr. Giugni shared the State of California will be hearing challenges to the constitutionality of Proposition 8 beginning March 5th.

- City of Long Beach – Mario Gonzalez reported the next meeting for the Long Beach Planning Group is April 8th at 3820 Cherry Avenue, Long Beach, CA 90807.
- HIV Epidemiology Program (HEP) – Juli-Ann Carlos reported HEP is on hold for HIV Incidence Reporting. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) identified a glitch. Additionally, the HEP Surveillance Summary will be released soon and will include a little more HIV data. Lastly, HEP is starting the pilot of the Transgender Behavioral Surveillance Project (hopefully in a couple of weeks). For the project, HEP is seeking starter individuals in the transgender community (seeds), (i.e. young Black and Latina transgender women between the ages of 15 to 29). If you are aware of interested individuals, please contact or refer them to Juli-Ann Carlos at 213.351.8173.
- California HIV Prevention Planning Group (CHPG) – Ricki Rosales reported the CHPG has not met and the next meeting is March 18th and March 19th in Los Angeles at the Wilshire Grand Hotel. The four CHPG Co-Chairs and representatives from the State Office of AIDS have been discussing a road map for the year to comply with recommendations for the structure of the CHPG. The CHPG Executive meeting is scheduled for February 6, 2009.
- Urban Coalition of HIV/AIDS Prevention Services (UCHAPS) – No Report
- Incarcerated Task Force – No Report
- City of Pasadena – Sandra Olivas reported her medical leave was postponed until February 19th and she will be returning to the PPC in May, 2009. In the interim, Rebecca Melendez will represent the City of Pasadena. In recognition of NBHAAD, in collaboration with the AIDS Service Center, the city of Pasadena is hosting an event at the Bethel Church in Pasadena. Flyers are on the back table. The City of Pasadena is involved in a Young African American Women’s Conference with a presentation on HIV and AIDS and the target audience for this event is 12 to 18 year olds. Lastly, the City of Pasadena will take the lead on the previous SPN SPA 3 network meetings and the next meeting is scheduled on February 19th.

XV. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Lee Kochems announced the Long Beach Meth Task Force meets every 6th Thursday from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM. The next meeting is March 5th.
- Miguel Martinez announced the Transgender Law Center and the Wayne Martin Clinic are sponsoring a two hour capacity building session focusing on clinic providers on February 26th at 6:00 PM.
- Terry Smith reminded the group about the viewing of a clip of the film “Standing-N-Silence: Breaking the Truth” with a panel discussion following the viewing on February 12th from 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM.

- Terry Smith invited everyone to attend the grand opening of the South Los Angeles Central Clinic and food pantry located next to the OASIS Clinic on Friday, February 6th at 11:00 AM.
- Terry Smith announced the next meeting of BLAAC is February 25th from 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM at ADAP (LaBrea Avenue and Overland Avenue). Notices will be sent out.
- Jeffrey King commended Sharon White for her NBHAAD Presentation earlier in the meeting and announced for the month of February and in recognition of NBHAAD, In The Meantime Men’s Group, Inc has committed to hosting a weekly forum, every Tuesday night. Mr. King named the weekly discussion topics.
- Jeffrey King announced the Pan African Arts and Film Festival is debuting the film “Standing-N-Truth; Breaking the Silence” by Tim Daniels on Saturday, February 7th at 8:45 PM.
- Jill Rotenberg announced in recognition of NBHAAD, JWCH Institute, Inc. with collaboration with APLA and the Gay Men’s Health Initiative will be viewing a film “I’m Out of Control-AIDS in Black America” with a roundtable discussion following the viewing on February 17th from 12:00 PM to 3:00 PM at the APLA Wilshire location.
- Precious Stallworth announced the Los Angeles Gay and Lesbian Center (LAGLC) have a talking group for transgendered people (inclusive of male to female and female to male) titled Transgender Economic Empowerment.
- Tyrone Carter announced REACH LA is participating in NBHAAD week including a “Fire & Ice” Skate party on February 21st and “The Glove Affair” at Oakwood High School (in the valley) on February 21st.
- Tyrone carter announced REACH LA is sponsoring a forum to highlight youth HIV testing counselors on February 25th.
- Joanne Granai announced needle purchasing is available in Palmdale/Lancaster. Individuals 18 years and older can purchase up to 10 needs without a prescription.
- Russell Thornhill announced today (February 5th) is the 60th Wedding Anniversary of his parents, who reside in New York.

XVI. CLOSING ROLL CALL

XVII.ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 4:00 PM.
Note: All agenda items are subject to action.

MOTION AND VOTING SUMMARY		
MOTION: #1: Modify and approve the February 5, 2009 HIV Prevention Planning Committee (PPC) Meeting Agenda	<i>Passed by consensus</i>	Motion Passed
MOTION # 2: Approve January 12, 2009 HIV Prevention Planning Committee (PPC) Meeting Summary.	<i>Passed by Consensus</i>	Motion Passed

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.