



Wednesday, September 8, 2021
Webinar Meeting



MINUTES

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Chair: John Paquette

Recorder: Martha Garcia

Members Present (via Webinar): Jessica Castellón, Dr. Geeta Gupta, Dr. Scott Huffman, Kean Kirk (arrived during Item 7), Wendy Lords, Dr. Christopher Ried, Khloe Rios-Wyatt, and Lydia Tran

Members Present (In office): Homero Beltran, Fernando Martinez, John Paquette, and Ricardo Velasco

Affiliate Members Present (In Office): Adelmo Chan

Members Absent: Michelle Gallardo, Narciso Guevara (LOA), Kristen Kowalczyk (Notification Received)

Affiliate Members Absent: None

Staff: Martha Garcia, Matilde Gonzalez-Flores, MindyHe, Karen Leland, and Marlon Velasco

Staff Members Absent: None

Guests: Tamarra Jones

Item 1. Call to Order: John Paquette called the meeting to order at 6:06 pm.

Item 2. Welcome and Introductions:

John Paquette welcomed all in attendance including the new Council members. John provided an overview of the agenda, the purpose of public comment, and how the meeting will be facilitated. The meeting was held in office and also as a webinar due to special circumstances. A roll call for attendance was taken. Martha Garcia announced that Adelmo Chan would be voting for Narciso Guevara. A quorum was established.

Item 3. Approval of Agenda:

Fernando Martinez put forward a motion to approve the agenda. The Chair repeated the motion. Homero Beltran seconded the motion. There was no discussion or public comment. The motion passed by consensus.

Item 4. Approval of August 11, 2021 Minutes:

Fernando Martinez put forward a motion to approve the August 11, 2021 minutes. The Chair repeated the motion. Adelmo Chan seconded the motion. There was no discussion or public comment. The motion passed by consensus.

Item 5. Public Comment:

There was no public comment.

Item 6. Our Working Council Discussion:

There were no comment cards for review. John Paquette reminded members that comment cards can be submitted to Planning Council Support via email.

Item 7. Overview of the FY21 Grant Funding by Service Category:

MindyHe provided an overview of the FY21 Overview of Grant and other Community Funding by Service Category document.

Item 8. Approve the FY 2022-23 Application (increase) Funding Scenario Allocations and Staging:

MindyHe provided an overview of the FY 2022-23 Part A and Minority AIDS Initiative (MAI) Application (Increase) Funding Scenario Allocations and Staging document. On August 25, 2021 the PSAP committee approved the increase funding scenario and recommended staging in the following order:

1. Short-term Supportive Housing: Proposed increase of \$63,931 to \$288,851
2. Outreach: Proposed increase of \$5,000 to \$35,019
3. Client Support Services: Proposed increase of \$30,000 to \$309,307
4. Emergency Financial Assistance for Medications: Proposed increase of \$7,000 to \$13,000
5. Health Insurance Premium: Proposed increase of \$8,250 to \$79,000
6. Food Bank (Core): Proposed increase of \$20,000 to \$61,650

7. Food Bank (Support): Proposed increase of \$40,000 to \$87,905
8. Other Professional Services Including Legal Services: Proposed increase of \$10,000 to \$98,445
9. Home Health/Para Professional Care: Proposed increase of \$10,000 to \$103,237
10. Nutritional Supplements: Proposed increase of \$5,000 to \$68,775
11. Outpatient Ambulatory Health Services: Proposed increase of \$72,750 to \$1,140,964
12. Early Intervention Services: Proposed increase of \$10,000 to \$140,000
13. Grant Administration: Proposed increase of \$10,000 to \$480,602

Minority AIDS Initiative (MAI)

Medical Retention Services: Proposed increase of \$22,671 to \$339,721

Prior to discussion, Kean Kirk, Wendy Lords, and Lydia Tran recused themselves by being placed in a virtual breakout room. Homero Beltran put forward a motion to approve the FY 2022-23 Application (Increase) Funding Scenario Allocations and Staging. The Chair repeated the motion. Dr. Gupta seconded the motion. There was no discussion or public comment. The Chair asked for the members in favor say yay. The Chair then asked for any nay votes. The yay votes were unanimous and the motion carried to approve the FY 2022-23 Application (Increase) Funding Scenario Allocations and Staging.

Item 9. Approval of Council Letters of Support for Part A Application:

Matilde Gonzalez-Flores provided an overview of the Council Letters of Support for the Part A application and Part A Core Medical Services Waiver. Adelmo Chan put forward a motion to approve the Council Letters of Support for the Part A application and Core Medical Services Waiver. The Chair repeated the motion. Kean Kirk seconded the motion. There was no discussion or public comment. The Chair asked for the members in favor say yay. The Chair then asked for any nay votes. The yay votes were unanimous and the motion carried to approve the Council Letters of Support for the Part A application and Core Medical Services.

Item 10. National HIV/AIDS Strategy (NHAS) Update and HIV National Strategic Plan Overview:

Matilde Gonzalez-Flores provided an overview of the HIV National Strategic Plan (formerly NHAS). The current plan updates the national HIV strategy for 2021–2025, with a 10-year goal of reducing new HIV infections by 90% by 2030. The HIV Plan closely aligns with the Ending the HIV Epidemic initiative. The HIV Plan focuses on the following four goals:

- Goal 1: Prevent new HIV infections
- Goal 2: Improve HIV-related health outcomes of people with HIV
- Goal 3: Reduce HIV-related disparities and health inequities
- Goal 4: Achieve integrated and coordinated efforts that address the HIV epidemic among all partners and stakeholders

Item 11. Approval of HIV National Strategic Plan Orange County Updates:

Matilde Gonzalez-Flores provided an overview of the HIV National Strategic Plan objectives and progress indicators proposed by IPC and PSAP. The members reviewed the proposed goals and discussed the following:

Goal 1: Prevent New HIV Infections

Objective 1.1: Increase Awareness of HIV

Progress Indicator: Increase knowledge of HIV status

- Dr. Gupta asked about the methodology used to calculate knowledge of HIV status and if local data was utilized as part of that methodology. Matilde clarified that knowledge of HIV status was calculated based on the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention calculation methodology. HIVPAC will conduct research to identify alternate approaches, if any to track progress towards this indicator for Orange County.

Objective 1.3: Expand and improve implementation of effective prevention interventions, including treatment as prevention, PrEP, PEP, and SSPs, and develop new options

- Dr. Gupta asked if there was local data available for type of insurance coverage among the PrEP eligible population to provide insight on who might benefit from the new programs that have increased access to PrEP in Orange County. HIVPAC to conduct research to determine if this type of data is available.

Fernando Martinez put forward a motion to approve the HIV National Strategic Plan for Orange County. The Chair repeated the motion. Kean Kirk seconded the motion. Prior to approval Tamara Jones proposed that the Council consider tentatively approving the plan to allow the Grant Recipient to respond to the Part A grant application as required and update the plan as appropriate to address the questions discussed. Fernando Martinez amended his motion with the change. The Chair repeated the motion. Kean Kirk amended his motion with the change. There was no further discussion or public comment. The Chair asked for the members in favor say yay. The Chair then asked for any nay votes. The yay votes were unanimous and the motion carried to tentatively approve the HIV National Strategic Plan for Orange

County to allow the Grant Recipient to respond to the Part A grant application as required. The Plan will be updated as appropriate to address the questions discussed for review at the next Council meeting.

Item 12. Approval of Updating Previously Approved PC Documents Policies and Procedures:

Due to time constraints Marlon Velasco proposed that this item be postponed until next month. The members agreed to postpone until next month. Fernando Martinez put forward a motion to postpone the Updating Previously Approved PC Documents Policies and Procedures until next month. The Chair repeated the motion. Dr. Gupta seconded the motion. There was no discussion or public comment. The Chair asked for the members in favor say yay. The Chair then asked for any nay votes. The yay votes were unanimous and the motion carried to postpone the Updating Previously Approved PC Documents Policies and Procedures until next month.

Item 13. Grant Recipient Reports: Matilde Gonzalez-Flores shared the following:

A. HIV Planning and Coordination:

- Council is currently accepting applications for new members. New applicants will be considered by the Board of Supervisors in December of this year. The term would be from January 2022 – December 2023. The application must be completed and submitted to Martha Garcia by Thursday, September 30, 2021. Martha will send out an email with the application to all members.
- There will be no booths set up for AIDS Walk this year. In lieu of the booth it was proposed that the Council consider forming a team to promote and recruit for Council. An email was sent out to Council for volunteers with a deadline of September 6th, which was later extended to September 10th. At least three members are needed to volunteer otherwise we will not move forward with forming a team.
- The new member training is scheduled for October 6th from 3:00pm to 5:00pm. Martha Garcia will follow up with new members with additional information.

Item 14. Matters from the Chair:

The Chair informed members the following was in their packets:

- 2021 Meeting Highlights
- IX – Grievance Procedure Policies and Procedures
- X – Evaluation of Grant Recipient Policies and Procedures
- XV – External Communications Procedure Policies and Procedures
- Guidelines for Conference Attendance and Reporting

Item 15. Member's Privilege/Announcements:

Dr. Gupta informed members that the 34th AIDS on The Front Line Conference will be held virtually on September 22, 2021. She will send the information to Martha Garcia to forward to the members.

Item 16. Adjournment until October 13, 2021:

John Paquette adjourned the meeting at 8:11 pm.