

ORANGE COUNTY HIV PLANNING COUNCIL
Policies and Procedures

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1. **PURPOSE:** The purpose of this policy is to create and support a safe, welcoming, and respectful atmosphere for the HIV Planning Council and its committees to conduct business.
2. **APPLICATION:** This policy applies to all members of the HIV Planning Council and its committees for matters related to Planning Council business during and outside of meetings.
3. **RULES:** The Orange County HIV Planning Council has established the following rules of conduct for its members and committee members:
 - 3.1. Our common enemy is HIV. Homophobic, racist, sexist, and other discriminatory statements have no place in our deliberations.
 - 3.2. We value differing interests and opinions and encourage members to bring ideas to the table for discussion and advocacy.
 - 3.3. We acknowledge that individuals may have special communication needs and make every effort to meet any special needs of Planning Council members and guests.
 - 3.4. We avoid unnecessarily repeating statements previously made by other members.
 - 3.5. We are specific and use examples to define what we mean.
 - 3.6. We provide feedback to each other in a constructive and respectful manner.
 - 3.7. We focus on the issue, not the person raising the issue.
 - 3.8. We avoid side bar conversations.
 - 3.9. We make decisions based on data.
4. **ENFORCEMENT OF RULES:**
 - 4.1. All members of the HIV Planning Council and its committees are responsible for adhering to and reminding other members to adhere to the rules.
 - 4.2. The officers of the HIV Planning Council and its committees will ensure that meetings are facilitated in a way that fosters adherence to the rules.
5. **VIOLATION OF RULES:** The Orange County HIV Planning Council and its committees may address violation in a manner deemed most appropriate, depending on the violation, as follows:

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- 5.1. HIV Planning Council Chair or Committee Chair(s) or designees may meet with the individual to address the incident or behavior that is in violation of the rules.
 - 5.2. HIV Planning Council and Committee Chair(s) will announce his/her designee in addressing violations of the rules at the beginning of each year.
 - 5.3. Repeated violation by the individual may be cause for termination of membership in accordance with the HIV Planning Council Bylaws.