

Our+Care OC

A newsletter created by HIV-positive individuals for people living with HIV



This issue of the Our+Care newsletter is about the Orange County HIV Planning Council (Council) and its committees. The Council and its committees make important decisions for people living with HIV in Orange County. The Council and its committees are always looking for new members who want to get involved. If you are interested in participating, go to a meeting to check it out! This newsletter is to provide information on what each committee does. Keep reading to find out more!

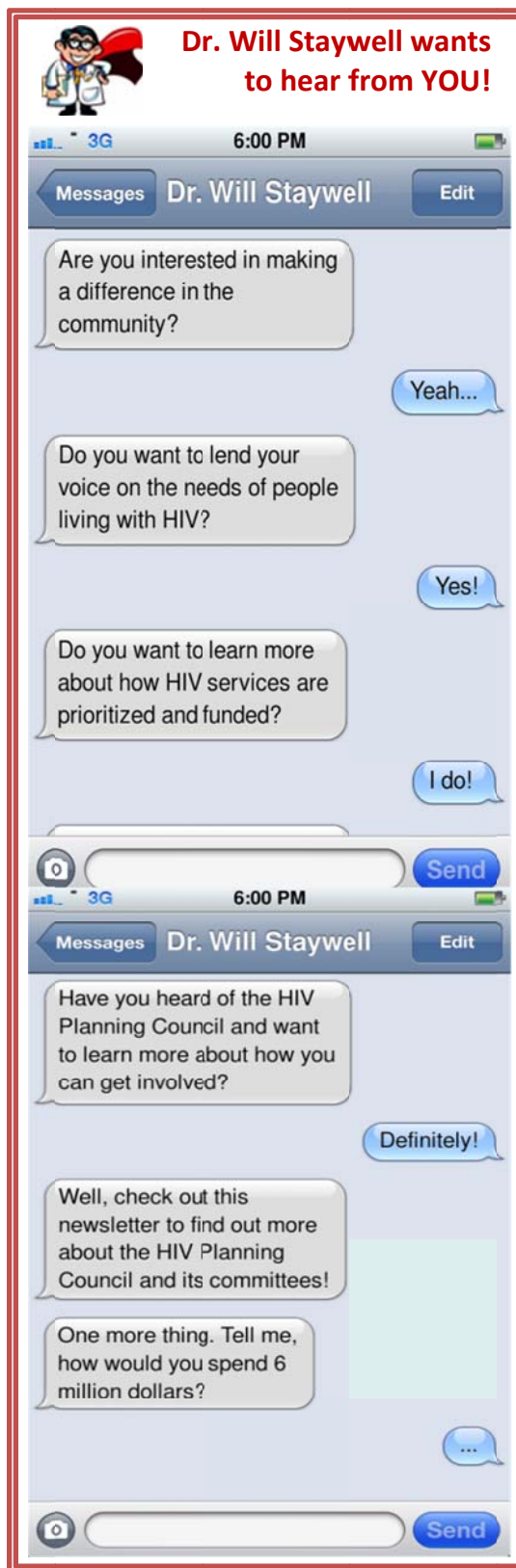
What is the Council?

The Council is made up of different members from the HIV community. Their role is to make sure that HIV funding is spent on needed services in the county. These needed services help people living with HIV disease (PLWHD) achieve viral suppression and live healthy lives.

The Council meets on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 6:00pm.

How does the Council make decisions?

The Council has many committees that focus on different Council tasks. Each committee works on items that get presented to the Council for approval. In addition, there are committees that develop items and make recommendations but are not official committees of the Council (See back page for more information).



What are the Council committees and what do they do? The following are committees of the Council. Interested individuals are always welcomed to attend as guests.

HIV Client Advocacy Committee (HCAC)

is made up of consumers of HIV services and provides feedback on Council items from a consumer point of view. This committee develops the biannual Our+Care newsletter, contributes client surveys and focus groups, and recommends service priorities for Council consideration.

Members of this committee advocate for and recruit PLWHD to participate on Council issues. Typically, this is the first committee that consumers join to become more involved with the Council process.

HCAC meets on the 3rd Monday of the month at 6:00pm.

Prevention and Care Strategies Committee (PCSC)

is responsible for creating a plan for HIV prevention and care services in Orange County. This committee identifies ways to improve outcomes along the HIV Care Continuum.

PCSC meets on the 4th Tuesday of the month at 2:30pm.



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Priority Setting, Allocations, and Planning (PSAP) is responsible reviewing data, available resources, and current and emerging needs to provide prioritization and funding allocation recommendations to the Council. **PSAP meets on the 4th Wednesday of the month at 6:00pm.**

Membership and Training is responsible for planning trainings for members and ensuring that the Council is made up of members that mirror the Orange County HIV epidemic. They are also responsible for assisting in recruiting members on the Council and its committees. **Membership and Training meets on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 6:00pm.**

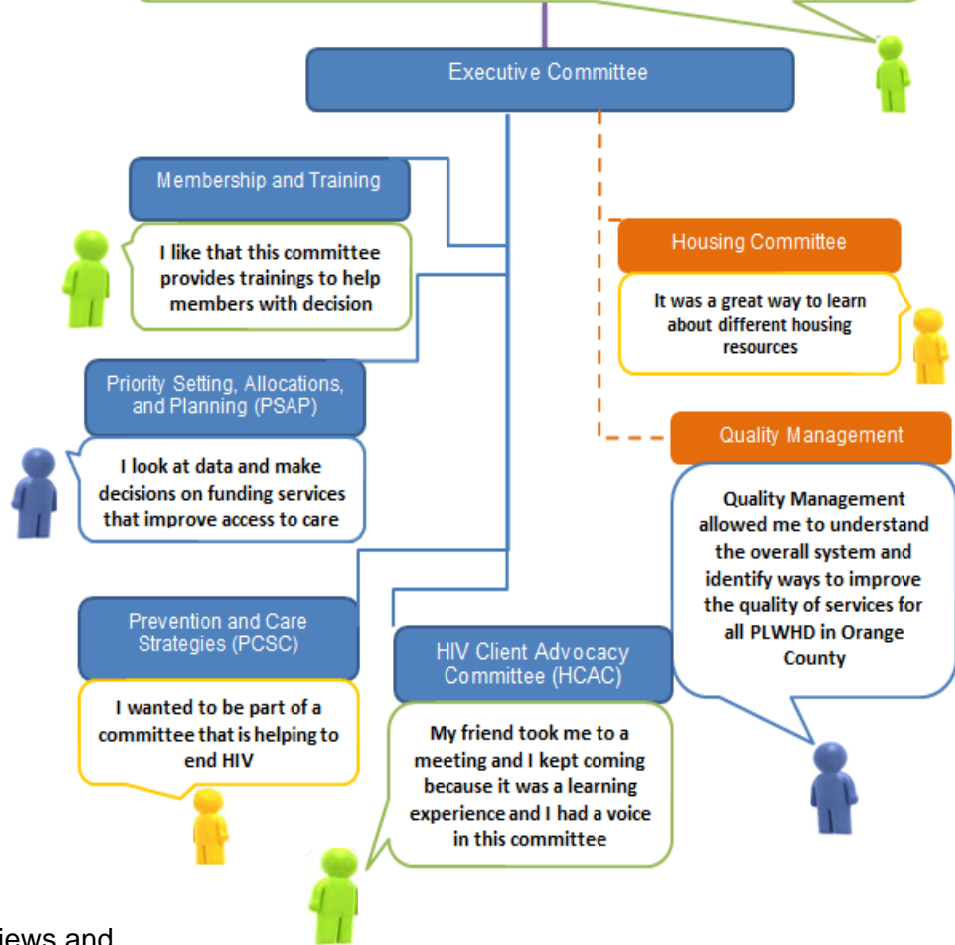
Executive Committee reviews all items from committees before the items are presented to Council for approval. This committee is also responsible for the Evaluation of the Administrative Mechanism to ensure funds are being disbursed in a timely manner and to the areas of greatest need. **Executive Committee meets on the 1st Wednesday of the month at 6:00pm.**

Other Committees
The following are not committees of the Council. However, they make recommendations for the Council's consideration.

Quality Management (QM) Committee reviews and develops quality improvement indicators to measure HIV health outcomes for Ryan White services. This committee develops standards of care for which must be approved by the Council. **QM Committee meets on the 1st Monday of the month at 6:00pm.**

What members are saying about the HIV Planning Council

At first, I wanted to make services better for myself, but then I wanted to make change for the community and make services better



Housing Committee discusses housing issues and housing options related to PLWHD in Orange County. The committee provides recommendations regarding housing priorities to the Council. **The Housing Committee meets quarterly on the 1st Monday of the month at 3:00pm.**

- **Food is provided for most committees.**
- For more information on how to become a member, contact Zorayda Ochoa: **(714) 834-8399** or ZOchoa@ochca.com.
- For the calendar of meetings, visit: <http://ochealthinfo.com/phs/about/dcepi/hiv/council/calendar>
- For more information about HIV in Orange County, please visit: <http://ochealthinfo.com/phs/about/dcepi/hiv>

ORANGE COUNTY HIV QUALITY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE



Our+Care OC is a project of the Orange County HIV Quality Management Committee and HIV Consumer Advocacy Committee. The HIV Quality Management Committee works to increase the quality of Ryan White services. For more information about the committee, please call **(714) 834-8063**. If you have feedback or suggestions for future newsletters, please contact **Mindy He** at MHe@ochca.com.

