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Public Health Services Training Center (1729E)
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MINUTES

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Chair: Kristen Kowalczyk in lieu of Homero Beltran

Recorder: Martha Garcia

Members Present: Dr. Sean Arayasirikul, Homero Beltran, LeRoy Blea, Jazmina Castillo, Dr. Geeta Gupta, Kristen Kowalczyk, Dr. Christopher Ried, Ricardo Velasco, and Dr. Jeffrey Vu

Affiliate Members Present: None

Members Absent: Martin Becerra (LOA), Fernando Martinez (LOA), and Khloe Rios-Wyatt (LOA)

Affiliate Members Absent: None

Staff Members Present: Tara Buehring, Martha Garcia, Mindy He, Karen Leland, Sierra Myers, Marlon Velasco, and Mary Young

Staff Members Absent: None

Guests: Juan Carlos Bautista, Jessica Diaz, Jorge Miranda, Danielle Nagao, and Gilberto Rojas

Item 1. Call to Order: Kristen Kowalczyk called the meeting to order at 11:37am

Item 2. Welcome and Introductions:

Kristen Kowalczyk welcomed all in attendance. Kristen provided an overview of the agenda, the purpose of public comment, and how the meeting will be facilitated. The Pledge of Allegiance was conducted. The moment of remembrance was held. Members and guests introduced themselves. A quorum was established.

Item 3. Approval of Agenda:

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

Item 4. Approval of July 8, 2026 Minutes & July 13, 2026 Minutes:

Prior to approval Dr. Vu noted a correction to Item 7 in the July 8, 2026, minutes: the reference should read "Google Forms" instead of "Survey Monkey". Jazmina Castillo put forward a motion to approve July 8, 2026, minutes with the changes and the July 13, 2026, minutes. The Chair repeated the motion. Ricardo Velasco 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. Kristen Kowalczyk reminded members that comment cards can be submitted to Planning Council support via email or dropped into the Suggestion Box at the back of the room.

Item 7. Approval of FY 2027-28 Service Category Priorities:

Mindy He provided an overview of the FY 2027-28 Service Category Priorities. The Integrated Plan Committee and Priority Setting, Allocations, and Planning Committee participated in the priority setting process. The following are the service priorities approved by PSAP on July 22, 2026, for Council approval:

1. Outpatient / Ambulatory Health Services*
2. MCM* / Non-MCM Services
3. Referral for Health Care and Support Services
4. Medical Transportation Services
5. Housing – EFA for Housing / Housing Coordination /Transitional Housing/STSH
6. Nutrition Services (Medical Nutrition Therapy* Nutritional Counseling / Food Bank / HDM / Nutritional Supplements)
7. Mental Health
8. Oral Health Care*

9. Early Intervention Services (EIS)*
10. Outreach Services
11. Emergency Financial Assistance (EFA) – Medications / Health Insurance Premium (HIP) & Cost Sharing Assistance*/ AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP)*
12. Substance Abuse Outpatient Care* (Narcotic Replacement Program / Detox / Counseling) / Substance Abuse Services Residential
13. Home Health Care* / Home and Community–Based Health Services (HCBHS)* / Hospice* / Rehabilitation
14. Other Professional Services including Legal Services
15. Psychosocial Support Services
16. Independent Living Skills [HRSA Category Health Education / Risk Reduction]
17. Prevention with Positives including Education and Prevention for HIV positive individuals [HRSA Category Health Education/Risk Reduction]
18. Linguistic Services
19. Child Care Services

* Indicates Core Medical Services

Homero Beltran put forward a motion to approve the FY 2027-28 Service Category Priorities. The Chair repeated the motion. Jazmina Castillo 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 2027-28 Service Category Priorities.

Item 8. Review Orange County HIV Care Continuum and Epidemiological Profile:

Tara Buehring provided an overview of the 2025 HIV Epidemiological and Continuum of Care Data for Orange County. Members requested the following:

- Break down other type of providers and out of County providers
- List of those individuals not virally suppressed per agency

Item 9. Update HOWPWA Funded Services:

Jessica Diaz provided an overview of the FY 2026-27 Housing funds and requirements that took effect on July 1, 2026.

Item 10. CPG Update

Mindy He informed members that Dr. A will be the CPG representative for Orange County.

Dr. A. shared that he attended a HIV and Aging subcommittee. Discussed were logistics and planning for the upcoming Ending the HIV Epidemic symposium that will take place on November 17-19, 2026 in Palm Springs. A Medi-Cal questions webinar will be open to community members.

Item 11. State Office of AIDS (OA) Update: Leroy Blea shared the following:

The OA report is available at: <https://ochealthinfo.com/about-hca/public-health-services/health-promotion-community-planning/hiv-planning-and-0>.

Item 12. Grant Recipient Reports:

A. Contract Services: Karen Leland shared the following:

- **Comp Care and Support Services Amendment Update**
Modification documents were submitted and are being completed by subrecipients whose current budgets will be impacted by the FY 26-27 RW-Part A and EHE awards. Additionally, an amendment to the Master and all individual subrecipient contracts will also be required and are being developed/submitted for signature.
- **RFA for Rapid ART Protocol Development Update**
As a reminder for Planning Council members, if during an active solicitation a provider or anyone asks questions, please inform them to submit them online via OpenGov and/or make sure the entity is registered in OpenGov.

B. Quality Management (QM) Committee:

- **Approval of Housing Services Standards of Care:**
Marlon Velasco provided an overview of the Housing Services Standards of Care (SOC) with the proposed changes. Homero Beltran put forward a motion to approve the Housing Services SOC. The Chair repeated the motion. Dr. Vu 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 Housing Services SOC.
- **Approval of Legal Services Standards of Care:**
Marlon Velasco provided an overview of the Legal Services Standards of Care (SOC) with the proposed changes. Homero Beltran put forward a motion to approve the Legal Services SOC. The Chair repeated the

motion. Dr. Vu 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 Legal Services SOC.

- **Review of Food Bank/Home Delivered Meals Services Standards of Care:**

Marlon Velasco shared that the Food Bank/Home Delivered Meals Services SOC were reviewed by QM with no substantive changes.

- **Review of Medical Nutrition Therapy Including Nutritional Supplements Services Standards of Care:**

Marlon Velasco shared that the Medical Nutrition Therapy Including Nutritional Supplements Services SOC were reviewed by QM with no substantive changes.

- **Quality Management Performance Outcomes FY 2025-26 and FY 2026-27 Goals:**

Marlon Velasco provided an overview of FY 2025-26 Quality Management (QM) Performance Measures Outcomes and FY 2026-27 Performance Measures Outcomes Goals. The QM Committee recommendation continuing with the FY 2025-26 Performance Measures Outcomes Goals for FY 2026-27. This is due to the transition from ARIES to the HCC system during the past year which limited the committee's ability to consistently monitor and evaluate the performance measures, outcomes and goals. Continuing with the current outcome goals will provide an opportunity to monitor a full year of data using the new HCC system.

C. HIV Planning and Coordination:

- **NHAS Orange County 2025 Update**

Mindy He provided an update on the National HIV/AIDS Strategy Goals and Objectives 2025 Outcomes.

- **RWA Non-Competing Continuation Application FY 2027-28**

Mary Young informed members that the Increase and Decrease scenarios will be starting this month with PSAP and will be presented to Council in September.

- **Board of Supervisor Meeting**

Mary Young reminded the members that the new applicant applications and revisions to the Bylaws will be going to the Board on August 25, 2026.

Item 13. Matters from the Chair:

There were no matters from the Chair.

Item 14. Member's Privilege/Announcements:

- Dr. Gupta reminded members that AIDS on The Frontline is scheduled for September 16, 2026.
- Kristen Kowalczyk reminded members about the USCHA Conference. She volunteered and will be attending the conference.
- Mindy He informed members that she is on the Hosting Committee for the USCHA Conference and encouraged folks to submit an application to volunteer before the volunteer application deadline of August 13, 2026.
- Mindy He shared that next month there will be a presentation from the members that attended the Ryan White Conference.
- Dr. Ried shared with members that the Jail Case Manager position is up and running.

Item 15. Adjournment until August 12, 2026:

Kristen Kowalczyk adjourned the meeting at 1:07 pm.