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VIRTUAL WEBEX MEETING

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**PUBLIC POLICY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES**

January 3, 2022

COMMITTEE MEMBERS			
P = Present A = Absent EA = Excused Absence			
Katja Nelson, MPP, Co-Chair	P	Eduardo Martinez (Alternate)	P
Lee Kochems, MA, Co-Chair	P	Isabella Rodriguez (Alternate)	P
Alasdair Burton (Alternate)	P	Ricky Rosales	EA
Felipe Findley	A	Martin Sattah, MD	P
Jerry Gates, PhD	A		
Gerald Garth	A		
COMMISSION STAFF AND CONSULTANTS			
Cheryl Barrit, Executive Director, Carolyn Echols-Watson, Jose Rangel-Garibay, Catherine Lapointe			

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CALL TO ORDER-INTRODUCTIONS-CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Katja Nelson called the meeting to order at approximately 1:06 PM. Attendees were asked to introduce themselves.

I. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION #1: Approval of the Agenda (*Passed by Consensus*).

2. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

MOTION #2: Approval of Meeting Minutes (*Passed by Consensus*).

II. PUBLIC COMMENT

3. OPPORTUNITY FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE COMMISSION ON ITEMS OF INTEREST THAT ARE WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF THE COMMISSION. There were no public comments.

III. COMMITTEE NEW BUSINESS ITEMS

4. OPPORTUNITY FOR COMMISSION MEMBERS TO RECOMMEND NEW BUSINESS ITEMS FOR THE FULL BODY OR A COMMITTEE LEVEL DISCUSSION ON NON-AGENDIZED MATTERS NOT POSTED ON THE AGENDA, TO BE DISCUSSED AND (IF REQUESTED) PLACED ON THE AGENDA FOR ACTION AT A FUTURE MEETING, OR MATTERS REQUIRING IMMEDIATE ACTION BECAUSE OF AN EMERGENCY SITUATION, OR WHERE THE NEED TO TAKE ACTION AROSE SUBSEQUENT TO THE POSTING OF THE AGENDA. There were no committee new business items.

IV. REPORTS

5. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR/STAFF REPORT

a. Operational Updates

Cheryl Barrit stated that Commission on HIV (COH) meetings will continue to be held virtually, under the guidance of the Board of Supervisors (BOS).

C. Barrit will review approved redistricting maps to determine the impact on commissioner's seats. K. Nelson inquired if a representative from the Redistricting Commission could attend a future Public Policy Committee (PPC) meeting to clarify map changes.

➤ C. Barrit will request a user-friendly explanation of map changes. C. Barrit stated that an Excel file describing the map changes can be found at lacounty.gov/redistricting.

b. Comprehensive HIV Plan 2022-2026

C. Barrit briefly went over a PowerPoint presentation by AJ King describing the necessary components of the Comprehensive HIV Plan (CHP). The presentation is in the meeting packet.

A. King will present at the January 13, 2022 Commission meeting to provide a high-level overview of the CHP. C. Barrit stated that the CHP needs to be completed by October 2022 to allow for internal review from the Division of HIV and STD Programs (DHSP) prior to plan submission in December 2022.

6. CO-CHAIR REPORT

a. Co-Chair Nominations/Elections

K. Nelson and Lee Kochems were elected to serve as PPC Co-Chairs for 2022. The Committee elected both nominees through roll call vote. (Yes – 7)

b. 2022 Committee Workplan

K. Nelson briefly went over the PPC's 2022 Workplan, included in the meeting packet. The Committee approved the workplan through roll call vote. (Yes – 6)

c. Act Now Against Meth (ANAM) Update

K. Nelson provided an update on the Act Now Against Meth (ANAM) recommendations to address meth use. It was noted, ANAM reiterated their support for SB 854 - Methamphetamine Response Act of 2021 introduced by Senator Feinstein.

d. Public Hearings Preparation

K. Nelson discussed plans for the PPC public hearing. The Committee agreed to holding the hearing at the March 2022 PPC meeting. It was recommended the meeting time be extended. C. Barrit suggested developing an agenda outline to explain the purpose and goals of the hearing. K. Nelson suggested providing a brief CHP presentation as part of the agenda. L. Kochems suggested providing policy priorities from the past two years as background information.

- K. Nelson, L. Kochems, and C. Barrit plan to meet to draft the public hearing agenda.

V. DISCUSSION ITEMS

7. Legislative Docket

K. Nelson stated the legislative session has begun. The PPC will begin gathering and reviewing bills for the legislative docket. A draft docket for Committee review is anticipated by March 2022. K. Nelson identified the BREATHE Act, SB 854, and bills pertaining to street medicine for inclusion in the docket.

8. Policies Priority – Priorities

K. Nelson discussed the following resources that will aid in the development of policy priorities:

- Health Officers Association of California (HOAC): <http://www.calhealthofficers.org/documents.html>
- County Health Association of California (CHEAC): <https://cheac.org/advocacy/>
- California LGBTQ Health and Human Services Network: <https://californialgbtqhealth.org/policy/current-legislation/>
- Essential Access Health: <https://www.essentialaccess.org/advocacy/policy-priorities>
- Legislative Affairs & Intergovernmental Relations: <https://ceo.lacounty.gov/legislative-affairs-and-intergovernmental-relations/>
- UCLA Center for HIV Identification, Prevention, and Treatment Services (CHIPTS): <https://chipts.ucla.edu/>

9. State Policy & Budget Update

C. Barrit mentioned a Los Angeles Times article regarding California health plans now covering at-home sexually-transmitted infections (STI) test kits and the lack of a billing code which may

hinder health plans from receiving payment for providing the test kits. This may decrease health plan participation. The article can be found at the following link:

https://enewspaper.latimes.com/infinity/article_share.aspx?guid=ccd39873-ce66-45b5-934d-c1be1c2cac56

10. Federal Policy Update

K. Nelson stated the Build Back Better Act is still in the Senate.

11. County Policy Update

K. Nelson stated response to the BOS STD motion will be completed within the next three to four weeks.

C. Barrit has reached out to Chuy Orozco to provide a Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) policy overview. There has been no response to date.

- C. Barrit will reach out to C. Orozco to request a presentation on HOPWA policy overview at a future PPC meeting.

K. Nelson announced the Drug Policy Alliance will be hosting a webinar to discuss safe consumption sites on January 18th.

- K. Nelson will send information regarding the January 18th Drug Policy Alliance webinar.

VI. NEXT STEPS

12. Task/Assignments Recap

- Tasks/Assignments are listed under the appropriate subject matter.

13. Agenda Development for the Next Meeting

VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

14. OPPORTUNITY FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC AND THE COMMITTEE TO MAKE ANNOUNCEMENTS. There were no announcements.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

15. Adjournment for the meeting of January 3, 2022. The meeting adjourned at approximately 2:02 PM.