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Virtual Meeting

Thursday, June 15, 2023

4:00-5:00pm (PST)

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1. WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS & MEETING GUIDELINES 4:00PM-4:05PM
2. COH STAFF REPORT/UPDATES 4:05PM-4:07PM
 - COH Bylaws Review Taskforce | UPDATES
3. CO-CHAIR REPORT/UPDATES 4:07PM-4:15PM
 - Organizational Capacity Needs Assessment | UPDATES
 - 2023 Taste of Soul Participation | UPDATES
 - Community Listening Session Workgroup | UPDATES
4. PRESENTATION 4:15PM-4:50PM
 - DHSP PrEP Campaign Artwork Visuals | REVIEW & FEEDBACK
5. RECAP AND NEXT STEPS 4:50PM-4:55PM
6. PUBLIC COMMENT & ANNOUNCEMENTS 4:55PM-5:00PM
7. ADJOURNMENT 5:00PM



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CODE OF CONDUCT

We welcome commissioners, guests, and the public into a space where people of all opinions and backgrounds are able to contribute. We create a safe environment that celebrates differences while striving for consensus and is characterized by consistent, professional, and respectful behavior. Our common enemies are HIV and STDs. We strive to be introspective and understand and clarify our assumptions, while appreciating the complex intersectionality of the lives we live. We challenge ourselves to be self-reflective and committed to an ongoing understanding. As a result, the Commission has adopted and is consistently committed to implementing the following guidelines for Commission, committee, and associated meetings.

All participants and stakeholders should adhere to the following:

- 1) We strive for consensus and compassion in all our interactions.**
- 2) We respect others' time by starting and ending meetings on time, being punctual, and staying present.**
- 3) We listen, don't repeat what has already been stated, avoid interrupting others, and allow others to be heard.**
- 4) We encourage all to bring forth ideas for discussion, community planning, and consensus.**
- 5) We focus on the issue, not the person raising the issue.**
- 6) We give and accept respectful and constructive feedback.**
- 7) We keep all issues on the table (no "hidden agendas"), avoid monopolizing discussions and minimize side conversations.**
- 8) We have no place in our deliberations for homophobic, racist, sexist, and other discriminatory statements and "-isms" (including misogyny, transphobia, ableism, and ageism).**
- 9) We give ourselves permission to learn from our mistakes.**

Approved (11/12/1998); Revised (2/10/2005; 9/6/2005); **Revised (4/11/19; 3/3/22)**



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Thursday, May 18, 2023 | 4:00PM to 5:00PM

VIRTUAL MEETING SUMMARY

Meeting packet is available at [here](#)

**Contact staff for verification of attendance*

1. WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

- Danielle Campbell, MPH, Co-Chair, welcomed all attendees and encouraged folx to introduce themselves in the Chat.

2. COH STAFF REPORT

- COH staff announced that the Universal Service Standards are out for public comment until June 5, 2023. We encourage you to review and provide feedback. You may access the standards on our website [here](#). Please submit comments to hivcomm@lachiv.org.

3. CO-CHAIR REPORT

- Julie Tolentino (DHSP) shared that the contract with Raniyah Copeland has been executed and that the pilot portion of the Organizational Capacity Needs Assessment for Black led & servicing Organizations will move forward with Dr. William King. Ongoing updates will be communicated to the Caucus and members will have the opportunity to suggest adjustments to the needs assessment once the pilot phase has been conducted.
- J. Tolentino also shared exciting progress on the PrEP campaign for the Black community. The campaign is in its final stages of development, and the artwork created by the 3-4 finalists selected to develop the campaign visuals will be presented at the June 15th Caucus meeting. This presentation will provide the opportunity for our members to provide valuable feedback. Once the final artwork is selected, the campaign will be launched. J. Tolentino will also report back on the number of artists who submitted their artwork for consideration.
- COH staff provided an update on the vendor application process for the upcoming Taste of Soul event. It was confirmed that the process is progressing smoothly. The breakdown of applicable costs for hosting a booth at the event is as follows: Booth (\$1,000), EZ Tent (\$100), Clean-Up (\$150), and Electricity (\$100). As previously communicated, the COH will cover the expenses associated with the Caucus' participation. The staff also shared that once the vendor application has been approved by the Taste of Soul, staff will reach out to those who volunteered to participate on the small planning team to begin the planning process. The following members have volunteered to be part of the planning team: Danielle Campbell,

Gerald Garth, Bridget Gordon, Roxanne Lewis, Andre Jamison Molette, Leon Maulsby, and Dr. William King.

4. DISCUSSION

- The Caucus continued its discussion regarding hosting community listening sessions to address the state of HIV in our Black communities, as envisioned by the late Dr. Jordan, and noted the following:
 - Convene listening sessions by geographical locations, i.e., SPAS and Health Districts, with focus on those with the highest disease burden. For geographical locations that are small and close together, there is an opportunity to cluster those listening sessions.
 - As reported previously, the COH will absorb the costs of convening the listening sessions which may include refreshments, raffles/giftcards. However, to minimize costs, efforts should be made to secure meeting spaces at community-based organizations, i.e., CDU. Leon Maulsby has offered CDU as an event space.
 - In addition to the populations noted in the BAAC recommendations, include the following additional key populations:
 - ✓ Youth
 - ✓ Unhoused
 - ✓ Justice-involved
 - ✓ Aging adults
 - ✓ Non-traditional providers who are not affiliated with HIV
 - ✓ Faith-based leaders/community
 - ✓ Immigrant community
 - To frame the discussions, the following recommendations were made:
 - ✓ Inquire of the key populations what they would like to discuss; in other words, leave the content up to the populations we are looking to reach
 - ✓ Provide a brief epi population-focused presentation to frame the discussion
 - ✓ Develop a brief population-focused presentation on why convening these discussions are important and how will we address it
 - ✓ Need a baseline set of questions; build a strong framework
 - ✓ Approach must be creative and unique and expand beyond HIV to address social determinants and whole person care. It is important that the conversations are not “preachy” and do not “preach to the choir”
 - ✓ Collaborate with Black led & servicing agencies, i.e., AMAAD, CDU, JWCH, Watts Healthcare, etc., to dovetail off their efforts so that it is not duplicative. Use their models to build upon. Gerald Garth shared that AMAAD has several replicable models re: community engagement.
 - ✓ Build a coalition of Black led & servicing organizations to partner with the Caucus in planning for and convening the listening sessions
 - Form a small planning workgroup; volunteers include Danielle Campbell, Leon Maulsby, Damone Thomas, Felipe Findley, David Lee, and Sandra Rogers. Dr. William King will participate in the planning for the provider-focused forum. Staff will send a scheduling poll to secure a meeting date ahead of the next Caucus meeting.

5. NEXT STEPS

- Next Caucus virtual meeting will be Thurs, June 14 @ 4-5PM; the agenda will include:
 - Updates on the Taste of Soul planning
 - Updates on the Organizational Capacity Needs Assessment
 - Review the artwork for the PrEP campaign for the Black community
 - Updates on the community listening sessions planning

6. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The “M” Word Mental Health Fair @ Leimert Park; see flyer
- Acknowledgement of HIV Vaccine Awareness Day (May 18) and the ongoing efforts and dedication of researchers, scientists, and healthcare professionals in the pursuit of developing an effective HIV vaccine
- Acknowledgement of National Hepatitis Day (May 19)