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TRANSGENDER CAUCUS VIRTUAL MEETING

**Tuesday, April 22, 2025
10:00am- 11:30am (PST)**

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Virtual Meeting Agenda

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1. **WELCOME + INTRODUCTIONS + CHECK-IN** 10:00 AM—10:10 AM
2. **CO-CHAIR'S REPORT** 10:10 AM—10:20 AM
 - a. March 25, 2025, meeting recap
 - b. Co-Chair Elections
3. **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR/STAFF REPORT** 10:20 AM—10:30 AM
 - a. Operational and Programmatic Updates
4. **DISCUSSION** 10:30 AM—11:15 AM
 - a. Collaboration with LGBT+ Commission: Solidarity Statement
 - b. Collaboration with Women's Caucus: Plan Community Listening Session
 - c. Collaboration with Black Caucus: Plan Community Listening Session
 - d. Collaboration with Aging Caucus: Commemorate National HIV and Aging Awareness Day
5. **MEETING RECAP + NEXT MEETING AGENDA** 11:15 AM—11:20 AM
6. **PUBLIC COMMENT + ANNOUNCEMENTS** 11:20 AM—11:30 AM
7. **ADJOURNMENT** 11:30 AM



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CODE OF CONDUCT

The Commission on HIV welcomes commissioners, guests, and the public into a space where people of all opinions and backgrounds are able to contribute. In this space, we challenge ourselves to be self-reflective and committed to an ongoing understanding of each other and the complex intersectionality of the lives we live. We create a safe environment where we celebrate differences while striving for consensus in the fights against our common enemies: HIV and STDs. We build trust in each other by having honest, respectful, and productive conversations. 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 approach all our interactions with compassion, respect, and transparency.**
- 2) We respect others' time by starting and ending meetings on time, being punctual, and staying present.**
- 3) We listen with intent, avoid interrupting others, and elevate each other's voices.**
- 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) Be flexible, open-minded, and solution-focused.**
- 7) We give and accept respectful and constructive feedback.**
- 8) We keep all issues on the table (no "hidden agendas"), avoid monopolizing discussions and minimize side conversations.**
- 9) We have no place in our deliberations for racist, sexist, homophobic, transphobic, and other discriminatory statements, and "-isms" including misogyny, ableism, and ageism.**
- 10) We give ourselves permission to learn from our mistakes.**

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APPROVED BY OPERATIONS COMMITTEE ON 05/25/23; COH 06/08/23

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Transgender Caucus Meeting Recap for March 25, 2025

Meeting Materials Click [HERE](#)

CO-CHAIR'S REPORT

- Rita Garcia, caucus co-chair, led introductions and provided a recap of the February 25, 2025, caucus meeting. The Caucus did not hold co-chair elections since prospective candidates were not able to attend the meeting.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR/STAFF REPORT

- Cheryl Barrit, COH Executive Director, reported that the COH will hold its next monthly meeting on April 10, 2025, at the St. Anne's Conference center. The meeting will focus on funding uncertainties and reallocations for a worst-case scenario. Staff from the Division on HIV and STD Programs (DHSP) will present an overview of the core and support service utilization reports to set the context for the reallocations exercise. C. Barrit mentioned that following the main meeting, the Consumer Caucus will hold a listening session for consumers of Ryan White Program (RWP) Dental Services with the goal of identifying what is working, what is not working, and what can be improved regarding dental services. RWP dental service providers are also invited to attend and participate. For more information, contact COH staff at HIVCOMM@LACHIV.ORG.

DISCUSSION

- Review 2025 Strategic Priorities
 - Jose Rangel-Garibay, COH staff, provided an overview of the document and shared updates on the status for the activities listed on the document.
- Solidarity Statement Updates
 - Discussed proposed edits to the draft solidarity statement including the use of appropriate terminology. Caucus members recommended to include examples highlighting the accomplishments and resiliency of the Transgender, Gender-Expansive, Intersex, Two-Spirit + (TGI2S+) community in the solidarity statement. The revised draft was shared with the Executive Committee and the COH.
- Community Listening Session Collaboration with Women's Caucus
 - Reviewed the suggested discussion questions developed by the Women's Caucus and provided feedback on the next steps for conducting a community listening session for transgender women. Caucus members volunteered to host/lead a listening session and will meet with COH staff to discuss logistics. Additionally, the Caucus discussed developing a toolkit to share with listening session participants.

NEXT STEPS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Read the solidarity statement and once approved by the full body of the COH, disseminate.
- The next Transgender Caucus meeting will be on **August 26, 2025**, from 10:00am to 11:30am via WebEx. COH staff will notify Caucus members of changes to the meeting schedule.

To subscribe to the Commission's listserv for meeting and event updates, click [HERE](#).

Transgender Caucus 2025 Strategic Priorities | (As of 04-17-25)

PURPOSE OF THIS DOCUMENT: To identify activities and priorities the Transgender Caucus will lead and advance throughout 2025

CRITERIA: Select activities that 1) represent the core functions of the COH and Caucus, 2) advance the goals of the [2022-2026 Comprehensive HIV Plan \(CHP\)](#), and 3) align with COH staff and member capacities and time commitment.

CAUCUS RESPONSIBILITIES: 1) Facilitate dialogue among caucus members, 2) develop caucus voice at the Commission and in the community, 3) provide the caucus perspective on various Commission issues, and 4) cultivate leadership within the caucus membership and consumer community.

#	ACTIVITY	ACTION STEPS	TIMELINE	STATUS
1	Transgender-focused Needs Assessment - <i>Collaborate with the Planning, Priorities and Allocations Committee to develop needs assessment focusing on the needs of Transgender People Living with HIV.</i>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Identify locations and target populations. 2. Develop needs assessment questionnaire(s). 3. Analyze results and share findings and recommendations to address the needs of Transgender people living with HIV in LA County. 	June 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Caucus will discuss collaboration with Women's Caucus to plan community listening session. • Caucus will discuss collaboration with Black Caucus to plan community listening session.
2	Policy and Advocacy – <i>Identify and act on opportunities to develop a progressive and inclusive agenda to address the disproportionate impact of HIV/STDs in TGI communities in Los Angeles County.</i>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Draft statement in response to recent transphobic rhetoric from current administration 2. Solicit feedback from caucus 3. Send statement to Executive Committee/COH for review and approval 4. Post and disseminate 	Ongoing	COH approved the solidarity statement on 4/10/25. The document is posted on the COH website and available for dissemination.
3	Provide Caucus Perspective - <i>on various Commission/HIV-related issues impacting the Ryan White Program</i>	Provide feedback on relevant Commission on HIV action items and motions including, but not limited to, service standards, priority setting and resource allocation, membership, and recruitment, and needs assessments.	Ongoing	



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TRANSGENDER CAUCUS 2025 MEETING CALENDAR (Updated 4/17/25)

DATE	KEY AGENDA ITEMS/TOPICS (subject to change; for planning purposes)
Jan. 28, 2025 10am to 11am Virtual	Nominate and elect caucus co-chairs. Meeting frequency review Brainstorm 2025 strategic priorities
Feb. 25, 2025 10am to 11:30am Virtual	COH Overview Caucus Member Expectations for 2025 Review and adopt 2025 strategic priorities
Mar. 25, 2025 10am to 11:30am Virtual	International Transgender Day of Visibility 3/31/25
Apr. 22, 2025 10am to 11:30am Virtual	National Trans HIV Testing Day 4/18/25
May 27, 2025	Meeting Canceled
Jun. 24, 2025	Meeting Canceled
Jul. 22, 2025	Meeting Canceled -> consider reinstating
Aug. 26, 2025 10am to 11:30am Virtual	
Sep. 23, 2025 10am to 11:30am Virtual	
Oct. 28, 2025 10am to 11:30am Virtual	LGBTQ+ History Month
Nov. 25, 2025	Meeting Canceled Commission on HIV Annual Conference 11/13/2025 Transgender Day of Remembrance 11/20/25
Dec. 23, 2025	Meeting Canceled



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CAUCUS CO-CHAIR GENERAL INFORMATION

Caucus Co-Chairs

Caucuses typically have two Co-Chairs serving one-year terms but can have up to three co-chairs. All co-chair seats are up for election which will serve the Jan-Dec 2025 term.

- ✓ One Co-Chair must be a commissioner to ensure that the Caucus activities are aligned with the COH's scope, goals, and objectives
- ✓ Note: Caucuses are not subject to Brown Act requirements but work with COH consent to set their own leadership structure, guidelines, membership, and activities.

****All Co-Chair candidates will be asked to provide a brief statement before the election.***

What Are the Co-Chair Roles & Responsibilities?

- ✓ Lead caucus activities and meetings.
- ✓ Set agendas for meetings in collaboration with staff.
- ✓ Develop work plans with the Executive Director and staff.
- ✓ Facilitate meetings, guiding discussion and ensuring effective workflow.
- ✓ Summarize discussions and assist in developing work products.
- ✓ Act on behalf of the group and communicate with stakeholders.

How Should I Prepare?

- ✓ Honestly assess your accessibility, bandwidth, and time to ensure you can show up fully and prepared. *Co-Chair roles require at least 10-12 commitment hours per month.*
- ✓ Review the [COH Co-Chair training slides](#) to understand the role's expectations
- ✓ Familiarize yourself with the:
 - [Ryan White Program Part A Planning Council Primer](#),
 - [COH bylaws](#),
 - [Required Commissioner trainings](#).



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Solidarity Statement in Support of Transgender, Gender Expansive, Intersex, and Two-Spirit (TGI2S+) Communities

(Approved by the Commission on HIV 4/10/25)

The Transgender Caucus of the Los Angeles County Commission on HIV condemns all forms of hate and violence and remains steadfast in solidarity with our Transgender, Gender Expansive, Intersex, and Two-Spirit (TGI2S+) community. The HIV/AIDS movement knows too well that the proliferation of disinformation created with the aim of restricting access to healthcare has real-life consequences. The harmful rhetoric of the current administration against the TGI2S+ community is rooted in the same forms of racism, discrimination, sexism, and misogyny that continue to hinder our progress in ending HIV/AIDS.

We recognize the contributions and leadership of TGI2S+ people who continue to enrich the LGBTQ+ civil rights and the HIV/AIDS movements. We acknowledge the achievements of TGI2S+ people in the United States and across the world and recognize their bravery and resilience in their hard-fought work for equality, inclusion, and the full recognition of their human rights. We are determined to advocate fiercely, and unapologetically, for the safety, health, and well-being of our TGI2S+ community. This is not just our responsibility; it is our moral imperative. In the face of societal and political challenges that attempt to divide us, we affirm our unwavering stance:

- Every person—regardless of sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, background, disabilities, immigration status, race, faith, culture, or housing situation—deserves to be seen, feel safe, and supported.
- We reject any attempt to undermine dignity, create division, or deny the right to gender-affirming care, HIV prevention and care service delivery, and to be safe in the workplace.

We call on our allies to speak out against the demonization of the TGI2S+ community and remain diligent and committed to actively engaging in policy action that promotes health equity, eliminates barriers, and addresses social determinants of health.

We stand in memoriam of our TGI2S+ community members, siblings, and loved ones who have been lost to hateful acts of violence, police brutality, and HIV/AIDS. We celebrate the strength, joy, and courage of our TGI siblings who remind us that visibility is both a powerful act of resistance and ray of hope.

In solidarity,

Transgender Caucus of the Los Angeles County Commission on HIV

If you are interested in joining us in developing a progressive and inclusive agenda to address the disproportionate impact of HIV/STDs within our TGI2S+ communities in Los Angeles County, please contact us at hivcomm@lachiv.org.

Transgender Caucus

Community Listening Sessions: Transgender Women Living with HIV

Purpose: Listen and learn about the experiences of transgender women living with HIV who have received sexual health services from the Ryan White Program within Los Angeles County to better understand sexual health service gaps and explore opportunities for improvement.

Proposed Date/Time:

- TBD

Proposed Venue:

- TBD

Facilitator(s):

- TBD

Target Participants (__max):

Session Objective(s):

- Opportunity to share lived experiences of transgender women living with HIV
- Create shared understanding of issues impacting transgender women living with HIV
- Identify ways on how we can improve sexual health services for transgender women living with HIV

Proposed Facilitation Questions:

- What have been your experiences with obtaining sexual health services? Can you share your most ideal experience with a provider?
- Have you experienced any challenges or barriers in accessing or receiving sexual health services on a consistent basis? If so, please describe them. What do you find most difficult about using sexual health services?
- How do balance your sexual health with other priorities? How much do you prioritize sexual health services?
- What types of community support and resources are most beneficial to you?
- Where do you go to find supportive services? Are there programs, services, or resources that you feel are missing or need improvement to better support transgender women in LA County?
- What made you seek medical care or other HIV services when you were first diagnosed with HIV? If you did not seek care right away, what would have helped you seek medical care or other HIV services sooner? Who helped you the most to get into medical care or HIV services?

Transgender Caucus

Community Listening Sessions: In collaboration with Black Caucus

Purpose: Listen and learn about the experiences of _____ who have received sexual health services from the Ryan White Program within Los Angeles County to better understand sexual health service gaps and explore opportunities for improvement.

Proposed Date/Time:

- TBD

Proposed Venue:

- TBD

Facilitator(s):

- TBD

Target Participants (___max):

Session Objective(s):

- TBD

Proposed Facilitation Questions:

- TBD



STANDING COMMITTEES AND CAUCUSES REPORT | KEY TAKEAWAYS | APRIL 10, 2025

1. Operations

Link to the Operations Committee meeting packet can be found [HERE](#).

Key outcomes/results from the meeting:

- The Operations Committee last met on March 27, 2025.
- Executive Director, Cheryl Barrit, informed the Committee that the Restructuring Work Group sessions received positive feedback, and staff will pursue ways for commissioners who were unable to participate to provide input.
- Operations Co-Chair, Erica Robinson, led the Committee in a discussion regarding exploring alternative meeting options, including reducing the frequency of committee meetings in light of limited resources and preparation for the Commission restructuring outcomes. The Committee agreed that one way to facilitate the best use of time, positive meeting outcomes, and make informed decisions is for commissioners to take personal responsibility to read the meeting materials prior to meetings.
- The Committee reviewed responses to the Assessment of the Efficiency of the Administrative Mechanism (AEAM) survey; a draft report will be reviewed at the April 23rd meeting.
- The Committee discussed interest for participating in upcoming PRIDE events. Staff will poll Commissioners if there is interest in hosting a resource table and participating in the West Hollywood (WeHo) parade.

Action needed from full body:

- The next Operations Committee meeting will be held on Thursday, April 24th, from 10 am – 12 pm.
- Register for and attend the upcoming Priority Setting and Resource Allocations Process training on April 23rd from 12 pm – 1 pm.

2. Executive

Link to the March 27, 2025 meeting packet can be found [HERE](#).

Key outcomes/results from the meeting:

- The Committee approved the following items for full council's approval on April 10th: Housing service standards, Transgender Caucus statement of solidarity, and the 20205 Legislative Docket.
- Discussed gauging interest from Commissioners who may be willing to chair a Latino Caucus if it was established.
- Staff reported that a formal report on the outcomes of the COH restructuring workgroups will be included in the April 10 COH packet.



- Agreed to prioritize contingency planning for April 10 COH meeting. Dr. Green will use the slides DHSP presented at the HIV provider meeting held on March 25 with additional Ryan White service utilization data to help the COH with their deliberations. The remaining Ryan White service utilization data and unmet needs presentations will be delivered instead at the upcoming Planning, Priorities and Allocations (PP&A) Committee meetings.
- Brainstormed on ideas on team building activities for Commissioners. D. Russell agreed to send ideas to the Co-Chairs for feedback.
- Dr. M. Green, representing, DHSP, reported that an HIV service provider meeting on the uncertainty of Ryan White and CDC funding for HIV services was convened on March 25. DHSP leadership is lining up meetings with the Board and DPH leadership to appeal for full funding to fill the gap in HIV resources. DHSP is also meeting with the Substance Abuse Prevention and Control (SAPC) to explore if they have resources that may be shifted to support HIV services. Additionally, DHSP leadership have also met with the County Homeless Initiative (HI) Executive Director (Cheri Todoroff) to explore the possibility of shifting HIV-related housing costs/services to HI. Based on the conversation with HI Executive Director, it was reported that DHSP should be able to reasonably support transitioning RCFCI, TRCF, and SUD transitional housing clients to other beds and facilities administered by the HI program.
- DPH has been severely affected by the current funding landscape and recently lost \$43 million that support public health core infrastructure.

Action needed from full body:

- Commissioners are reminded to complete all training requirements and associated quizzes. The training schedules, slides and recordings are posted on the COH website.

3. Planning, Priorities and Allocations (PP&A)

Link to the February Planning, Priorities and Allocations meeting packet can be found [HERE](#).

Key outcomes/results from the meeting:

- During their February meeting, the Planning, Priorities and Allocations Committee welcomed four new members to the committee - G. Green, R. Lester, I. Salamanca and C. Vega-Matos.
- DHSP staff provided a Program Year 34 (PY34) Expenditures report to the Committee. The report focused on minor updates to Part A and Minority AIDS Initiative (MAI) expenditures from the February report as well as current spending to date and end of year (February 28, 2025) projections for Ryan White Part B and Ending the HIV Epidemic (EHE) funds. The report shows that both Ryan White Part B and EHE will fully expend program funds for PY34.



- To date, DHSP has received a HRSA EHE partial notice of award of \$3.3 million and a Part A and MAI partial notice of award of approximately \$8 million. At this time, DHSP does not know when they will receive a final notice of award for RWP Part A and MAI and cannot expect funding beyond the partial award. DHSP noted that the County had seen increases in funding in recent years and is now shifting into a period of limited resources. Difficult conversations are needed to decide how to best use the limited resources available.
- The Committee began discussions around contingency planning in the event of reduced RWP Part A and MAI funding. The Committee outlined a contingency plan for the worst-case scenario of currently secured available funding at \$13 million deciding to preserve Ambulatory Outpatient Medical (AOM) services, Medical Transportation Services, Benefits Specialty Services and Medical Care Coordination (MCC) Services. Finally, the Committee suggested developing additional contingency planning scenarios between 25-70% reductions (of the total award amount based on the PY34 final award of \$42 million).
- The next PP&A Committee meeting will be on Tuesday, April 15th from 1pm-3pm at the Vermont Corridor.

Action needed from full body:

- Commissioners should continue review the PP&A meeting minutes and attend PP&A Committee meetings, when possible, to stay informed of current funding challenges, to develop a deeper understanding of the priority setting and allocation process, and to observe how data is used to inform decision-making.

4. Standards and Best Practices (SBP)

Link to the April 1, 2025, meeting packet can be found [HERE](#).

Key outcomes/results from the meeting:

- The Standards and Best Practices (SBP) committee reviewed their service standard revision tracker and decided to review the following service standards: Mental Health, Legal Services, and Patient Support Services.
- The committee continued their review of the Transitional Case Management (TCM) service standards and discussed the service components to include in the document. The revised TCM service standards document will include guidance for the following special populations: youth, justice-involved, and older adults 50+. Lastly, the committee decided to invite subject matter experts to their next meeting to inform their deliberations.
- The next SBP committee meeting will be on Tuesday, May 6, 2025, from 10am-12pm at the Vermont Corridor. Committee members, commissioners, and members of the public planning on attending the meeting must check-in with security personnel on the 9th floor lobby and wait to be escorted to the 14th by a COH staff member.



Action needed from full body:

- Encourage consumer participation in the service standard development process.

5. Public Policy

Link to the April 7, 2025, meeting packet can be found [HERE](#).

Key outcomes/results from the meeting:

- The Public Policy Committee (PPC) did not meet in April. Additionally, the May 5, 2025, PPC meeting is canceled. The next PPC meeting will be on June 2, 2025.

Action needed from full body:

- Review the bills on the 2025-26 Legislative Docket included in the meeting packet.

6. Aging Caucus

The Aging Caucus meets every other month and will not meet during the month of April. The Aging Caucus last met on March 11, 2025.

[Link to the March 11, 2025 meeting packet can be found HERE.](#)

Key outcomes/results from the meeting:

- The Aging Caucus met on [3/11/25](#), virtually from 1pm to 2pm and finalized their 2025 key priorities and brainstormed on ideas for a cross-caucus collaborative event (slated for September) to address HIV and aging across intersectional identities and age groups.

Action needed from full body:

- Keep informed of resources regarding Medicaid and Medicare, which are critical resources for low income, older adults, and people with disabilities.
 - ☐ [How Medicaid Funding Caps Would Harm Older Adults](#)
 - ☐ [Lambda Legal Help Desk](#)
 - ☐ [Facing the Future Together: FAQs, Guidance, & Resources for Older Adults](#)
- Join the next Aging Caucus virtual meeting on May 13, 2025 from 1pm to 2pm.

7. Black Caucus

The Black Caucus last met on March 20, 2025; link to the meeting packet can be found [HERE](#).

Key outcomes/results from the meeting:

- **Co-Chair Nominations & Election.** A second round of nominations for the 2025 Black Caucus Co-Chair position was opened to fill a vacancy. To ensure fairness and allow



space for additional candidates, a new election was held. Congratulations to Dechelle Richardson, who will now serve as Co-Chair alongside Dr. Leon Maultsby.

- **Organizational Assessment & Recommendations.** Consultant, Equity & Impact Solutions, presented findings from the second phase of the organizational needs assessment focused on Black-led and Black-serving organizations in Los Angeles County. This assessment builds on previous recommendations and sheds light on ongoing barriers to funding, organizational capacity, and sustainability. The Los Angeles County Black-Led Organizations Assessment: Integrated Report can be found [HERE](#). Plans are in motion to host a focus group for organizations not included in the initial assessment.
- **Community Listening Sessions.** Final community listening sessions will be conducted to center the voices of:
 - Non-Traditional HIV Providers
 - Transgender individuals
 - Youth
 - Justice-involved persons
 - Heterosexual men and men who do not identify as MSM
- **Next Virtual Meeting.** The next meeting will be held virtually on April 17, 2025 at 4PM.

Action needed from full body:

- Attend the April 17, 2025, virtual meeting and support outreach efforts to ensure broad community participation.

8. Consumer Caucus

The Consumer Caucus last met on March 13, 2025; the link to the meeting packet can be found [HERE](#).

Key outcomes/results from the meeting:

- **February Resource Fair Recap.** Despite the rain, our February 13th Consumer Resource Fair was a success! Over 200 attendees came out to receive vital resources and support related to HIV care and services.
- **DHSP Clinical Quality Management (CQM) Program.** DHSP consultant Michael Haeger provided an overview of DHSP's Clinical Quality Management (CQM) program, which aims to improve health outcomes through strong infrastructure, outcomes measurement, and quality improvement projects. DHSP will keep the Caucus informed and updated on CQM's efforts.
- **Housing Service Standards Review.** The Caucus reviewed and provided feedback on the Housing Service Standards.
- **2025 Co-Chair Elections.** Congratulations to our newly elected Consumer Caucus Co-Chairs: Alasdair Burton, Ish Herrera, and Vilma Mendoza! Special thanks and



appreciation to 2024 Caucus Co-Chairs, Lilieth Conolly and Damone Thomas, for their service and leadership.

- **Meeting Timing Feedback.** Although it was acknowledged that holding Consumer Caucus meetings after full Commission meetings can make for a long day, many members expressed a strong preference for keeping them on the same day. This structure supports better attendance, as many indicated they would be unable to join if the meetings were scheduled separately.
- **April 10, 2025, Ryan White Dental Services Listening Session.** This session will provide a space for consumers and providers of Ryan White Program Oral Healthcare services to share their experiences, needs, and recommendations. See [FLYER](#) for details.

Action needed from full body:

- Share the April 10 Ryan White Dental Services Listening Session flyer to both consumers and providers to encourage broad participation.
- Engage in Commission and Committee meetings by offering consumer perspectives, sharing feedback, and staying informed on key issues impacting HIV services.

9. Transgender Caucus

The Transgender Caucus last met on March 25, 2025; link to the meeting packet can be found [HERE](#).

Key outcomes/results from the meeting:

- **Solidarity Statement Updates:** The Caucus discussed proposed edits to the draft solidarity statement including the use of appropriate terminology. Caucus members recommended to include examples highlighting the accomplishments and resiliency of the Transgender, Gender-Expansive, Intersex, Two-Spirit + (TGI2S+) community in the solidarity statement. The revised draft was shared with the Executive Committee and is included in the meeting packet.
- **Community Listening Sessions Collaboration with Women's Caucus:** The Caucus reviewed the suggested discussion questions developed by the Women's Caucus and provided feedback on the next steps for conducting a community listening session for transgender women. Caucus members volunteered to host/lead a listening session and will meet with COH staff to discuss logistics. Additionally, the Caucus discussed developing a toolkit to share with listening session participants.

Action needed from full body:

- Read the solidarity statement included in the meeting packet and once approved by the full body of the COH, disseminate widely.
- Join the next virtual Transgender Caucus meeting on April 22, 2025, from 10am to 11:30am.

10. Women's Caucus

Link to the January Women's Caucus meeting packet can be found [HERE](#).

Key outcomes/results from the meeting:

- The Women's Caucus last met on March 17 and continued planning for upcoming women's listening sessions. The chairs noted that the plan is to host 3-4 in-person listening sessions in May through June with at least one session devoted to Spanish-speakers and another session targeting transgender women. The Transgender Caucus will take the lead in planning and executing the listening session for transgender women.
- The Caucus reviewed the suggested discussion questions and provided feedback to improve and refine the questions.
- Dr. Spencer offered to host a listening session and Commission staff are working with co-chairs to identify additional locations and solidify listening session dates and times. More details to follow.
- The next virtual Women's Caucus meeting will be on Monday, May 19 from 2pm-3pm via Webex.

Action needed from full body:

- Continue to promote the WC within your networks and identify potential partners and locations to assist with hosting listening sessions.

11. Housing Task Force

Link to the March 28 meeting packet can be found [HERE](#).

Key outcomes/results from the meeting:

- Healthcare Matters Inc., delivered a presentation titled, "Understanding Healthcare Access and Experiences in Skid Row." The presentation discussed healthcare access and experiences in Los Angeles, highlighting the use of street medicine and mobile health services, the need for food and housing assistance, and the importance of peer support models.
 - Majority of respondents in Skid Row had health insurance, primarily Medi-Cal
 - Street medicine and mobile health services were utilized by 80% of respondents, with high likelihood of using them again.
 - Food assistance services and housing assistance are the most requested services by individuals.
 - Street medicine and mobile health services are highly valued and helpful, but there are issues with continuity of care.
 - Peer support and community health worker models have been successful in filling gaps in healthcare access.
 - About four individuals out of the 200 disclosed that they are HIV positive.
 - People who tested positive already knew their status and used the tests to check on their current condition.



- Majority of the 200 tests were done without compensation, indicating a strong desire for individuals to know their status.
- Limited new positives found in on-the-street HIV testing, further investigation needed.
- Need to gather data from other street medicine programs to compare results and prevalence of HIV.
- The HTF reviewed its 2025 workplan and prioritized developing a housing needs assessment among PLWH. Once the data collected is analyzed and finalized, the HTF will convene a housing summit composed of housing services policy and decision-makers in the County and present the findings and discuss pathways to housing services for PLWH. The HTF discussed presenting their findings from the Ryan White housing and legal services provider consultations at the May 8 Commission meeting.
- The HTF will present key themes from consultations held with RW housing and legal services providers at the May full COH meeting.

Action needed from full body:

- Read the March 28 meeting packet for details on the Healthcare Matters, Inc. presentation.
- Send specific questions to include in the housing needs assessment to staff.
- Join the virtual HTF meeting on April 25 from 9am to 10am.



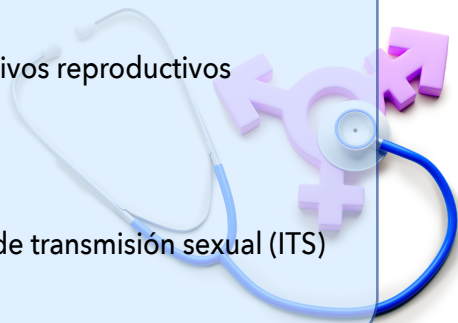
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PROGRAMA DE SALUD DE GÉNERO DE LA HEALTH SERVICES

El Programa de Salud de Género de LA Health Services atiende a pacientes transgénero, no binarios y no conformes con su género, de todas las edades.

Los siguientes servicios están disponibles dentro del Programa de Salud de Género:

- Conversaciones educativas con un proveedor sobre las opciones de atención de afirmación de género
- Terapia hormonal de afirmación de género
- Supresión de la pubertad
- Servicios de salud mental y servicios de apoyo social
- Consejería/educación inclusiva de género sobre salud sexual y objetivos reproductivos
- Acceso a cirugías de afirmación de género
- Depilación
- Terapia de voz
- Detección, tratamiento y prevención (PrEP y PEP) de las infecciones de transmisión sexual (ITS)
- Anticoncepción



Para más información escanee el código.

Pacientes actuales de LA Health Services deben hablar con su médico y pedir una referencia para tener acceso a este programa.

LA Health Services siempre está aceptando nuevos pacientes.



Visite **dhs.lacounty.gov/es/patient-information** o llame al **844-804-0055** para más información.

En LA Health Services, entendemos que la atención de afirmación de género es una necesidad médica y vital para el bienestar de nuestros pacientes. Nuestros equipos médicos se comprometen a brindar atención en un ambiente receptivo y respetuoso.

¿Tiene preguntas sobre cobertura de seguro? Llame al **844-804-0055**.



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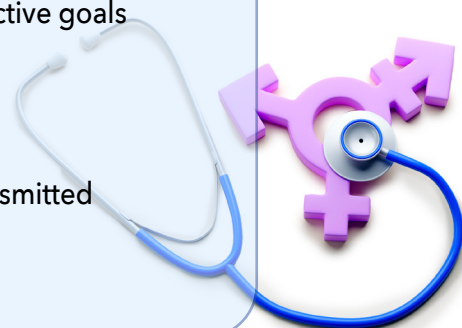
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LA HEALTH SERVICES' GENDER HEALTH PROGRAM

The Gender Health Program at LA Health Services sees transgender, nonbinary, and gender-nonconforming patients of all ages.

The following services are available through the Gender Health Program:

- Educational discussions with a provider about options for gender-affirming care
- Gender-affirming hormone therapy
- Puberty suppression
- Mental Health Services and Social support services
- Gender-inclusive counseling/education for sexual health and reproductive goals
- Access to gender-affirming surgery
- Hair removal
- Voice therapy
- Screenings, treatment, and prevention (PrEP and PEP) for sexually transmitted infections (STI)
- Contraception



Scan the QR code to learn more.

Current LA Health Services patients should speak with their doctor and request a referral to access this program.

LA Health Services is always taking new patients.



Visit **dhs.lacounty.gov/patient-information** or call **844-804-0055** to learn more.

At LA Health Services we understand that gender-affirming care is a medical necessity and vital to the well-being of our patients. Our medical teams are committed to providing care in a welcoming and respectful environment.

Questions about insurance? Call **844-804-0055**.



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