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**PUBLIC POLICY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES**

March 1, 2021



The Public Policy Committee acts in accordance with the role of the Commission on HIV, as dictated by Los Angeles County Code 3.29.090. Consistent with Commission Bylaws Article VI, Section 2, no Ryan White resources are used to support Public Policy Committee activities.

MEMBERS PRESENT	MEMBERS ABSENT	PUBLIC	COMM STAFF/ CONSULTANTS
Lee Kochems, MA, <i>Co-Chair</i>	Eduardo Martinez	Geneviève Clavreul	Cheryl Barrit, MPIA
Katja Nelson, MPP, <i>Co-Chair</i>	Tony Spears (Alternate)	Anthony Corona	Carolyn Echols-Watson, MPA
Alasdair Burton, (<i>Alt.</i>)		Jennifer Harbeck	Catherine LaPointe (Intern)
Jerry D. Gates, PhD		Daniel Medina	Abdul-Malik Ogunlade (Intern)
Bridget Gordon		Jose Ortiz	
Nestor Kamurigi (<i>Alt.</i>)		Joshua Ray	
Ricky Rosales		Peter Soto	
Martin Sattah, MD			

*Some participants may not have been captured electronically. Attendance can be corrected by emailing the Commission.

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CALL TO ORDER, INTRODUCTIONS AND CHECK-IN, CONFLICT OF INTEREST STATEMENTS: Ms. Nelson welcomed all and called the meeting to order. Attendees introduced themselves and stated their conflicts of interest.

I. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION #1: Approve the Agenda Order, as presented (*Passed by Consensus*).

2. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

MOTION #2: Approve the 1/4/2021 Public Policy Committee Meeting Minutes, as presented (*Passed by Consensus*).

II. PUBLIC COMMENT

3. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC TO ADDRESS COMMISSION ON ITEMS OF INTEREST WITHIN COMMISSION

JURISDICTION: There were no comments.

III. COMMITTEE NEW BUSINESS ITEMS

4. OPPORTUNITY FOR COMMISSIONERS TO RECOMMEND ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS, OR ITEMS REQUIRING IMMEDIATE ACTION DUE TO AN EMERGENCY, OR IF NEED FOR ACTION AROSE AFTER POSTING AGENDA:

There were no items.

IV. REPORTS

5. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR/STAFF REPORT

- The Executive Director reminded members to complete the Health HIV member survey if they had not yet do so. The survey is to assess the planning bodies effectiveness and the results will be used for technical assistance and other member support efforts.
- Los Angeles County Human Relations Commission will train the Commission on conducting productive conversations on racism and other “isms”. The first training is March 11, 2021 at the full Commission meeting. The Human Relations Commission will integrate the reading “So You Want to Talk About Race” into the Commission training. Members wanting a book are to contact Dawn McClendon. It was noted the intent of Committees reading the book is to encourage conversation about race that advances meaningful decisions that sustain social and racial justice in HIV care. The specifics of the logistics of book reading at the Committee level are still to be determined.
- The Commission prepared and have out for review a letter to local and state officials regarding People Living with HIV (PLWH) and the COVID 19 vaccine. The deadline for feedback to staff is March 2, 2021.
- ➡ Cheryl Barrit will prepare a proposal to the Co-Chairs for Committee book reading process that will enhance the reading and discussion of the book.

Committee and Caucus Updates

- Standard and Best Practices Committee (SBP) will review service standards for Home Based Case Management (HBCM), Benefit Specialty (BS), and Substance Use Residential Treatment for program year 2021. This will include convening subject matter panelist and public comment periods.
- The Planning, Priorities and Allocations Committee established a Prevention Planning Workgroup. The workgroup will meet on March 22, 2021 from 5:30 to 7:00pm.

6. CO-CHAIR REPORT

2021 Work Plan

- The Committee reviewed and approved the 2021 PPC Work Plan. The plan is a living document subject to modification throughout the year.

2021 Policy Priorities

- The Committee approved the Policy Priorities for 2021 recommendations. (Approved by vote) meeting agenda. There was some discussion on community participation and feedback on establishing policy priorities. It was pointed out Ryan White (RW) funding is not used to fund Public Policy efforts. RW funds are restricted from advocacy efforts. It was noted the public can provide input at the Committee and commission meetings. **(Passed 7 Ayes)**

It was pointed out that the Policy Priorities are used to help guide and prioritize the Committee's review of legislation. The Committee reviewed the policy issues to determine if any significant issue were overlooked. None were identified.

The Committee stressed the need for the Executive and full Commission body to review the policy priorities as it is a significant document in the work the commission produces. The document will now be presented at the March 2021 Executive Committee for approval.

- Act Now Against Meth (ANAM) summit was moved to late in March. Event updates anticipated and will be distributed when received.
- Committee members were encouraged to attend the Aging Task Force meeting, which is scheduled for Tuesday, March 2, 2021 from 1 to 3pm.

V. DISCUSSION ITEMS

7. LEGISLATIVE DOCKET

- The Committee began reviewing 2021-22 Legislative bills recommended for the Commission's legislative docket. The Committee recommended a position for each bill reviewed. (See attached document for status of all bill reviewed.)
- The Committee requested the addition of H.R. 5 Equality Act and the International Human Rights Defense Act to be introduced by Senators Lowenthal and Markey.
- The Committee requested additional information on the following bills.
 - **AB 15 - COVID-19 RELIEF: TENANCY: Tenant Stabilization Act of 2021 (Chiu) - Watch**
 - **AB 16 – Tenancies COVID-19 Tenant, Small Landlord, and Affordable Housing Provider Stabilization Act of 2021 (Chiu) - Watch**The Committee discussed the bills' applicability to People Living with HIV (PLWH). It was noted, housing is closely linked to successful HIV health outcomes.
- ➡ The Committee asked for more information on those PLWH that are facing COVID 19 rental debt.
 - The Commission on HIV (COH) has some results on housing through a survey administered by the Commission early in the pandemic.
 - Division on HIV STD Programs (DHSP) has some information from its Emergency Financial Assistance (EFA) program which assist PLWH with rent and utility expenses.
 - The Committee requested Housing Opportunities for People with AIDS (HOPWA) Program and the Comprehensive Housing Information and Referrals for People Living with HIV/AIDS Los Angeles (CHIRP/LA) be approached regarding data on this subject.

Additionally, it was noted those most at risk of acquiring HIV be considered when thinking about this bill.

- **AB 19 - Unemployment Insurance Compensation: COVID-19 Pandemic: Temporary Benefits (Santiago)** - Watch
 - ➔ The Committee recommended to watch and **obtain more information** on the bill.
- **AB 65 California Basic Universal Income (Low)** - Watch
- **AB 71 – Homelessness Funding: Bring California Home Act (Luz Rivas)**.
 - ➔ The Committee request details on services provided by the bill.
- **AB 77 Substance Use Disorder Treatment Services (Petrie-Norris)** - Support
- **AB 218 Change of Gender and Sex Identifier (Ward)** - Support
- **AB 245 Educational equity: student records: name and gender changes (Chiu)** - Support
- **AB 328 - Reentry Housing Program (Chiu)** - Support
 - ➔ The Committee request the definition of “continuums of care”.
- **AB 369 Medi-Cal: street medicine and utilization controls (Kamlager)** - Support
- **AB 453 – Sexual Battery: Nonconsensual Condom Removal (Cristina Garcia)**. – Oppose
 - It was noted, the bill was formally AB 1077.
 - ➔ The Committee requested the minutes which documented why the Committee opposed the bill. It was thought because the bill is in the vein of criminalizing HIV.
- **AB 789 Health care facilities (Low)** - Support
 - The Committee will continue bill review at the April 5, 2021 meeting beginning with AB 1344.
- The Committee noted that the following federal bills should be added to the docket: Equality Act and International Human Rights Defense Act.

8. STATE POLICY AND BUDGET UPDATE

- The Committee is reconnecting with the Transgender Caucus to prepare Transgender Wellness and Equity Fund Letter of Support for distribution to local and state government.

9. FEDERAL POLICY UPDATE

- American Rescue Plan is in the Senate and a vote is pending.
- Positive Women’s Network’s newsletter included in packet is a helpful summary of recent executive orders, entitled **HELP! What Do All These Executive Orders Mean to Us**.

10. COUNTY POLICY UPDATE

- **Staff emailed the most recent memo from the Department of Health to the Board on the County’s response towards curbing the STD epidemic. The Commission drafted a letter to DPH in February 2020, but the letter was put on hold because of the COVID-19 pandemic.**
- The Measure H Citizens' Oversight Advisory Board is meeting on March 5, 2021. The Board is drafting funding recommendations for the use of Measure H funds. The Board is responsible for reviewing and evaluating all Measure H spending. The Board will discuss budget information and it is understood the funding will be at maintenance levels. Public comment for the propose budget will begin April 15, 2021.

VI. NEXT STEPS

11. TASK/ASSIGNMENTS RECAP: There was no additional discussion.

12. AGENDA DEVELOPMENT FOR NEXT MEETING: There was no additional discussion.

VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

13. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC AND COMMITTEE TO MAKE ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Mr. Rosales provided an update on the City of Los Angeles AIDS Coordinator Office budget. Current budget reductions will not impact program services.
- The HIV Prevention Request for Proposals closes on March 5, 2021. A panel will be convened to review proposals. Mr. Rosales urged those interested in reviewing proposals to contact him.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

14. ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned.