LOS ANGELES COUNTY
COMMISSION ON HIV

Consumer Caucus Quick FAQ

Who is the Consumer Caucus for?
People who access HIV prevention and care services in Los Angeles County. You do not need to be a Commissioner to participate.

What is the purpose of the Caucus?
To bring consumer experiences, concerns, and ideas into the Commission's planning, priorities, and recommendations. Your experiences help the Commission understand needs, identify service gaps, and plan HIV prevention and care services in Los Angeles County.

What changed under the new structure?
The Consumer Caucus remains a dedicated consumer space. The Community Caucus brings together the former Aging, Black, Women's, and Transgender Caucuses and offers opportunities for focused, time-limited workgroups.

How often will we meet?
As needed, in alignment with Commission work and topics needing consumer input. Caucus meetings under the current structure are not governed by the Brown Act.

What do the Co-Chairs do?
Work with staff to identify topics, encourage participation, guide respectful discussion, and bring key themes and recommendations to MCE.

How does our input move forward?
Co-Chairs and staff summarize feedback for MCE, which helps route it to the appropriate committee, DHSP, or full Commission for follow-up.

What can I bring to the discussion?
Service barriers, care experiences, unmet needs, and ideas for improvement. Caucuses inform Commission decisions; they do not set allocations, select providers, or speak for the Commission without authorization.

How can consumers help with upcoming planning?
Share experiences, participate in the needs assessment, help reach other consumers, and inform service priorities. Staff will share opportunities as planning moves forward.

Advocacy and the Caucuses.
The Consumer and Community Caucuses can advocate for change by sharing lived experiences, identifying service barriers and policy concerns, and developing recommendations that inform the Commission's work. Caucus recommendations move through Commission staff and the Membership & Community Engagement (MCE) Committee for appropriate review and follow-up. Official legislative, policy and budget advocacy must follow County procedures, including coordination with the Chief Executive Office's Legislative Affairs and Intergovernmental Relations (LAIR) team. Caucuses cannot independently take positions or speak on behalf of the Commission or County without authorization. Participants may also advocate personally or through other organizations, while making clear whom they represent.

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