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**PUBLIC POLICY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES**

May 7, 2018



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MEMBERS PRESENT	MEMBERS PRESENT (cont.)	PUBLIC	COMM STAFF/ CONSULTANTS
Aaron Fox, MPM, <i>Co-Chair</i>	Martin Sattah, MD	Jason Brown	Cheryl Barrit, MPIA
Terry Goddard, MA, <i>Co-Chair</i>	Greg Wilson	Kevin Donnelly	Jane Nachazel
Jerry D. Gates, PhD		Craig Pulsipher	Julie Tolentino, MPH
Lee Kochems, MA		Craig Scott	
Eric Paul Leue	MEMBERS ABSENT		
Andrew Lopez (<i>Alt.</i>)	Kyle Baker		DHSP STAFF
Katja Nelson	Eduardo Martinez (<i>Alt.</i>)		None
Ricky Rosales			

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- 12) **Media Advisory:** Protecting the Affordable Care Act in California, 5/4/2018
- 13) **Update:** Sacramento Update - Legislation Related to the Affordable Care Act and Medicaid, 4/30/2018
- 14) **Update:** Sacramento Update, 4/18/2018

CALL TO ORDER: Mr. Fox called the meeting to order at 1:05 pm.

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 4/2/2018 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 COMMENT

4. NON-AGENDIZED OR FOLLOW-UP:

- Mr. Goddard requested more information about a City of Los Angeles intervention that was not approved for Measure H funds. Mr. Rosales replied he applied and was approved for his full AIDS Coordinator's Office budget. The question pertains to a request for \$30,000 in supplemental funding to expand the Syringe Exchange Program (SEP).
- That request has not been declined or approved. He felt it likely that the request would be approved, but funded via the General Fund rather than Measure H. The Measure H Committee can prioritize HIV, but has not done so for this cycle. He has asked the City Council to push the Committee to prioritize HIV for the next cycle. Support would be welcome.

IV. REPORTS

5. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR/STAFF REPORT:

- Ms. Barrit noted the 5/10/2018 Commission meeting will return to St. Anne's Conference Center for a regular business meeting. The meeting will have an updated schedule of Commission meetings and Los Angeles County HIV/AIDS Strategy (LACHAS) Health District (HD) community meetings. Americans with Disabilities Act compliant sites continue to be identified for various meetings, e.g., Raquel Cataldo is helping locate a site for the Service Planning Area (SPA) 1 LACHAS HD meeting.
- Commission business meetings and LACHAS HD meetings will mostly alternate. The 6/14/2018 meeting will primarily be a LACHAS HD meeting in El Monte, San Gabriel Valley, but a brief Commission business meeting will follow at the same location. LACHAS meetings for some smaller HDs will be combined to more quickly cover all 26 HDs. When combining meetings, there will be every attempt to ensure the site is in the city or HD with the highest HIV burden.
- She noted several Commissioners regularly attend the Long Beach Comprehensive HIV Planning Group (LBCHPG). The next LBCHPG will be 5/9/2018, 12:00 noon to 2:00 pm. She will attend to request directing one meeting, perhaps in September, to a more focused discussion of LACHAS. That respects ongoing discussion in Long Beach and avoids meeting duplication.
- The City of Pasadena is an independent health jurisdiction and is interested in hosting its own LACHAS HD meeting. She will meet with Commissioner Erika Davies, City of Pasadena Representative, and the City's Health Officer and Public Health Department Director to consider potential opportunities to coordinate with existing community meetings.
- She thanked everyone for their efforts to attend the LACHAS HD meetings. Their presence makes an impact.

6. CO-CHAIR REPORT: There was no report.

V. DISCUSSION ITEMS

7. STATE LEGISLATION AND BUDGET:

- Governor Brown's May Revise budget should be released shortly, possibly by the end of the week.
- This year's California HIV Alliance ask is \$15 million, including \$10 million for prevention, and changes to the PrEP Assistance Program. The proposal has been heard by both the Senate and Assembly Budget Subcommittees on Health. Usually the Senate and Assembly Budget Subcommittees reconvene after the May Revise to vote on the Governor's Budget, and proposals from the Legislature and various stakeholders, e.g., California HIV Alliance and Drug Policy Alliance.
- For the first time in many years, the California HIV Alliance held a lobby day due to this year's larger than usual ask. Approximately 40 people participated on 5/1/2018 with some 15 each from southern and northern California and the rest

from across the state. Participants engaged in slightly over 20 meetings including meeting with several chairs and members of subcommittees. Overall, participants were received well.

- The vast majority of the LGBT Caucus wrote a letter to the Budget Committees supporting the California HIV Alliance proposal. That is unusual as it rarely generates support letters. This is also the only letter Senator Ricardo Lara signed though he often sits on budget conference committee so normally does not sign any kind of budget support letters.
- ➡ Add review of May Revise Budget to next agenda.
- a. **Draft Legislative Docket:**
 - Mr. Fox noted most bills have now moved out of their first committees and into appropriations which evaluates cost to the state. That cost is a key factor in whether bills move forward especially for this year's multiple health care bills.
 - SB 827 was a bill by Senator Scott Weiner that used zoning to foster housing in transit corridors. Public Policy had a presentation on it in April and took a Watch position. It failed in the Senate's Transportation and Housing Committee.
 - Mr. Goddard reported Secretary Benjamin Carson, Sr., MD, US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has proposed increasing rents. For example, a recipient of Section 8 housing now pays 30% of income, but he has proposed increasing rent to 35% and adding work requirements. The Board of Supervisors (BOS) is already opposed.
 - Mr. Fox added there is significant advocacy against this proposal as well as the Farm Bill which would increase eligibility requirements for Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP).

Bill	Title	Description/Comments	Position
AB 1971	Mental health services: involuntary detention: gravely disabled	Expands "gravely disabled" definition for a 5150 (72-hour hold) to include inability to provide for one's own medical treatment. Los Angeles County (LAC) already basically uses this definition and supports it. Opposition includes ACLU, some mental health and housing groups. On one hand, concerns are privacy, disrupting housing first client relations, vague language, funding; on the other, facilitates care for people who would otherwise refuse it.	Watch <i>Request pro and con presentations</i>
HR 1739	To modernize laws and policies, and eliminate discrimination, with respect to people living with HIV/AIDS, and for other purposes	This Federal bill on HIV decriminalization is consistent with the Commission's policy agenda.	Support
HR 1882	To provide for an effective HIV/AIDS program in Federal prisons	Representative Maxine Waters has sponsored this bill for many years. Includes opt out HIV testing on entry and pre-release. AIDS United supports. Opposition due to liability and cost concerns. Condom availability varies among city, county, and state facilities. They are not allowed in Federal facilities because confinement is considered to abrogate consent so any encounter is assault.	Support
HR 2119	To prohibit, as an unfair or deceptive act or practice, commercial sexual orientation conversion therapy, and for other purposes	Representative Ted Lieu's bill would prohibit conversion therapy on the Federal level much as it is prohibited in California.	Support
HR 3602	Real Education for Healthy Youth Act of 2017	This bill is to provide for the overall health and well-being of young people, including the promotion of lifelong sexual health and healthy relationships.	Support
HR 4710	To amend the Public Health Service Act to establish a moratorium on the registration of certain new 340B hospitals and	340B drug discounts are critical to multiple health care sites including hospitals, Community Health Clinics, STD clinics, and Federally Qualified Health Centers. This moratorium on new hospital and related sites is mainly favored by the pharmaceutical industry, but opposed by the American Hospital Association, American Association of Pharmacologists, and many others. AIDS	Oppose <i>Add pro bill to docket once available. House Energy and Commerce</i>

	associated sites, and for other purposes	United has not taken a position, but expressed serious concerns. While limited to hospitals and related sites, many are concerned other sites will be added later.	<i>Committee plan a mark-up after receipt of pro 340B bill.</i>
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- Mr. Goddard will forward information on the proposal to revise HUD Section 8 requirements to Ms. Barrit for inclusion on the Docket with an oppose position.
- AB 1971 - Request pro and con presentations.
- HR 4710 - Add pro bill to docket once available. House Energy and Commerce Committee plan a mark-up after receipt of pro 340B bill.

MOTION #3: Approve 2018-2019 Legislative Docket, as amended, and forward to Commission for approval (**Passed by Consensus**).

8. COUNTY LEGISLATION AND POLICY ISSUES:

- a. **Housing Policy Advocacy:** Ms. Barrit noted the 5/4/2018 Sacramento Update highlighting BOS efforts to revise SB 2 budget trailer language to ensure that counties receive SB 2 revenues based on their proportion of the state homeless count.

9. HEALTHCARE ACCESS:

- Ms. Barrit noted the Media Advisory on Protecting the Affordable Care Act in California in the packet. The BOS motion coauthored by Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas and Board Chair Sheila Kuehl is LAC's effort to lead in the discussion on development of a public insurance option including a mandate to purchase insurance and other funding mechanisms.
- The 4/30/2018 Sacramento Update - Legislation Related to the Affordable Care Act and Medicaid provides a summary of the set of legislation designed to support the California Health For All effort including expansion of Medi-Cal and a more generous formula to qualify for subsidies. The Commission has not included all of these bills on its docket, but they are related to the California Health For All effort which the Commission has supported for several years.

VI. NEXT STEPS

10. TASK/ASSIGNMENTS RECAP: There were no additional items.

11. AGENDA DEVELOPMENT FOR NEXT MEETING: There were no additional items.

VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

12. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC AND COMMITTEE TO MAKE ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Mr. Fox noted that the LGBT Center in collaboration with others has opened the Trans Wellness Center on Wilshire Blvd.
- Mr. Leue announced Congress passed the Federal SESTA-FOSTA Act designed to address sex trafficking. In fact, there are unintended consequences such as: clinics that have lost client outreach due to websites shutting down; sex workers who have experienced violence relating to their inability to screen clients, access services, or share information online; or general banking or housing discrimination. Refer potential plaintiffs or questions about the bill to him. He is working with a coalition that is evaluating the bill's impact and next steps to address them.
- Mr. Scott noted a University of Southern California exhibition, "Lost and Found: Safer Sex Activism," at 626 N. Robertson. The exhibition will be open until 7/1/2018. He also called attention to a *Los Angeles Times* article that morning on STDs.
- Mr. Kochems announced that the City of Long Beach was holding its annual Gay Pride event on 5/19-20/2018.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

13. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 2:20 pm.