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TRANSGENDER CAUCUS (TG) VIRTUAL MEETING AGENDA TUESDAY, APRIL 23, 2024 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

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1.	WELCOME + INTRODUCTIONS + CHECK-IN	10:10am-10:15am
2.	 CO-CHAIR'S REPORT a. February 27, 2024 Meeting Summary b. 2024 Workplan and Meeting Calendar Updates 	10:15am-10:25am
3.	 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR/STAFF REPORT a. Operational and Programmatic Updates b. Legislative Docket Overview 	10:25am-10:45am
4.	 DISCUSSION Draft recommendations to Planning, Priorities, and Allocations (PP&A) Committee Harm Reduction Institute UPDATES 	10:45am-11:45am
5.	MEETING RECAP + NEXT AGENDA MEETING	11:45am-11:50am
6.	PUBLIC COMMENTS + ANNOUNCEMENTS	11:50am-12:00am
7.	ADJOURNMENT	12:00pm



IN-PERSON MEETING—TRANSGENDER (TG) CAUCUS Tuesday, March 26, 2024 | 10:00am to 12:00pm MEETING SUMMARY

In attendance:

Jade Ali (co-chair)	Devlin Diaz	Julien De Jesus
Luke Kristianto	Azul Love	Mariana Marroquin
Sasha Morales	Yara Tapia	Paul Pinion
Philip	Michael Anthony Reynolds	Logan Van Der Wolf
Russell Ybarra	Cheryl Barrit, COH staff	Lizette Martinez, COH staff
Jose Rangel-Garibay, COH staff		

1. Welcome and Introductions

Jade Ali, Co-Chair, welcomed attendees and led introductions.

2. Co-Chairs Report

a. Last Meeting Recap (February 27, 2024)

J. Ali noted that at the February 27 meeting, the Caucus reviewed their 2024 workplan with the aim of aligning the Caucus's activities with the charge of the Commission on HIV (COH). The Caucus adopted their 2024 workplan.

3. Executive Director/Staff Report

a. Operational and Programmatic Updates

Cheryl Barrit, Executive Director, reported that COH staff will continue to provide mini trainings of the different core functions of the COH.

b. Service Standards Development Overview

C. Barrit provided an overview of Service Standards as a core function of the Commission on HIV. She explained that the Ryan white Care Act is the law that governs the existence of local HIV planning councils across the County; in Los Angeles County, the planning council is the Commission on HIV. One of the core functions of the Commission is to develop service standards for the 26-29 different service categories. Examples include Medical Care Coordination, Outpatient Ambulatory Care services, Dental services, Mental health, and Psychosocial services. The services standards establish the minimal expectations for providing services. The Division on HIV and STD Programs (DHSP) use the service standards developed by the Commission to help shape their requests for proposals. Additionally, they also use the service standards to help develop their scopes of work and other contractual obligations for their contracted providers. COH staff work with the different Caucuses and subgroups of the Commission to solicit their feedback during the service standard development process to make sure those service standards are affirming for all different communities and responsive to the needs of consumers. The Standards and Best Practices (SBP) Committee is in charge of this core function of the COH.

Jose Rangel-Garibay, lead technical staff for the SBP Committee, provided an overview of the SBP Committee and the service standard development process. He explained that the SBP Committee develop an annual calendar for the standards the Committee will review/revised in a given year. Typically, the Committee aims to review each standard every 3 years; this depends

on the DHSP solicitation schedule and the rise of issues or community/provider concern that prompt a review. Once the SBP Committee has decided on the standards they will review, the process begins by doing an initial read through of the document. The Committee will typically review a service utilization overview report from DHSP staff to gain an understanding of how the service is performing and identify initial targets for review. The Committee then invites representatives from provider agencies contracted to offer the service under review and hosts a panel discussion to further identify areas of the service standards that may require revising. Additionally, the Committee will consult subject matter experts in the field and solicit their feedback on the service standard. Once the Committee has heard from DHSP, contracted providers, and subject matter experts, the Committee will post the document for a 30-day public comment period. During this time, the Committee will reach out to the Commission's Caucuses and sub-groups to solicit their recommendations for the service standards. After the public comment period ends, the Committee will review the received comments and deliberate on the edits to include in the revised service standards document. Once the Committee agrees on the revisions, they will elevate the document to the Executive Committee of the COH who will vote to approve or not approve the document; once approved, the document moves forward to the full COH body for a final vote of approval. Once approved, the document shared with leadership at the DHSP and is posted on the Commission website. Presentation materials are include in the meeting packet.

Devlin Diaz asked what is the process for holding provider agencies accountable to abide by the service standards? J. Rangel-Garibay noted that the first step would be contacting the DHSP Customer Support Line and filing a report of what is happening at the community service level so that the DHSP is aware of the issues and monitors any potential violations of contracted provider agreements. He noted that the Commission does not have a formal mechanism for enforcing how the service standards are implemented. C. Barrit added that the DHSP Customer Support Line is also services as a mechanism to share accolades for service providers. She also mentioned that the Commission does not delve in contracts or contract monitoring. However, once the issues are documented by the Customer Support Line, DHSP staff can follow-up with COH staff and share any concerns relevant to the service standards with the SBP Committee.

J. Rangel shared that the SBP Committee meets on the first Tuesday of the month from 10am to 12pm. Members of the public can participate in-person or virtually via WebEx. More information regarding the meeting can be found at https://hiv.lacounty.gov/standards-and-best-practices-committee/

4. **DISCUSSION**

a. 2024 Workplan and Meeting Calendar

J. Rangel-Garibay provided an overview of the 2024 workplan. He reminded Caucus members that the Caucus decided to cancel the May community engagement activity centered around International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia, and Biphobia and instead will utilize the meeting to finalize their recommendations and draft a memo they will send to the PP&A Committee. Additionally, he reminded Caucus members that items 4, 5, and 6 are intended to outline a formal mechanism for soliciting and documenting recommendations to the

Commission. He also reminded the Caucus that the June meeting is cancelled to allow members an opportunity to participate in Pride events and reduce the workload for staff members leading organizing efforts for Pride this summer. Lastly, the noted that the July meeting will be in-person at the Vermont Corridor. Copies of the workplan and meeting calendar are included in the meeting packet.

b. Harm Reduction Institute | Planning and Updates

Jade Ali provided an overview of the agenda for the Harm Reduction Institute. The event will take place on April 29, 2024 from 9am-3pm at the Vermont Corridor. Registration will start at 8:30am and breakfast from Everytable will be provided. The event will being with opening remarks from Jade Ali and Xelestial Moreno-Luz, Caucus co-chairs, followed by a discussion on the impact of substance use within LGBTQ+ communities. After the discussion, there will be a presentation of the REACH LA Harm Reduction survey results which offers an overview of the landscape of LGBQ+ substance use within Los Angeles County. At 11am, there will be a panel discussion with the Health Equity Action Liaisons (HEAL) which will provide insights in their experience collecting data and their own lived experiences with substance use. After lunch, staff from Children's Hospital Los Angeles (CHLA) will present on the topic of harm reduction in young adult and adolescent populations. The event will conclude with a Naloxone training led by the Inland Empire Harm Reduction team and a self-defense training led by the Trans Defense Fund LA; these sessions will be concurrent, and attendees will only be able to participate in one of the two activities. J. Ali noted that the event flyer is available for distribution and the event registration page is live. COH staff will disseminate the flyer with Commissioners.

Mariana Marroquin asked if translation service will be available for attendees that only speak in Spanish. J. Ali noted that there is not current plan to have translation services for the event however she will follow-up with leadership at REACH LA to determine if there is a budget available to accommodate this request.

5. Meeting Confirmation and Agenda Development for Next Meeting

The next meeting will be a virtual meeting on April 23, 2024 via WebEx and will primarily focus on any last-minute updates for the Harm Reduction Institute.

6. Public Comments and Announcements

- M. Marroquin shared her praise for the DHSP Workforce Summit that took place last week. She
 added that it is important for provider agencies to have built-in budget allocations to allow their
 front-line staff to participate in this type of events and receive the well-deserve praise for their
 work in the field. She noted that events like this help reignite the commitment from workforce
 members and promotes networking and engagement among staff. She also invited attendees to
 the Trans Day of Visibility events next week.
- Jade Ali shared that the Center Long Beach will be holding their Trans Day of Visibility event on March 30th from 4pm to 9pm at Bixby Park.
- Luke Kristianto shared that the Department of Public Health will hold a Trans Day of Visibility event as part of Public Health Week at the LA LGBT Center.

7. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 12:03pm.



PURPOSE OF THIS DOCUMENT: To identify activities and priorities the Transgender Caucus will lead and advance throughout 2024. **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.

#	Activities	Description	Target Deadline	Status/Notes
1	Strengthen core Caucus responsibilities.	 Streamline priorities and meeting agendas Strengthen relationships between members Reduce barriers for participation in meetings 	Ongoing	COH staff meet with co-chairs in- between meeting cycles to discuss agenda development
2	Implement Transgender Caucus 2024 meeting and Community Engagement activities schedule.	Harm Reduction Institute – Apr. 29, 2024	Ongoing	Caucus members are encouraged to participate and share event marketing materials.
3	Integrate mini training at meetings on how decisions are made on the Commission.	 Hold trainings for members related to the COH and COH purpose, decision-making process, and composition Build trust between the community and Commission Encourage members to participate in COH-related activities and consider applying to become Commissioner Increase visibility of the LAC COH in the community 	Ongoing	Caucus members are invited to participate in committee and caucus meetings for the Commission on HIV. See the meeting schedule here: <u>https://hiv.lacounty.gov/meetings</u>
4	Elevate the Caucus perspective on activities led by the Commission on HIV Standards and Best Practices (SBP) Committee.	 Provide feedback and recommendations to the SBP Committee to inform the service standard review/development process Elevate requests for service standards review to SBP Committee for consideration 	Ongoing	COH still provide a brief overview of the Service Standard Development process.
5	Elevate the Caucus perspective on activities led by the Commission on HIV Public Policy Committee (PPC).	 Provide feedback and recommendations to the PPC to inform the policy priorities document review process and legislative docket development process Elevate policy and legislative recommendations to Public Policy for consideration 	Ongoing	COH staff will provide a brief overview of the Policy Priorities and Legislative Docket development process.
6	Elevate the Caucus perspective on activities led by the Commission on HIV Planning, Priorities, and Allocations (PP&A) Committee.	 Provide feedback and recommendations to the PP&A Committee to inform the Priority Setting and Resource Allocation (PSRA) process 	Ongoing	COH staff will provide a brief overview of the PSRA process.



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TRANSGENDER CAUCUS 2024 MEETING SCHEDULE | (updated 4.17.24)

All meetings are virtual unless a location is noted in blue.

DATE	KEY AGENDA ITEMS/TOPICS (subject to change; for planning purposes)
Jan 23	 Nominate/Elect Co-Chairs for 2024
10am to 11:30 am	 Develop meeting schedule and learning session topics for 2024
Feb 27	 Priority Setting and Resource Allocation (PSRA) process overview
10am to 12pm	 Plan for Harm Reduction Institute
REACH LA HQ	
Mar 26	Service Standard Development overview
10am to 12pm	 Draft PSRA recommendations to PP&A Committee
	Plan for Harm Reduction Institute
Apr 23	Draft recommendations to PP&A Committee regarding PSRA process
10am to 12pm	Review Public Policy Committee (PPC) Legislative Docket
	Share updates regarding Harm Reduction Institute
Apr 29	Community Engagement Activity: Harm Reduction Institute. Event will
8:30am-3pm	take place at the Terrace Level (9 th Floor) of the Vermont Corridor (510. S.
Vermont Corridor	Vermont Ave. Los Angeles, CA 90020). Inform security/parking attendants
Terrace Level	that you are attending an event for the Commission on HIV.
May 28	Debrief Harm Reduction Institute
10am to 11:30 am	
Jun 25	MEETING CANCELLED
Jul 23	• Meeting will take place at the Terrace Level (9 th floor) of the Vermont
10am to 11:30 am	Corridor (510 S. Vermont Ave. Los Angeles, CA 90020). Inform
Vermont Corridor	security/parking attendants that you are attending a meeting for the
Terrace Level	Commission on HIV.
	Reflections from PRIDE
Aug 27	TBD
10am to 11:30 am	
Sep 24	TBD
10am to 11:30 am	
Oct 22	TBD
10am to 11:30 am	
Nov 1 or 2	TBD
9am-4pm	Oppoider oppolling: Thenkegiving Helidevic on New 20
Nov 26	Consider cancelling; Thanksgiving Holiday is on Nov. 28
10am to 11:30 am	
Dec 24	MEETING CANCELLED



2023-2024 Legislative Docket | Approval Date: Last approved by COH on 6/8/23. Updated 03/11/24. **POSITIONS:** SUPPORT | OPPOSE | SUPPORT w/AMENDMENTS | OPPOSE unless AMENDED | WATCH

BILL	TITLE	DESCRIPTION / COMMENTS	Recommended Position	STATUS
	Establish Unicorn	Establishes a 3-year pilot program—the Unicorn Homes Transitional Housing for Homeless LGBTQ+ Youth Program—to place unhoused LGBTQ+ youth with affirming		20-MAR-24
<mark>AB 2007</mark>	Homes Pilot	volunteer host families and provide trauma-informed crisis intervention care, with the		Referred to
<mark>(Boerner)</mark>	Program	ultimate goal of reunification with the youth's family when possible.		Coms. On H.
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		https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billTextClient.xhtml?bill_id=202320240AB2007		HUM. S.
	Crimes: loitering	This bill would make it a misdemeanor to loiter in a public place with the intent to		07-MAR-24
AB 2034	for the purpose	commit prostitution, as defined, and make other conforming changes. By creating a new		
(Rodriguez)	of engaging in a prostitution	crime, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program.		In Committee Hearing
	, offense	https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billTextClient.xhtml?bill_id=202320240AB2034		postponed.
AB 2523 (Patterson)	Needle and syringe exchange services	Existing law authorizes the State Department of Public Health to authorize certain entities to apply to the department to provide hypodermic needle and syringe exchange in any location where the department determines that the conditions exist for the rapid spread of HIV, viral hepatitis, or any other potentially deadly or disabling infections that are spread through the sharing of used hypodermic needles and syringes. This bill would instead authorize a clean needle and syringe exchange project in any city, county, or city and county that chooses to participate. The bill would instead require the department to authorize the entities to apply to the department after the approval from the participating city, county, or city and county, and would instead authorize the department to reauthorize the program with the approval of the participating city, county, or city and county. The bill would prohibit the department from authorizing a clean needle and syringe exchange project without the approval of the city, county, or city and county. This bill would require the department to send a written and an email notice to the affected city, county, or city and county. The bill would require the department to provide the biennial report to the city, county, or city and county. https://leqinfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill id=202320240AB2523		01-APR-24 Re-referred to Com. on HEALTH.

BILL	TITLE	DESCRIPTION / COMMENTS	Recommended Position	STATUS
AB 2229 (Wilson)	California Healthy Youth Act: menstrual	This bill would include in the definition of "comprehensive sexual health education" the topic of menstrual health, defined to mean a state of complete physical, mental, and social well-being and not merely the absence of disease or infirmity, in relation to the menstrual cycle. The bill would that instruction and materials also teach pupils about the menstrual cycle, premenstrual syndrome and pain management, menstrual hygiene,		09-APR-24 Referred to Committee on APPR.
	health education	menstrual disorders, menstrual irregularities, menopause, menstrual stigma, and any other relevant topics related to the menstrual cycle. https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=202320240AB2229		
AB 2258 (Zbur)	Health care coverage: cost sharing	This bill would prohibit a group or individual non-grandfathered health care service plan contract or health insurance policy issued, amended, or renewed on or after 1/1/2025, from imposing a cost-sharing requirement for items or services that are integral to the provision of preventive care services and screenings. The bill would require those contracts and policies to cover items and services for preventive care services and screenings, including home test kits for sexually transmitted disease and specified cancer screenings. <u>https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billTextClient.xhtml?bill_id=202320240AB2258</u>		10-APR-24 Referred to Committee on APPR.
AB 2442 (Zbur)	Expedite Licensure for Gender-Affirming Care Providers	Expands the network of gender-affirming care providers in the state to improve accessibility of care by expediting licensure applications for health care providers who intend to provide gender-affirming health care or gender-affirming mental health care in California. This bill's provisions will be sunset on January 1, 2029. https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billTextClient.xhtml?bill_id=202320240AB2442		11-APR-24 Referred to Committee on APPR.
AB 2498 (Zbur and Quirk-Silva)	Housing: the California Housing Security Act	This bill would establish the California Housing Security Program to provide a housing subsidy to eligible persons to reduce housing insecurity and help Californians meet their basic housing needs. The bill would require the Department of Housing and Community Development to establish a 2-year pilot program in up to 4 counties and to establish guidelines that include the amount of the subsidy necessary to cover the portion of a person's rent to prevent homelessness but shall not exceed \$2,000 per month. Under the bill, the subsidy would not be considered income for purposes of determining eligibility or benefits for any other public assistance program, nor would participation in other benefits exclude a person from eligibility for the subsidy. Under the bill, an undocumented person, as specified, who otherwise qualifies for the subsidy would be eligible for the subsidy. https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billTextClient.xhtml?bill_id=202320240AB2498		26-FEB-24 Referred to Committee on H. & C.D.

BILL	TITLE	DESCRIPTION / COMMENTS	Recommended Position	STATUS
AB 3031 (Lee and Low)	LGBTQ+ Commission	Establishes a statewide LGBTQ+ Commission representing California's diverse LGBTQ+ community to shine a light on the unique challenges LGBTQ+ people face, assess and monitor programs and legislation to address systemic barriers, and make recommendations to improve the health, safety, and well-being of LGBTQ+ Californians. https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=202320240AB3031		15-APR-24 Referred to Com. on APPR.
SB 953 (Menjivar)	Medi-Cal: Menstrual products	This bill would add menstrual products as a covered benefit to the Medi-Cal schedule of benefits, subject to federal approval and federal financial participation. Requires DHCS to seek any federal approval necessary to implement this benefit. Defines "menstrual products" as a device for use in connection with a person's menstrual cycle. https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=202320240SB953		08-APR-24 Placed on APPR suspense file.
SB 954 (Menjivar)	Sexual health: contraceptives	This bill requires all public high schools to make condoms available to students by the start of the 2025-26 school year and requires schools to provide information to students on the availability of condoms and other sexual health information. Prohibits public schools from preventing distribution of condoms or preventing a school-based health center from making condoms available and easily accessible to students at the school-based health center site. Prohibits from restricting sales of nonprescription contraception on the basis of age. https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=202320240SB954		03-APR-24 Set for hearing April 24.
<mark>SB 957</mark> (Wiener)	Data collection: sexual orientation and gender identity	Requires the California Departments of Public Health (CDPH) to collect demographic data, including sexual orientation, gender orientation, and intersexuality (SOGI) data, from third parties on any forms of electronic data systems, unless prohibited by federal or state law. Adds SOGI to the information reported for the purpose of statewide or local immunization information systems. Requires CDPH to prepare an annual report concerning SOGI data. https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billTextClient.xhtml?bill_id=202320240SB957		15-APR-24 April 15 hearing: Placed on APPR suspense file.
<mark>SB 959</mark> (Menjivar)	Trans-inclusive care: resources and support services	Creates an online resource for transgender, gender non-conforming, and intersex (TGI) Californians and their families to combat misinformation and provide accurate information about access to trans-inclusive health care, existing legal protections for patients and providers, and other available support services. <u>https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=202320240SB959</u>		15-APR-24 April 15 hearing: Placed on APPR Suspense file.

BILL	TITLE	DESCRIPTION / COMMENTS	Recommended Position	STATUS
SB 990 (Padilla)	Office of Emergency Services: State Emergency Plan:	Requires California to update the State Emergency Plan to include LGBTQ+ inclusive policies and best practices to ensure that LGBTQ+ people can access affirming services and resources before, during, and after an emergency or natural disaster.		16-APR-24 Set for hearing April
	LGBTQ+ individuals	https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=202320240SB990		23.
SB 996 (Wilk)	Comprehensive Sexual health	This bill would require the governing board of a school district to adopt a policy at a publicly noticed meeting specifying how parents and guardians of pupils may inspect the		04-APR-24
	Education and HIV Prevention Education	written and audiovisual educational materials used in comprehensive sexual health education and HIV prevention education are made available at each school site and publicly posted on the school district's internet website or on a school district's parent or guardian portal.		Set for hearing April 17.
SB 1022 (Skinner)	Enforcement of Civil Rights	<u>https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billTextClient.xhtml?bill_id=202320240SB996</u> Enables the Civil Rights Department to investigate and prosecute long-running civil rights violations affecting groups or classes of people by making technical changes to		11-APR-24
		the Fair Employment and Housing Act more effectively. https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=202320240SB1022		Referred to Com. on APPR.
SB 1278 (Laird)	World AIDS Day	This bill would require the Governor to annually proclaim December 1 as World AIDS day. https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=202320240SB1278		09-APR-24 Set for hearing April 23.
SB 1290 (Roth)	Health care coverage:	This bill would sunset the Kaiser Foundation Health Plan Small Group HM 30 plan as CA's Essential Health Benefit benchmark for individual and small group health plan		11-APR-24
	essential health benefits	contracts and health insurance policies after the 2026 plan year. https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billTextClient.xhtml?bill_id=202320240SB1290		Referred to Com. on APPR.
SB 1333 (Eggman and Roth)	Communicable diseases: HIV reporting	This bill authorizes the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) and local health departments (LHDs) to disclose personally identifying information in public health records of persons with HIV/AIDS for the coordination of, linkage to, or reengagement in care, as determined by CDPH or LHD. This bill removes certain limitations on disclosure, such as that disclosure is authorized only when certain coinfections are involved. The bill requires CDPH and LHD employees and their contractors to sign confidentiality agreements annually, rather than signing the agreements once, and deletes the requirement that CDPH and LHDs review the confidentiality agreements annually. https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billTextClient.xhtml?bill_id=202320240SB1333		10-APR-24 Referred to Committee on APPR.

BILL	TITLE	DESCRIPTION / COMMENTS	Recommended Position	STATUS
SB 1346 (Durazo)	Worker's compensation: aggregate disability payments	This bill allows the Worker's Compensation Appeals Board the discretion to extend the potential duration of temporary disability payments for up to 90 days if an injured employee prevails at a worker's compensation independent medical review. https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billTextClient.xhtml?bill_id=202320240SB1346		10-APR-24 Referred to Committee on APPR.
SB 1368 (Bogh)	School curriculum: sexual health education and HIV prevention education: health framework: pregnancy centers	This bill would require the Instructional Quality Commission, when the Health Framework for California Public Schools is next revised after 1/1/2025, to include information on pregnancy centers as a resource in that health framework. Additionally, this bill would require the department to make information about pregnancy centers available on its internet website and would require pregnancy centers to be included by school districts in the above-described information about local resources. <u>https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billTextClient.xhtml?bill_id=202320240SB1368</u>		05-APR-24 Set for hearing April 24.
<mark>AB 1487</mark> (Santiago)	Public health: Transgender, Gender Variant, and Intersex Wellness Reentry Fund	Establishes the Transgender, Gender Variant, and Intersex (TGI) Wellness Reentry Fund in the State Treasury to fund grant programs focused on reentry programs to support TGI people who have experiences carceral systems. <u>https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=202320240AB1487</u>		13-OCT-23 Approved by Governor.
ACA 8 (Wilson)	Slavery	This would prohibit slavery in any form, including forced labor compelled by the use or threat of physical or legal coercion. Follow-up questions regarding the phrasing: The ACA removed "Involuntary servitude is prohibited except to punish a crime" from phrasing and added "Slavery in any form." <u>https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=202320240ACA8</u>	Support with follow-up questions	13-SEP-23 In Senate. To Com. on RLS for assignment.
AB 4 (Arambula)	Covered California: Expansion	Requires Covered California to develop options for expanding access to affordable health care coverage to Californians regardless of immigration status and report these options to the Governor and Legislature. Follow-up questions regarding the phrasing: Starting Jan. 2024, undocumented Californians 26-49 years of age will be eligible for full scope Medi-Cal coverage; however, undocumented Californians who earn too much money to qualify for Medi- Cal are excluded from being able to purchase coverage through Covered California since the federal Affordable Care Act did not extend eligibility to undocumented individuals. The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services would need to approve a 1332 waiver which would allow Covered California to offer coverage to undocumented immigrants. <u>https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billTextClient.xhtml?bill_id=202320240AB4</u>	Support with follow-up questions	13-JUL-23 In Senate. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Com. on APPR.

BILL	TITLE	DESCRIPTION / COMMENTS	Recommended Position	STATUS
AB 598 (Wicks)	Sexual health education and HIV prevention education: school climate and safety: CA Health Kids Survey	This bill requires local educational agencies and charter schools to provide students participating in comprehensive sexual health education to receive physical or digital resources and administer the California Healthy Kids Survey in specified grades, related to sexual and reproductive health. <u>https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=202320240AB598</u>	Support	05-JUL-23 In Senate. Hearing canceled at the request of author.
AB 793 (Bonta)	Privacy: reverse demands	The bill bans reverse-location searches, which allow law enforcement agencies to obtain cell phone data about unspecified individuals near a certain location, and reverse-keyword searches, which allow law enforcement agencies to obtain data about unspecified individuals who used certain search terms on an internet website. <u>https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=202320240AB793</u>	Support with Amendment	30-JUN-23 In Senate. Hearing canceled at the request of author.
SB 427 (Portantino)	Health care coverage: antiretroviral drugs, devices, and products	Prohibits a non-grandfathered or grandfathered health plan contract or health insurance policy from imposing any cost-sharing or utilization review requirements for antiretroviral drugs, drug devices, or drug products that are either approved by the United States Food and Drug Administration (FDA) or recommended by the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) for the prevention of HIV/AIDS. Prohibits a health plan or health insurer from subjecting ARVs that are either approved by the FDA or recommended by the CDC for the prevention HIV/AIDS, to prior authorization or step therapy, but authorizes prior authorization or step therapy if at least one therapeutically equivalent version is covered without prior authorization or step therapy and the insurer provides coverage for a noncovered therapeutic equivalent antiretroviral drug, device, or product without cost sharing pursuant to an exception request. Does not require coverage by an out-of-network pharmacy, unless in the case of an emergency or if there is an out-of-network benefit. Delays implementation of this bill for an individual and small group health plan contract or insurance policy until 1/1/2025 <u>https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=202320240SB427</u>	Watch	26-FEB-24 From inactive file. Ordered to third reading.

BILL	TITLE	DESCRIPTION / COMMENTS	Recommended Position	STATUS
AB 367 (Maienschein)	Controlled Substances: Enhancements	This bill, until 1/1/2029, applies the "great bodily injury" enhancement to any person who sells, furnishes, administers, or gives away fentanyl or an analog of fentanyl when the person to whom the fentanyl was sold, furnished, administered, or given suffers a significant or substantial physical injury from using the substance. Follow-up questions: The bill applies a 3-year sentence enhancement. Provides that the enhancement does not apply to juvenile offenders. <u>https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billHistoryClient.xhtml?bill_id=202320240AB367</u>	Watch	01-FEB-24 Filed with the Chief Clerk pursuant to Joint Rule 56.
AB 1022 (Mathis)	Medi-Cal: Program of All- Inclusive Care for the Elderly	This bill, among other things relating to the Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE) would require those capitation rates to also reflect the frailty level and risk associated with those populations. The bill would also expand an approved PACE organization's authority to use video telehealth to conduct all assessments, as specified. <u>https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=202320240AB1022</u>	Support	01-FEB-24 Filed with the Chief Clerk pursuant to Joint Rule 56.
AB 1314 (Essayli and Gallagher)	Gender identity: parental notification	This bill would, notwithstanding the consent provisions described above, provide that a parent or guardian has the right to be notified in writing within 3 days from the date any teacher, counselor, or employee of the school becomes aware that a pupil is identifying at school as a gender that does not align with the child's sex on their birth certificate, other official records, or sex assigned at birth, using sex-segregated school programs and activities, including athletic teams and competitions, or using facilities that do not align with the child's sex on their birth certificate, other official records, or sex assigned at birth certificate, other official records, or sex assigned at birth certificate, other official records, or sex assigned at birth certificate, other official records, or sex assigned at birth certificate, other official records, or sex assigned at birth.	Oppose	01-FEB-24 Filed with the Chief Clerk pursuant to Joint Rule 56.
AB 1431 (Zbur)	Housing: the California Housing Security Act	This bill would establish the California Housing Security Program to provide a housing subsidy to eligible persons to reduce housing insecurity and help Californians meet their basic housing needs. To create the program, the bill would require the Department of Housing and Community Development to establish a 2-year pilot program in up to 4 counties, as specified. The bill would require the department to issue guidelines to establish the program that include, among other things, the amount of the subsidy that shall be the amount necessary to cover the portion of a person's rent to prevent homelessness but shall not exceed \$2,000 per month. https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=202320240AB1431	Support	01-FEB-24 Filed with the Chief Clerk pursuant to Joint Rule 56.
AB 1549 (Carrillo)	Medi-Cal: federally qualified health centers and rural health clinics	This bill revises the prospective payment system (PPS) per-visit rate calculation to account for staffing and care delivery models for Medi-Cal services provided by Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs) and Rural Health Centers (RHCs) (collectively, health centers). https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=202320240AB1549	Support	01-FEB-24 Filed with the Chief Clerk pursuant to Joint Rule 56.

BILL	TITLE	DESCRIPTION / COMMENTS	Recommended Position	STATUS
SB 36	Out-of-state	This bill would prohibit the issuance of warrants for persons who have violated the laws		01-FEB-24
(Skinner)	criminal charges:	of another state relating to abortion, contraception, reproductive care, and gender-		
	prosecution	affirming care, that are legally protected in California. The bill would also prohibit		Returned to
	related to	apprehending, detaining, or arresting a bail fugitive based on such offenses, and impose		Secretary of
	abortion,	criminal and civil liability for doing so. In addition, the bill would restrict the sharing of	Support	Senate
	contraception,	information by law enforcement related to such protected activity and provide that		pursuant to
	reproductive	convictions in other states would not result in ineligibility for state benefits.		Joint Rule 56.
	care, and gender-	https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=202320240SB36		
	affirming care			
SB 37	Older Adults and	This bill establishes the Older Adults and Adults with Disabilities Housing Stability Pilot		29-JAN-24
(Caballero)	Adults with	Program to provide housing subsidies to older adults and adults with disabilities who		
	Disabilities	either are experiencing or at risk of experiencing homelessness, in up to five geographic	Support	In Assembly.
	Housing Stability	regions or counties.		Held at Desk.
	Act	https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=202320240SB37		
SB 524	Pharmacists:	This bill authorizes a pharmacist to furnish medications to treat various diseases and		01-FEB-24
(Caballero)	furnishing	conditions based on the results of a federal Food and Drug Administration test the		
	prescription	pharmacist ordered, performed, or reported and adds these additional pharmacy		Returned to
	medications	services to the Medi-Cal schedule of benefits.	Support	Secretary of
				Senate
		https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=202320240SB524		pursuant to
				Joint Rule 56.

BILL	TITLE	DESCRIPTION / COMMENTS	Recommended Position	STATUS
AB 957 (Wilson)	Family law: gender identity	Requires a court to consider a minor's gender identity or gender expression when determining the best interest of the child, as specified. Governor's Veto Message: This legislation would require a court, when determining the best interests of a child in a child custody or visitation proceeding, to consider, among other comprehensive factors, a parent's affirmation of the child's gender identity or gender expression. I appreciate the passion and values that led the author to introduce this bill. I share a deep commitment to advancing the rights of transgender Californians, an effort that has guided my decisions through many decades in public office. That said, I urge caution when the Executive and Legislative branches of state government attempt to dictate - in prescriptive terms that single out one characteristic - legal standards for the Judicial branch to apply. Other-minded elected officials, in California and other states, could very well use this strategy to diminish the civil rights of vulnerable communities. Moreover, a court, under existing law, is required to consider a child's health, safety, and welfare when determining the best interests of a child in these proceedings, including the parent's affirmation of the child's gender identity. https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=202320240AB957	Support	22-SEP-23 <u>Vetoed by</u> <u>Governor.</u>

BILL	TITLE	DESCRIPTION / COMMENTS	Recommended Position	STATUS
AB 1060 (Ortega)	Health care coverage: naloxone hydrochloride (NH)	Requires coverage of prescription or nonprescription NH under a health plan contract or health insurance policy, and the Medi-Cal program and prohibits a them from imposing any cost-sharing requirements exceeding \$10/package of NH or another drug approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) for the complete or partial reversal of an opioid overdose. <u>Governor's Veto Message:</u> This bill would require health plans to cover prescription and over the counter naloxone and all other U.S. FDA approved drugs for opioid overdose reversal, with a maximum of \$10 cost sharing. Combating the opioid crisis is one of my top priorities. I appreciate the author's shared commitment to this critical public health and public safety imperative. Together with the Legislature, we have invested more than \$1 billion to combat overdoses, support those with opioid use disorder, raise awareness, and crack down on trafficking. Further, the 2023 Budget Act included \$30 million for the CalRx Naloxone Access Initiative, to support partners in developing, manufacturing, procuring, and distributing a low-cost naloxone nasal product. While I support providing access to opioid antagonists to individuals with opioid use disorder or other risk factors, this bill would exceed the state's set of essential health benefits, which are established by the state's benchmark plan under the provisions of the federal Affordable Care Act. As such, this bill's mandate would require the state to defray the costs of coverage in Covered California. This would not only increase ongoing state General Fund costs, but it would set a new precedent by adding requirements that exceed the benchmark plan. A pattern of new coverage mandate bills like this could open the state to millions to billions of dollars in new costs to cover services relating to other health conditions. This creates uncertainty for our healthcare system's affordability. For these reasons, I cannot sign this bill. https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill id=20232024	Support	07-OCT-23 Vetoed by Governor.

BILL	TITLE	DESCRIPTION / COMMENTS	Recommended Position	STATUS
AB 1432 (Carrillo)	Health insurance: policy	This bill subjects an out-of-state policy, or certificate of group health insurance that is marketed, issued, or delivered to a Californian resident to specified provisions of the Insurance Core requiring coverage of abortion, abortion-related services, and gender- affirming care, regardless of the origin of the contract, subscriber, or master group policyholder. <u>Governor's Veto Message:</u> This bill would require any out-of-state health insurance plan regulated by the California Department of Insurance that is marketed, issued, or delivered to a California resident to provide coverage for abortion, abortion-related services, and gender-affirming care. I commend the author for working to provide additional assurances that California residents can access abortion services and gender affirming care. It is a priority of my Administration to ensure that abortion and gender-affirming care are safe, legal, and accessible. However, it is not evident that out-of-state health insurance plans serving Californians do not already cover this care. Further, though well intentioned, this bill could invite litigation where an adverse ruling would outweigh a potential benefit. https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billTextClient.xhtml?bill_id=202320240AB1432	Support	07-OCT-23 <u>Vetoed by</u> <u>Governor.</u>

BILL	TITLE	DESCRIPTION / COMMENTS	Recommended Position	STATUS
AB 1645 (Zbur)	Health care coverage: cost sharing	Prohibits a large group health plan contract or health insurance policy issued, amended, or renewed on or after 1/1/2024, or an individual or small group contract or policy issued, amended, or renewed on or after 1/1/2025, from imposing a cost-sharing requirement for office visits of specified preventive care services and screenings and for items or services that are integral to their provision. Prohibits health plan contracts and insurance policies from imposing a cost-sharing requirement, utilization review, or other specified limits on a recommended sexually transmitted infections (STI) screening, and from imposing a cost-sharing requirement for any items and services integral to a STI screening, as specified. Requires a health plan or insurer to directly reimburse specified nonparticipating providers or facilities of STI screening, specified rates for screening tests and integral items and services rendered and prohibits the nonparticipating provider from billing or collecting a cost-sharing amount for a STI screening from an enrollee or insured. Governor's Veto Message: This bill would prohibit health plans from imposing cost sharing for specified preventive or screening services and associated office visits and would require plans to directly reimburse nonparticipating essential community providers for STI screenings and services. I appreciate the author's efforts to increase access to preventive health care, including HIV and STI testing, colorectal screening, and other services. However, components of this proposal depart from structures in federal and state law, such as the existing policies for reimbursement to non-contracted providers. Further, because this bill exceeds the cost-sharing provisions under the Affordable Care Act, it would result in increased costs to health plans passed on to consumers through premiums. The State must weigh the potential benefits of all new mandates with the comprehensive costs to the entire delivery system. htttps://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xht	Support	07-OCT-23

BILL	TITLE	DESCRIPTION / COMMENTS	Recommended Position	STATUS
SB 541 (Menjivar)	Sexual Health: contraceptives: Immunization	This measure seeks to address the sexually transmitted infection epidemic among California youth and improve equitable public health outcomes statewide by expanding teen access to condoms and the HPV vaccine. Governor's Veto Message: This bill requires all public high schools to make free condoms available to students and would prohibit retailers from refusing to sell condoms to youth. While evidence-based strategies, like increasing access to condoms, are important to supporting improved adolescent sexual health, this bill would create an unfunded mandate to public schools that should be considered in the annual budget process. In partnership with the Legislature, we enacted a budget that closed a shortfall of more than \$30 billion through balanced solutions that avoided deep program cuts and protected education, health care, climate, public safety, and social service programs that are relied on by millions of Californians. This year, however, the Legislature sent me bills outside of this budget process that, if all enacted, would add nearly \$19 billion of unaccounted costs in the budget, of which \$11 billion would be ongoing. With our state facing continuing economic risk and revenue uncertainty, it is important to remain disciplined when considering bills with significant fiscal implications, such as this measure. <u>https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=202320240SB541</u>	Support	08-OCT-23 <u>Vetoed by</u> <u>Governor.</u>
ACA 5 (Low)	Marriage Equality	This measure would express the intent of the Legislature to amend the Constitution of the State relating to marriage equality. <u>https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=202320240ACA5</u>	Support	20-JUL-23 Chaptered by Secretary of State.
AB 5 (Zbur)	The Safe and Supportive Schools Program	Requires the California Department of Education to complete the development of an online training curriculum and online delivery platform by 7/1/2025 and requires local educational agencies to provide and require at least one hour of training annually to all certificated staff, beginning with the 2025-26 school year through the 2029-30 school year, on cultural competency in supporting lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, and questioning students. https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=202320240AB5	Support	23-SEP-23 Approved by Governor.
AB 223 (Ward)	Change of gender and sex identifier	This bill enhances protections for minors seeking changes of name or gender by making the proceedings presumptively confidential. <u>https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=202320240AB223</u>	Support	23-SEP-23 Approved by Governor.

BILL	TITLE	DESCRIPTION / COMMENTS	Recommended Position	STATUS
AB 254	Confidentiality of	This bill includes "reproductive or sexual health application information" in the		27-SEP-23
(Bauer-Kahan)	Medical Info. Act:	definition of "medical information" and the businesses that offer reproductive or sexual		
	reproductive or	health digital services to consumers in the definition of a provider of health care for	Support	Approved by
	sexual health	purposes of the Confidentiality of Medical Information Act.		Governor.
	application info.	https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=202320240AB254		
AB 352	Health	This bill limits the sharing of information related to sensitive services in electronic		27-SEP-23
(Bauer-Kahan)	Information	health records without specific authorization from the patient. This bill also requires a		
		specified stakeholder advisory group to include providers of sensitive services and to		Approved by
		identify policies and procedures to prevent electronic health information related to	Support with	Governor.
		sensitive services form automatically being shared with individuals and entities in	follow-up	
		another state.	questions	
		Follow-up questions regarding phrasing: "Sensitive services" are gender affirming care,		
		abortion and abortion-related services, and contraception.		
		https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=202320240AB352		
AB 470	Continuing	This bills specifies how an association that accredits continuing medical education		07-OCT-23
(Valencia)	medical	courses taken by Medical Board of California licensed physicians and surgeons should		
	education:	update standards for those courses, if they choose to update any standards.	Support	Approved by
	physicians and	https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billTextClient.xhtml?bill_id=202320240AB470		Governor.
	surgeons			
AB 760	California State	This bill would require California State University (CSU) and requests the Regents of the		23-SEP-23
(Wilson)	University and	University of California (UC), to implement a process by which students, staff, and		
	University of	faculty can declare an affirmed name, gender, or both name and gender identification		Approved by
	California:	to be used in records where legal names are not required by law.	Support with	Governor.
	records: affirmed	Support w/Amendments: Due to the constitutional autonomy of the UC system, the	Amendments	
	name and gender	Donahue Higher Education Act, which governs postsecondary education in the State of	Amenamento	
	identification	California, does not apply to the UC system. As a result, a bill must request the UC		
		Regents to make education code provisions applicable to the UC system.		
		https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=202320240AB760		
AB 1078	Instructional	Makes various changes to the adoption of instructional materials for use in schools,		25-SEP-23
(Jackson)	materials:	including a provision that would prohibit a governing board form disallowing the use of		
	removing	an existing textbook, other instructional material, or curriculum that contains inclusive		Approved by
	instructional	and diverse perspectives, as specified.	Support	Governor.
	materials and	https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=202320240AB1078		
	curriculum:			
	diversity			

BILL	TITLE	DESCRIPTION / COMMENTS	Recommended Position	STATUS
AB 1163 (Luz Rivas)	Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Disparities Reduction Act	This bill expands the data collection requirements in the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Disparities Reduction Act, to additionally apply to the State Department of State Hospitals, the Department of Rehabilitation, the State Department of Developmental Services, and the Department of Community Services and Development. https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=202320240AB1163		13-OCT-23 Approved by Governor.
SB 339 (Wiener)	HIV preexposure prophylaxis and postexposure prophylaxis	This bill authorizes a pharmacists to furnish up to a 90-day course of preexposure prophylaxis (PrEP), or beyond 90-days if specified conditions are met and requires the Board of Pharmacy to adopt emergency regulations to implement these provisions by 7/1/2024. This bill requires a health care service plan and health insurer to cover PrEP and postexposure prophylaxis (PEP) furnished by a pharmacist, including costs for the pharmacist's services and related testing ordered by the pharmacist. https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=202320240SB339	Support	06-FEB-24 Approved by Governor.
SB 372 (Menjivar)	Department of Consumer Affairs: licensee and registrant records: name and gender changes	This bill requires a board within the Department of Consumer Affairs to update licensee or registrant records with that individual's updated legal name or gender upon receiving government-issued documentation, as specified. <u>https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=202320240SB372</u>		23-SEP-23 Approved by Governor.
SB 525 (Durazo)	Minimum wages: health care workers	es: This bill (1) enacts a phased in multi-tiered statewide minimum wage schedule for health care workers employed by covered healthcare facilities, as defined; (2) requires, following the phased-in wage increases, the minimum wage for health care workers employed by covered healthcare facilities to be adjusted, as SB 525; (3) provides a temporary waiver of wage increases under specified circumstances; (4) and establishes a 10-year moratorium on wage ordinances, regulations, or administrative actions for covered health care facility employees, as specified. https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=202320240SB525		13-OCT-23 Approved by Governor.

	FEDERAL BILLS					
Bill	Title	Description / comments	Recommended position	Status		
H.R. 62 (Jackson Lee)	SHIELD Act	SHIELD = Safeguarding Healthcare Industry Employees from Litigation and Distress This bill establishes a framework to limit interference with persons seeking to provide or access reproductive health services at the state level. The bill reduces the allocation of funds under certain law enforcement grant programs for a state that has in effect a law authorizing state or local officers or employees to interfere with persons seeking to provide or access reproductive health services. The bill authorizes civil remedies for a violation, including damages and injunctive relief. Additionally, it authorizes criminal penalties for a violation involving the use of deadly or dangerous weapon or the infliction of bodily injury. https://www.congress.gov/bill/118th-congress/house- bill/62/actions?s=8&r=5&q=%7B%22search%22%3A%5B%22%5C%22reproductive+healt h%5C%22%22%5D%7D	SUPPORT	09-Jan-23 Introduced in House. Referred to the Committee on Energy Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary.		
H.R. 73 (Biggs)	No Pro- Abortion Task Force Act	This bill prohibits federal funding of the Reproductive Healthcare Access Task Force. The Department of Health and Human Services launched the task force on January 21, 2022, to identify and coordinate departmental activities related to accessing sexual and reproductive health care. <u>https://www.congress.gov/bill/118th-congress/house-bill/73?q=%7B%22search%22%3A%5B%22%5C%22reproductive+health%5C%22%22%5D</u> <u>%7D&s=8&r=7</u>	OPPOSE	09-JAN-23 Introduced in House. Referred to Committee on Energy and Commerce.		
H. Res. 185 (Hayes)	Declaring racism a public health crisis	This resolution declares racism a public health crisis and support efforts to address health disparities and inequities across all sectors. <u>https://www.congress.gov/bill/118th-congress/house-</u> resolution/185/text?s=1&r=15&q=%7B%22search%22%3A%5B%22%5C%22HIV%5C%22 %22%5D%7D	SUPPORT	10-MAR-23 Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.		
H.R. 407 (Clyde)	Protect the UNBORN Act	UNOBORN: Undo the Negligent Biden Orders Right Now This bill prohibits federal implementation of and funding for specified executive orders that address access to reproductive care services, including services related to pregnancy or the termination of a pregnancy. <u>https://www.congress.gov/bill/118th-congress/house-</u> <u>bill/407?q=%7B%22search%22%3A%5B%22%5C%22reproductive+health%5C%22%22%52%5C%22reproductive+health%5C%22%22%52%5C%22reproductive+health%5C%22%22%52%5C%22reproductive+health%5C%22%22%52%5C%22reproductive+health%5C%22%22%52%5C%22reproductive+health%5C%22%22%52%5C%22reproductive+health%5C%22%22%52%5C%22reproductive+health%5C%22%22%52%5C%22reproductive+health%5C%22%22%52%5C%22reproductive+health%5C%22%22%52%5C%22%5C%5C%22%5C%5C%22%5C%22%5C%5C%22%5C%5C%22%5C%5C%22%5C%5C%22%5C%5C%22%5C%62%5C%22%5C%5C%22%5C%22%5C%5C%22%5C%5C%22%5C%62%5C%22%5C%62%5C%22%5C%62%5C%22%5C%62%5C%22%5C%62%5C%62%5C%62%5C%62%5C%62%5C%62%5C%62%5C%62%5C%62%5C%62%5C%62%5C%62%5C%62%5C%5C%22%5C%62%5C%62%5C%62%5C%62%5C%62%5C%62%5C%62%5C%62%5C%62%5C%5C%62%5C%5C%62%5C%62%5C%5C%5C</u>	OPPOSE	27-JAN-23 Introduced in House. Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.		
H.R. 445 (Williams)	HHS Reproductive and Sexual	This bill creates a position within the Department of Health and Human Services to support access to reproductive and sexual health services (including services relating to pregnancy and the termination of a pregnancy) that are evidence-based and medically	SUPPORT	27-JAN-23		

	health Ombuds Act of 2023	accurate. Functions of the position include (1) educating the public about medication abortions and other sexual and reproductive health services, (2) collecting and analyzing data about consumer access to and health insurance coverage for those services, and (3) coordinating with the Federal Trade Commission on issues related to consumer protection and data privacy for those services. <u>https://www.congress.gov/bill/118th-congress/house-</u>		Introduced in House. Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
H.R. 459 (Eshoo)/ S. 323 (Hirono)	SAFER health Act of 2023	bill/445?q=%7B%22search%22%3A%22%5C%22sexual+health%5C%22%22%7D SAFER: Secure Access For Essential Reproductive Health This bill would ensure the privacy of pregnancy termination or loss under the HIPAA privacy regulations and the HITECH Act. https://www.congress.gov/bill/118th-congress/house- bill/459/text?s=8&r=8&q=%7B%22search%22%3A%5B%22%5C%22reproductive+health %5C%22%22%5D%7D https://www.congress.gov/bill/118th-congress/senate- bill/323/text?s=8&r=9&q=%7B%22search%22%3A%5B%22%5C%22reproductive+health %5C%22%22%5D%7D	SUPPORT	09-FEB-23
H.R. 517 (Mace)	Standing with Moms Act	This bill requires the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) to disseminate information about pregnancy-related resources. Specifically, HHS must maintain a public website (life.gov) that lists such resources that are available through federal, state, and local governments and private entities. The bill excludes from life.gov, the portal and the hotline resources provided by entities (1) perform, induce, refer for, or counsel in favor of abortions; or (2) financially support such entities. The bill also requires HHS to report on traffic to life.gov and the portal, gaps in services available to pregnant and postpartum individuals, and related matters. <u>https://www.congress.gov/bill/118th-congress/house-</u> <u>bill/517?q=%7B%22search%22%3A%5B%22%5C%22reproductive+health%5C%22%22%55</u> <u>D%7D&s=8&r=19</u>	OPPOSE	03-FEB-23 Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
H.R. 561 (Lee)	EACH Act of 2023	This bill requires federal health care programs to provide coverage for abortion services and requires federal facilities to provide access to those services. The bill also permits qualified health plans to use funds attributable to premium tax credits and reduced cost sharing assistance to pay for abortion services. <u>https://www.congress.gov/bill/118th-congress/house-</u> <u>bill/561?q=%7B%22search%22%3A%5B%22%5C%22transgender%5C%22%22%5D%7D&s</u> =8&r=8	SUPPORT	21-FEB-23 Referred to the Subcommittee on Indian and Insular Affairs
H.R. 1224 (Trahan)	INFO for Reproductive	INFO= Informing New Factors and Options This bill requires the Department of Health and Human Services to carry out a campaign to educate health care professionals (and health care professions students) about	SUPPORT	27-FEB-23

BILL	TITLE	DESCRIPTION / COMMENTS	Recommende Position	d STATUS
S. 3892	Care ACT OF 2023 Community Health Worker	assisting patients to navigate legal issues related to abortions and other reproductive health care services. https://www.congress.gov/bill/118th-congress/house- bill/1224?q=%7B%22search%22%3A%5B%22%5C%22reproductive+health%5C%22%22% 5D%7D&s=8&r=4 To amend XVIII and XIX of the Social Security Act to increase access to community health workers under the Medicare and Medicaid programs. https://www.congress.gov/bill/118th-congress/senate-bill/3892/text	Position	Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce. 07-MAR-2024 Read twice and referred to the
S. 644 (Markey)	Access Act Modernizing Opioid Treatment Access Act	This bill expands access to methadone for an individual's unsupervised use to treat opioid use disorder (OUD). The bill (1) waives provisions of the Controlled Substances Act that require qualified practitioners to obtain a separate registration from the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) to prescribe and dispense methadone to treat OUD, and (2) requires the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration and the DEA to jointly report on the waiver. Additionally, the bill directs the DEA to register certain practitioners to prescribe methadone that is dispensed through a pharmacy for an individual's unsupervised use. Qualified practitioners must be licensed or authorized to prescribe controlled substances, and they must either work for an opioid treatment program or be a physician or psychiatrist with a specialty certification in addiction		Committee on Finance. 01-FEB-2024 Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders.
S. 701 (Baldwin)	Women's Health Protection Act of 2023	medicine. Individuals who receive methadone for unsupervised use must continue to have access to other care through an opioid treatment program. https://www.congress.gov/bill/118th-congress/senate-bill/644To protect a person's ability to determine whether to continue or end a pregnancy, and to protect a health care provider's ability to provide abortion services.https://www.congress.gov/bill/118th-congress/senate-bill/701	SUPPORT	09-MAR-23 Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders.

Footnotes:

(1) Under Joint Rule 56, bills introduced in the first year of the regular session that do not become carry-over bills shall be returned to the Chief Clerk of the Assembly or the Secretary of the Senate.

Notes:

Items italicized in blue indicate a new status or a bill for consideration for inclusion in the docket.



Steps in the Priority Setting and Resource Allocation Process Ryan White Program Year – March 1 to February 28





Ryan White Program Service Categories

Core Medical Services

- AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP) Treatments
- Local AIDS Pharmaceutical Assistance Program (LPAP)
- Early Intervention Services (EIS)
- Health Insurance Premium and Cost Sharing Assistance for Low-Income Individuals
- Home and Community-Based Health Services (aka Home-based Case Management)
- Home Health Care
- Hospice Services
- Medical Case Management, including Treatment Adherence Services (aka Medical Care Coordination)
- Medical Nutrition Therapy
- Mental Health Services
- Oral Health Care
- Outpatient/Ambulatory Health Services
- Substance Abuse Outpatient Care

Supportive Services

- Childcare Services
- Emergency Financial Assistance
- Food Bank/Home Delivered Meals
- Health Education/Risk Reduction
- Housing
- Linguistic Services
- Medical Transportation
- Non-Medical Case Management Services
- Other Professional Services
 - Legal Services
 - Permanency Planning
- Outreach Services
- Permanency Planning
- Psychosocial Support
- Referral for Healthcare and Support
 Services
- Rehabilitation
- Respite Care
- Substance Abuse (Residential)



Ryan White Program Parts

Program Part	Recipient	Funding Purpose
Part A and Minority AIDS Initiative Funds* (Locally managed by DHSP)	Eligible Metropolitan Areas (EMAs) & Transitional Grant Areas (TGAs)	 Provide medical (core) and support services to cities/counties most severely affected by HIV Minority AIDS Initiative – Help RWHAP recipients improve access to HIV care and health outcomes for minorities
Part B	All 50 states, District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, U.S. Virgin Islands, and six U.S. territories; states distribute money to counties	 Improve the quality of and access to HIV health care and support in the U.S. Provide medications to low-income people with HIV through AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP)
Part C	Local community- based groups (e.g., FQHCs, clinics, CBOs, FBOs, etc.)	 Provide outpatient ambulatory health service s and support for people with HIV Help for community-based groups to strengthen their capacity to deliver high- quality HIV care
Part D	Local community- based organizations	 Provide medical care for low-income women, infants, children and youth with HIV Offer support services for people with HIV and their family members
Part F	 AETCs & SPNS Dental Programs 	 AIDS Education and Training Center (AETC) Program – Provide training and technical assistance to providers treating patients with or at risk for HIV Special Projects of National Significance (SPNS) – Develop innovative models of HIV care and treatment to respond to RWHAP client needs Dental Programs – Provide oral health care for people with HIV and education about HIV for dental care providers

* Indicates RWP Parts that are allocated by the Commission on HIV/Planning Council.



DRAFT 2024 Transgender Caucus Recommendations for Priority Setting and Resource Allocations (PSRA) Process

Purpose

Develop recommendations to inform the PSRA process led by the Planning, Priorities, and Allocations (PP&A) Committee.

Background

The PSRA process consists of the following:

- **Priority Setting:** Process of deciding which HIV/AIDS services are the most important in providing a comprehensive system of care for all people living with HIV (PLWH) in Los Angeles County. The services are ranked and fall under two categories: Core Medical Services and Support Services. These services are further broken down into service categories.
- **Resource allocation:** Process of determining how much Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program (RHWAP) Part A and Minority AIDS Incentive (MAI) program funding will be allocated to each service category.
- **Directives:** Provides guidance to the Division on HIV and STD Programs (DHSP) on how to meet prevention and care priorities.

<u>Strategy</u>

Commission on HIV (COH) staff provided an overview of the PSRA process at the 2/27/24 Transgender Caucus meeting. The Caucus co-chairs led attendees through a brainstorming session in which attendees shared their ideas for recommendations. At the 4/23/24 Caucus meeting, the co-chairs will continue the discussion on the draft recommendations made on 2/27/24 and solicit additional recommendations to submit to the PP&A Committee. Once all recommendations have been compiled, reviewed, and approved by the Caucus, COH staff will draft a memo outlining the recommendations and directives and transmit it to the PP&A Committee.

Draft recommendations from 2/27/24 Transgender Caucus meeting:

- Require agencies contracted to provide housing services to develop policies that protect the rights of Transgender, Gender Non-Conforming, and Intersex (TGI) clients.
 - \circ $\,$ Contracted agency definition of "women" needs to be includes of TGI clients.
- Support funding for training and staff development opportunities for contracted agencies to offer trauma-informed service to TGI clients.
- Support funding for peer support services that assist TGI clients in navigating the healthcare systems such as Medi-Cal, Medi-Care, and the Ryan White system of care.
- Require agencies contracted to provide housing services to review their "wet" vs. "dry" housing policies for HIV specific housing.
 - Change policies related to HIV-specific housing to improve retention of TGI clients; created systems that protect clients and not surveil them.

• Foster a safe space for TGI clients by explaining the reasoning behind certain policies are in place; the more upfront provider agency staff are with client, the more likely they are to listen, understand, and abide by the policies.

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AGENDA

8:30 AM: Registration & Breakfast

9 AM: Welcome & Opening Remarks *Transgender Caucus by LA Commission on HIV & REACH LA*

9:30 - 10 AM: LGBTQ+ Substance Use & Community Impact Discussion

10 - 10:15 AM: BREAK

10:15 AM: REACH LA Presents on the Harm Reduction Survey *Julien De Jesus & Jake Moran*

11 – 12 PM: Health Equity Action Liaison (HEAL) Panel by REACH LA

12 – 1 PM: LUNCH & Performance *Die Anna & S A M*

1 – 1:45 PM: Harm Reduction in Young Adults and Adolescent Populations Blanca Tinoco-Rodriquez | Children's Hospital Los Angeles

1:45 - 2:45 PM: Naloxone Training & Demonstration *Inland Empire Harm Reduction*

1:45 - 2:45 PM: Self-Defense Training *Trans Defense Fund LA*

2:45 - 3PM - Closing Remarks and Evaluation

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