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TRANSGENDER CAUCUS VIRTUAL MEETING

**Tuesday, May 27, 2025
10:00am- 11:30am (PST)**

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Virtual Meeting Agenda

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| 1. WELCOME + INTRODUCTIONS + CHECK-IN | 10:00 AM—10:10 AM |
| 2. CO-CHAIR'S REPORT | 10:10 AM—10:20 AM |
| a. April 22, 2025, meeting recap | |
| b. Meeting Calendar Review | |
| 3. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR/STAFF REPORT | 10:20 AM—10:30 AM |
| a. Operational and Programmatic Updates | |
| 4. DISCUSSION | 10:30 AM—11:15 AM |
| a. Collaboration with LGBT+ Commission: Solidarity Statement Updates | |
| b. Collaboration with Women's Caucus: Community Listening Session Updates | |
| c. Collaboration with Black Caucus: Community Listening Session Updates | |
| d. Collaboration with Aging Caucus: Commemorate National HIV and Aging Awareness Day | |
| 5. MEETING RECAP + NEXT MEETING AGENDA | 11:15 AM—11:20 AM |
| 6. PUBLIC COMMENT + ANNOUNCEMENTS | 11:20 AM—11:30 AM |
| 7. ADJOURNMENT | 11:30 AM |



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6/8/23

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- 1) We approach all our interactions with compassion, respect, and transparency.**
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- 3) We listen with intent, avoid interrupting others, and elevate each other's voices.**
- 4) We encourage all to bring forth ideas for discussion, community planning, and consensus.**
- 5) We focus on the issue, not the person raising the issue.**
- 6) Be flexible, open-minded, and solution-focused.**
- 7) We give and accept respectful and constructive feedback.**
- 8) We keep all issues on the table (no "hidden agendas"), avoid monopolizing discussions and minimize side conversations.**
- 9) We have no place in our deliberations for racist, sexist, homophobic, transphobic, and other discriminatory statements, and "-isms" including misogyny, ableism, and ageism.**
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Transgender Caucus Meeting Recap for March 25, 2025 Meeting Materials Click [HERE](#)

CO-CHAIR'S REPORT

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

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR/STAFF REPORT

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

DISCUSSION

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

NEXT STEPS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

In solidarity,

Transgender Caucus of the Los Angeles County Commission on HIV

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



Transgender Caucus Meeting Recap for April 22, 2025 Meeting Materials Click [HERE](#)

CO-CHAIR'S REPORT

- **March 25, 2025, Meeting Recap:** Rita Garcia, caucus co-chair, led introductions and provided a recap of the March 25, 2025, caucus meeting. R. Garcia polled attendees to determine the need for English to Spanish translation services to participate in the meeting; no attendees reported need for translation services. R. Garcia reflected on her experience at the April 10, 2025, Commission (COH) meeting noting her strong desire to have more Transgender caucus members and voices present to participate in the re-allocations deliberations. ChiChi Navarro, caucus co-chair, shared that she learned a lot at the meeting and encouraged attendees to participate in COH meetings at the capacity they can.
- **Co-Chair Elections:** The caucus announced the opportunity for attendees to self-nominate for the third co-chair position. Diamond Paulk expressed her interest in becoming a co-chair for the caucus and shared her experience and qualifications for the position. Her goal as co-chair is to uplift and protect black and brown trans voices. The caucus voted and unanimously elected D. Paulk as the co-chair. COH staff will follow-up with the co-chairs to orient Diamond on the role and prepare for upcoming meetings.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR/STAFF REPORT

- Cheryl Barrit, COH Executive Director, reported that the COH will hold its next virtual training on "Priority Setting and Resource Allocation (PSRA) Process" on April 23, 2025, from 12pm-1pm via WebEx. Click [HERE](#) to register for the training. She emphasized that the COH top responsibility is priority setting and resource allocation for Ryan White funding. She added that the recording and slides will be available after training for anyone that is interested in learning more about the PSRA process but cannot attend the training.

DISCUSSION

- **Collaboration with LGBTQ+ Commission: Solidarity Statement**
Jose Rangel-Garibay, COH staff, reported that the COH approved the solidarity statement at their April 10, 2025, meeting. The document is posted on the COH website and is available for dissemination. C. Navarro asked if the statement had been shared with the LGBTQ+ Commission and when the item would be added to their next meeting agenda. C. Barrit reported that the statement has been shared with Sunitha Menon, LGBTQ+ Commission Executive Director, and that she would follow-up with S. Menon and report back to the Caucus.
- **Collaboration with Women's Caucus: Plan Community Listening Session**
 - The caucus will plan a community listening session for transgender women. D. Paulk volunteered to facilitate the session and offered two potential locations to host the session: the main office building of the AMAAD Institute, and the AMAAD TGI house. Both locations are in South LA, have ample parking, and within walking distance of public transportation. D. Paulk affirmed that both locations are safe and affirming for TGI2S+ individuals. D. Paulk also suggested the possibility of partnering with LA Pride to avoid conflicts and cross-



promote. She will follow-up with her contacts at LA Pride and determine the feasibility of partnering with LA Pride to hold the session in June. If partnering with LA Pride is not possible, the caucus will aim for a date in July for the listening session.

- Participation in the listening session will be incentivized; Lizette Martinez, COH staff, noted that she will report back on the amount for gift cards for participants after reviewing the budget. She added that the recommended number of participants for the listening sessions is between 15 to 25.
- COH staff will send the listening session outlines to transgender caucus attendees and request their feedback on the facilitation questions.
- **Community Listening Session Collaboration with Black Caucus: Plan Community Listening Session**
 - Dawn McClendon, COH Assistant Director, shared that the Black Caucus is leading community listening sessions to assess needs in the black community; She added that the Black Caucus is interested in collaborating with the Transgender Caucus to plan a listening session for black transgender community members. D. Paulk suggested partnering with South LA Pride and plan the listening session for July.
 - D. McClendon noted that participation in the listening session will be incentivized; participants will receive a \$50 Visa gift card. She also affirmed that the recommended number of participants for the listening sessions is between 15 to 25.
 - Given the increase in activities and additional time needed to plan for these activities, the caucus decided to reinstate the May 27, 2025. COH staff will send an updated meeting calendar to caucus members.
- **Collaboration with the Aging Caucus: Commemorate National HIV/AIDS and Aging Awareness Day**
 - C. Barrit reported that the Aging Caucus is planning a community educational event in September to commemorate National HIV/AIDS and Aging Awareness Day (NHAAD) and is interested in collaborating with all the COH caucuses. She shared that some of the ideas for the purpose of the event are to build a sense of community and unity considering the current political environment, build knowledge and skills on how community members and providers can advocate for themselves, and highlight key services and teach attendees how to access and navigate services. C. Barrit will coordinate additional meetings with the Caucus co-chairs to maintain communication and event planning momentum.

NEXT STEPS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Read the [solidarity statement](#) and disseminate among your networks.
- Review the facilitation questions and email your feedback with COH staff to: jgaribay@lachiv.org
- The next Transgender Caucus meeting will be on **May 27, 2025**, from 10am to 11:30am via WebEx. COH staff will notify Caucus members of changes to the meeting schedule.

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TRANSGENDER CAUCUS 2025 MEETING CALENDAR (Updated 4/22/25)

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

Transgender Caucus 2025 Strategic Priorities | (As of 05-20-25)

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

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

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

#	ACTIVITY	ACTION STEPS	TIMELINE	STATUS
1	Transgender-focused Needs Assessment - <i>Collaborate with the Planning, Priorities and Allocations Committee to develop needs assessment focusing on the needs of Transgender People Living with HIV.</i>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Identify locations and target populations. 2. Develop needs assessment questionnaire(s). 3. Analyze results and share findings and recommendations to address the needs of Transgender people living with HIV in LA County. 	June 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Listening session in collaboration with Women's Caucus scheduled for 6/4/25 from 6pm-8pm at AMAAD Institute. • Listening session in collaboration with Black Caucus scheduled for 7/9/25 from 6pm-8pm at AMAAD Institute.
2	Policy and Advocacy – <i>Identify and act on opportunities to develop a progressive and inclusive agenda to address the disproportionate impact of HIV/STDs in TGI communities in Los Angeles County.</i>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Draft statement in response to recent transphobic rhetoric from current administration 2. Solicit feedback from caucus 3. Send statement to Executive Committee/COH for review and approval 4. Post and disseminate 	Ongoing	COH approved the solidarity statement on 4/10/25. The document is posted on the COH website and available for dissemination.
3	Provide Caucus Perspective - <i>on various Commission/HIV-related issues impacting the Ryan White Program</i>	Provide feedback on relevant Commission on HIV action items and motions including, but not limited to, service standards, priority setting and resource allocation, membership, and recruitment, and needs assessments.	Ongoing	

Transgender Caucus

Community Listening Sessions: Transgender Women Living with HIV

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

Proposed Date/Time:

- June 4, 2025
- 6pm-8pm

Proposed Venue:

- AMAAD Institute
10221 S. Compton Ave. Ste. 105
Los Angeles, CA 90002

Facilitator(s):

- Diamon Paulk

Target Participants (20 max):

Session Objective(s):

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

Proposed Facilitation Questions:

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

TRANS WOMEN'S SEXUAL HEALTH LISTENING SESSION



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YOUR VOICE MATTERS!

Join us for a safe, confidential space to share your experiences, concerns, and ideas about sexual health and HIV services in LA County. This session is designed specifically for transgender women living with HIV and aims to amplify your needs and perspectives.

WHAT TO EXPECT:

- Open, judgment-free discussions
- Opportunities to connect with others in the community
- \$25 gift card
- **Space is limited; RSVP required**



WHY ATTEND?

Your input will help shape better sexual health services and resources for women living a transgender experience. Together, we can create a more inclusive and supportive healthcare environment.



WEDNESDAY, JUNE 4, 2025
6:00PM – 8:00PM

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Únase a nosotros en un espacio seguro y confidencial para compartir sus experiencias, preocupaciones e ideas sobre los servicios de salud sexual y VIH en el condado de Los Ángeles. Esta sesión está diseñada específicamente para mujeres transgénero que viven con el VIH y tiene como objetivo amplificar sus necesidades y perspectivas.

¿QUÉ PUEDE ESPERAR?

- Discusiones abiertas y sin juicios
- Oportunidades para conectarse con otras personas de la comunidad
- Tarjeta de regalo de \$25
- Cupo limitado; Regístrese para confirmar su participación



¿POR QUE ASISTIR?

Sus aportes ayudaran a mejorar los servicios y recursos de salud sexual para las mujeres que viven una experiencia transgénero. Juntos, podemos crear un ambiente de atención medica más inclusivo y solidario.



MIERCOLES, 4 DE JUNIO 2025 6:00PM – 8:00PM

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Black Caucus Transgender Community Listening Session Proposal

Proposed Date/Time:

July 9, 2025 from 6pm-8pm

Proposed Venue:

AMAAD Institute
10221 S. Compton Ave. Ste. 105
Los Angeles, CA 90002

Facilitators:

To be confirmed — ideally Black transgender leaders, advocates, and/or providers with lived experience and expertise in gender-affirming care, HIV prevention, and community engagement

Target Participants (25 max):

Black transgender women, men, and gender-expansive individuals living in Los Angeles County. Participants will be individuals with lived experiences navigating sexual health, HIV prevention, and health care systems. Their voices will guide efforts to improve systems of care and advance health equity for Black transgender communities.

Incentives & Accommodations:

- ✓ \$50 Visa gift cards
- ✓ Food and refreshments provided
- ✓ Resources and referrals available onsite

Session Objective:

This listening session is part of the Black Caucus' ongoing community engagement series aimed at strengthening systems of care by elevating the voices and lived experiences of key priority populations within the Black community. This session will explore the specific challenges, barriers, and opportunities faced by Black transgender individuals in accessing culturally responsive, gender-affirming sexual health care and HIV prevention services.

Proposed Facilitative Questions

Knowledge & Comfort Around Sexual Health

1. How comfortable do you feel discussing sexual health—including HIV prevention—with your provider?



Black Caucus

Transgender Community Listening Session Proposal

2. What types of questions or concerns about sexual health come up most for you and your peers?
3. Have you ever received sexual health or HIV prevention services that felt affirming of your gender identity? If yes, what made them affirming?

HIV Prevention & Intervention Awareness

1. Are you aware of HIV prevention tools such as PrEP, PEP, or Doxy-PEP?
2. Have you had experiences accessing or being offered these tools? What was that like?
3. What would help increase your comfort and confidence in using or asking about these tools?

Access, Referral & Collaboration

1. When you need sexual health care, where do you typically go—and why?
2. Have you ever faced barriers or been turned away from services? What happened?
3. What would make it easier for you to find and access HIV-related care or support when you need it?

Cultural Responsiveness & Community Trust

1. How do racism, transphobia, or stigma show up in your health care experiences?
2. What does a truly affirming and culturally responsive health care experience look like to you?
3. What would help you feel safer or more respected when accessing sexual health services?

Capacity & Support Needs

1. What kinds of services or support do you wish existed for Black transgender people in LA County?
2. What role should community-based organizations, clinics, or the County play in supporting Black trans health and wellness?
3. What would help you feel more supported and empowered in your health journey?

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Subject: RE: Collaboration with Aging Caucus to Commemorate National HIV and Aging Awareness Day (SEPT)
Date: Saturday, April 19, 2025 6:48:31 PM

Hello All,

I am providing a recap of key discussion points from the meeting held with the Commission's caucus co-chairs regarding a collaborative community educational event to be held in September to commemorate National HIV/AIDS and Aging Awareness Day (NHAAD).

Attendees: Paul Nash, Kevin Donnelly, ChiChi Navarro, and Leon Maultsby

Background:

The Aging Caucus was originally formed as a Task Force to develop recommendations aimed at addressing the needs of older adults living with HIV (50+) in 2020. Additional recommendations for individuals who acquired HIV perinatally and long-term survivors under 50 were added in 2022. To view the Aging Caucus recommendations, click [HERE](#). Since the release of their recommendations, the Aging Caucus has hosted educational workshops and events such as "Let's Talk About Sex: An Educational Event for Service Providers to Promote Sexual Health in Older Adults" (2023) and "Loneliness and Social Isolation: Addressing the Unique Needs of Women over 50 (2024, conducted in collaboration with the Women's Caucus).

The Aging Caucus is committed to addressing aging across the lifespan and harnessing collaborations with the Commission's Caucuses for maximum impact in drawing attention to the unique health and social needs, as well as the challenges of HIV prevention, testing, treatment, and care among people who are aging. The Aging Caucus Co-Chairs (Kevin Donnelly and Dr. Paul Nash) has reached out to all Caucus co-chairs to seek collaboration and support for planning and implementing an educational event commemorating NHAAD.

Key Discussion Points:

- The Vermont Corridor has been reserved for September 19 for the community event.
- Ideas for the purpose/objectives of the educational event:
 - Build a sense of community and unity, especially in light of the current political environment
 - Build knowledge and skills on how community members and providers can advocate for themselves

- Learn about key and examples of policy issues for older adults living with HIV
- Highlight key services (health, social, job development, legal, etc.) and teach attendees how to access and navigate services.
- Leverage people's personal stories to underscore the importance of a comprehensive range of services for older adults living with and/or affected by HIV
- Invite a broad range of organizations to participate and possibly be a part of panel discussions. Examples of organizations mentioned, but not limited to, TransLatina Coalition, LGBTQ Center, SAGE. AHF, FLUX.
- **Possible format:**
- Opening keynote to set the stage, a panel of community members that show the diversity of aging experiences across the lifespan, a panel on key services, and a panel on advocacy.
- Dr. Laura Trejo, Director of the Los Angeles County Department of Aging and Disabilities was mentioned as a possible speaker.
- Provide Spanish language interpretation and gender neutral restrooms. Provide honorarium to community member speakers, if possible.
- The Aging Caucus will do heavy lifting of putting more structure and substance to the event and collaborate with the Caucus Co-chairs for feedback, refinement and support.
- Due to the COH's limited resources, there is no budget allocated for this event. Cheryl will reach out to her contact at Gilead to inquire about sponsorship.
- Attendees expressed support and excitement regarding the event.

Next Steps

- The Aging Caucus Co-Chairs will meet with the Women's Caucus Co-Chairs on April 29th to assess their interest in collaborating and seek their ideas about the event. Cheryl sent the MS Teams invitations to Caucus Co-Chairs were not able to join the April 18 meeting.
- Cheryl will reach out to her contact at Gilead to inquire about sponsorship. (Done, waiting for Gilead contact to reply).
- Cheryl will coordinate additional meetings with the Caucus Co-Chairs to maintain communication and event planning momentum.



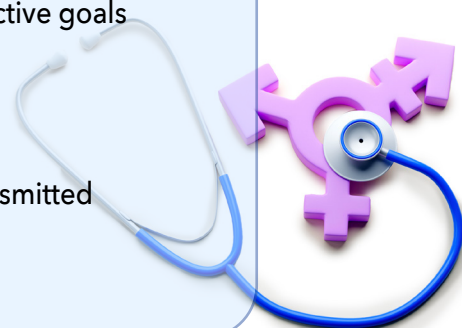
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LA HEALTH SERVICES' GENDER HEALTH PROGRAM

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

The following services are available through the Gender Health Program:

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



Scan the QR code to learn more.

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

LA Health Services is always taking new patients.



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

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

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



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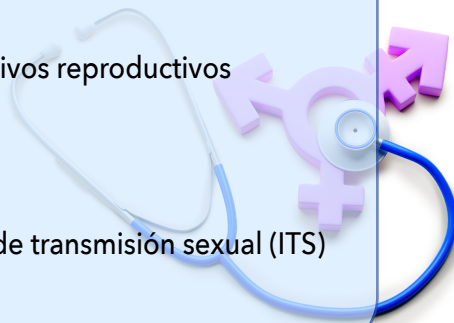
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PROGRAMA DE SALUD DE GÉNERO DE LA HEALTH SERVICES

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

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

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



Para más información escanee el código.

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

LA Health Services siempre está aceptando nuevos pacientes.



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

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

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



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