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COMMISSION ON HIV MEETING

Thursday, July 10, 2025
9:00am-12:30pm (PST)

****CHANGE IN MEETING VENUE****

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AGENDA FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY COMMISSION ON HIV (COH)

THURSDAY, JULY 10, 2025 | 9:00 AM – 12:30 PM

****CHANGE IN LOCATION****

DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH (DMH) HEADQUARTERS "VERMONT CORRIDOR"
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AGENDA POSTED: July 6, 2025

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1. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

A.	Call to Order, Roll Call/COI & Meeting Guidelines/Reminders		9:00 AM – 9:03 AM
B.	Approval of Agenda	**MOTION #1**	9:03 AM – 9:05 AM
C.	County Land Acknowledgment		9:05 AM – 9:07 AM
D.	Consent Calendar	**MOTION #2**	9:07 AM – 9:10 AM
E.	Approval of Meeting Minutes	**MOTION #3**	9:10 AM – 9:12 AM

2. HOLDING SPACE FOR OUR COMMUNITIES – REFLECTIVE SILENCE 9:12 AM – 9:15 AM

3. PUBLIC & COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

A. Public Comment *(Opportunity for members of the public to address the Commission on items of interest that are within the jurisdiction of the Commission. For those who wish to provide public comment may do so in person, electronically HERE, or by emailing hivcomm@lachiv.org. If providing oral public comments, comments may not exceed 2 minutes per person.)* 9:15 AM – 9:20 AM

B. Commissioner Comment *(Opportunity for Commission members to address the Commission on items of interest that are within the jurisdiction of the Commission. Comments may not exceed 2 minutes per member.)* 9:20 AM – 9:25 AM

4. COMPREHENSIVE EFFECTIVENESS REVIEW & RESTRUCTURING PROJECT 9:25 AM – 10:00 AM

A. COH Organization Restructure Scenario Presentation
B. Proposed Changes to Bylaws and Ordinance | 30-Day Public Comment 6/27-July 27, 2025
C. Process Update on Membership Renewal for Terms Ending in 2025

5. MANAGEMENT/ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS – I 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM

A. Executive Director/Staff Report
(1) Updated 2025 COH Workplan & Meeting Schedule
(2) PY 35 Operational Budget Update

B. COH Co-Chair Report
(1) Operations Committee Leadership Update
(2) Conferences, Meetings & Trainings (*An opportunity for members to share information and resources material to the COH's core functions, with the goal of advancing the Commission's mission*)

C. Division of HIV/STD Programs (DHSP) (RWP Grantee/Part A Representative) Report

(1) Medical Monitoring Program Presentation

(2) Ryan White Program Funding & Services Update

(3) CDC HIV Prevention Funding & Services Update

(4) EHE Program and Funding Update

(5) Other Updates

D. California Office of AIDS (OA) Report (Part B Representative)

(1) California Planning Group (CPG) Updates

E. Housing Opportunities for People Living with AIDS (HOPWA) Report

F. Ryan White Program (RWP) Parts C, D, and F Report

G. Cities, Health Districts, Service Planning Area (SPA) Report

6. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS – I 11:00 AM – 11:30 AM

(Updates from committees, caucuses, and task forces are summarized in the Key Takeaways document included in the meeting packet. Attendees are encouraged to review the document for the latest highlights, action items, and key developments across the Commission's working bodies.)

A. Planning, Priorities & Allocations (PP&A) Committee

(1) 2027-2031 Integrated HIV Plan Overview & Preparation

B. Operations Committee

(1) Assessment of the Efficiency of the Administrative Mechanism (AEAM) Report **MOTION #4**

(2) Membership Management

(a) New Member Application: Leroy Blea | State Office of AIDS, Part B Representative (Seat#17) **MOTION #5**

(b) Resignations: Bridget Gordon, Andre Molette, & Karl Halfman

(c) Attendance Updates: Kevin Stalter, Aaron Raines & Jeremy Mitchell

C. Standards and Best Practices (SBP) Committee

(1) Transitional Case Management Service Standards | PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: 6/26/25-7/26/25

(2) Patient Support Services (PSS) Service Standards Review Updates

(3) Service Standards Schedule

D. Public Policy Committee (PPC)

(1) County, State and Federal Policy & Budget Updates

E. Caucus, Task Force, and Work Group Reports

(1) Aging Caucus

- "Power of Aging" – September 19, 2025

(2) Black Caucus

(3) Consumer Caucus

- Navigating the RWP and Medi-Cal Listening Session – July 10 @ 1-2:30PM

(4) Transgender Caucus

(5) Women's Caucus

(6) Housing Taskforce

- Housing Survey for Clients

7. PRESENTATION 11:30 AM – 12:15 PM

A. PURPOSE Study Presented by Catherine Chien, MD and Suzanne Molino, PharmD (Gilead Sciences, Inc)

8. MISCELLANEOUS

A. Public Comment 12:15 PM – 12:20 PM

(Opportunity for members of the public to address the Commission of items of interest that are within the jurisdiction of the Commission. For those who wish to provide public comment may do so in person, electronically HERE, or by emailing hivcomm@lachiv.org. If providing oral public comments, comments may not exceed 2 minutes per person.)

B. Commission New Business Items 12:20 PM – 12:25 PM

(Opportunity for Commission members to recommend new business items for the full body or a committee level discussion on non-agendized matters not posted on the agenda, to be discussed and (if requested) placed on the agenda for action at a future meeting, or matters requiring immediate action because of an emergency, or where the need to act arose after the posting of the agenda.)

C. Announcements 12:25 PM – 12:30 PM

(Opportunity for members of the public to announce community events, workshops, trainings, and other related activities. Announcements will follow the same protocols as Public Comment.)

D. Adjournment and Roll Call 12:30 PM

Adjournment of the regular July 10, 2025, Commission meeting.

PROPOSED MOTION(S)/ACTION(S)	
MOTION #1	Approve meeting agenda, as presented or revised.
MOTION #2	Approve meeting minutes, as presented or revised.
MOTION #3	Approve Consent Calendar, as presented or revised.
CONSENT CALENDAR	
MOTION #4	Approve Assessment of the Efficiency of the Administrative Mechanism (AEAM) Report, as presented or revised.
MOTION #5	Approve New Member Application for Leroy Blea | State Office of AIDS, Part B Representative (Seat#17), as presented or revised.

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Justin Valero, MPA (LOA)	Carlos Vega-Matos (**Alternate)	Jonathan Weedman	Russell Ybarra

MEMBERS:	**38**
QUORUM:	**20**

LEGEND:

LoA = Leave of Absence; not counted towards quorum

Alternate*= Occupies Alternate seat adjacent a vacancy; counted toward quorum

Alternate**= Occupies Alternate seat adjacent a filled primary seat; counted towards quorum in the absence of the primary seat member

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VISION

A comprehensive, sustainable, accessible system of prevention and care that empowers people at-risk, living with or affected by HIV to make decisions and to maximize their lifespans and quality of life.

MISSION

The Los Angeles County Commission on HIV focuses on the local HIV/AIDS epidemic and responds to the changing needs of People Living With HIV/AIDS (PLWHA) within the communities of Los Angeles County. The Commission on HIV provides an effective continuum of care that addresses consumer needs in a sensitive prevention and care/treatment model that is culturally and linguistically competent and is inclusive of all Service Planning Areas (SPAs) and Health Districts (HDs).

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Approved by COH 6/8/23

CODE OF CONDUCT

The Commission on HIV welcomes commissioners, guests, and the public into a space where people of all opinions and backgrounds are able to contribute. In this space, we challenge ourselves to be self-reflective and committed to an ongoing understanding of each other and the complex intersectionality of the lives we live. We create a safe environment where we celebrate differences while striving for consensus in the fights against our common enemies: HIV and STDs. We build trust in each other by having honest, respectful, and productive conversations. As a result, the Commission has adopted and is consistently committed to implementing the following guidelines for Commission, committee, and associated meetings.

All participants and stakeholders should adhere to the following:

1) **We approach all our interactions with compassion, respect, and transparency.**
2) **We respect others' time by starting and ending meetings on time, being punctual, and staying present.**
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.**
10) **We give ourselves permission to learn from our mistakes.**

In response to violation of the Code of Conduct which results in meeting disruption, Include provisions of SB 1100 which states in part, ". . . authorize the presiding member of the legislative body conducting a meeting or their designee to remove, or cause the removal of, an individual for disrupting the meeting . . . . Removal to be preceded by a warning to the individual by the presiding member of the legislative body or their designee that the individual's behavior is disrupting the meeting and that the individual's failure to cease their behavior may result in their removal." Complaints related to internal Commission matters such as alleged violation of the Code of Conduct or other disputes among members are addressed and resolved in adherence to Policy/Procedure #08.3302." (Commission Bylaws, Article VII, Section 4.)

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HYBRID MEETING GUIDELINES, ETTIQUETTE & REMINDERS

(Updated 7.15.24)

☐ This meeting is a **Brown-Act meeting** and is being recorded.
- Turn off your ringers/notifications on your smart devices so as not to disrupt the meeting.
- Your voice is important and we want to ensure that it is captured accurately on the record. Please be respectful of one another and minimize crosstalk.

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☐ Please comply with the **Commission's Code of Conduct** located in the meeting packet.

☐ **Public Comment** for members of the public can be submitted in person, electronically @ https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/public_comments or via email at hivcomm@lachiv.org. *Please indicate your name, the corresponding agenda item, and whether you would like to state your public comment during the meeting; if so, staff will call upon you appropriately. Public comments are limited to two minutes per agenda item. All public comments will be made part of the official record.*

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☐ Members will be required to explicitly state their agency's **Ryan White Program Part A and/or CDC prevention conflicts of interest** on the record (versus referring to list in the packet). A list of conflicts can be found in the meeting packet and are recorded on the back of members' name plates, courtesy of staff.

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OVERVIEW OF THE COUNTYWIDE LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT

AS ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ON NOVEMBER 1, 2022

The County of Los Angeles recognizes that we occupy land originally and still inhabited and cared for by the Tongva, Tataviam, Serrano, Kizh, and Chumash Peoples. We honor and pay respect to their elders and descendants—past, present, and emerging—as they continue their stewardship of these lands and waters. We acknowledge that settler colonization resulted in land seizure, disease, subjugation, slavery, relocation, broken promises, genocide, and multigenerational trauma. This acknowledgment demonstrates our responsibility and commitment to truth, healing, and reconciliation and to elevating the stories, culture, and community of the original inhabitants of Los Angeles County. We are grateful to have the opportunity to live and work on these ancestral lands. We are dedicated to growing and sustaining relationships with Native peoples and local tribal governments, including (in no particular order) the:

- Fernandeño Tataviam Band of Mission Indians
- Gabrielino Tongva Indians of California Tribal Council
- Gabrieleno/Tongva San Gabriel Band of Mission Indians
- Gabrieleño Band of Mission Indians – Kizh Nation
- San Manuel Band of Mission Indians
- San Fernando Band of Mission Indians

To learn more about the First Peoples of Los Angeles County, please visit the Los Angeles City/County Native American Indian Commission website at lanaic.lacounty.gov.

WHAT IS A LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT?

A land acknowledgment is a statement that recognizes an area's original inhabitants who have been forcibly dispossessed of their homelands and is a step toward recognizing the negative impacts these communities have endured and continue to endure, as a result.

"THIS IS A FIRST STEP IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ACKNOWLEDGING PAST HARM TOWARDS THE DESCENDANTS OF OUR VILLAGES KNOWN TODAY AS LOS ANGELES...THIS BRINGS AWARENESS TO STATE OUR PRESENCE, *E'QUA'SHEM*, WE ARE HERE."

—Anthony Morales, Tribal Chairman of the Gabrieleno/Tongva San Gabriel Band of Mission Indians

HOW WAS THE COUNTYWIDE LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT DEVELOPED?

JUNE 23, 2020

The Board of Supervisors (Board) approves a motion, authored by LA County Supervisor Hilda L. Solis, to adopt the Countywide Cultural Policy.

JULY 13, 2021

The Board supports a motion to acknowledge and apologize for the historical mistreatment of California Native Americans by Los Angeles County.

OCTOBER 5, 2021

The Board directs the LA County Department of Arts and Culture (Arts and Culture) and the LA City/County Native American Indian Commission (LANAIC) to facilitate meetings with leaders from local Tribes to develop a formal land acknowledgment for the County.

"THE SPIRIT OF OUR ANCESTORS LIVES WITHIN US. THE TRUE DESCENDANTS OF THIS LAND HAVE BECOME THE TIP OF THE SPEAR AND WILL CONTINUE TO SEEK RESPECT, HONOR, AND DIGNITY, ALL OF WHICH WERE STRIPPED FROM OUR ANCESTORS. IT IS OUR MOST SINCERE GOAL TO WORK TOGETHER AS WE BEGIN TO CREATE THE PATH FORWARD TOWARD ACKNOWLEDGMENT, RESTORATION, AND HEALING."

—Donna Yocum, Chairwoman of the San Fernando Band of Mission Indians

NOVEMBER 2021 – MARCH 2022

With help from an outside consultant, Arts and Culture and LANAIC conduct extensive outreach to 22 tribal governments, with generally 5 tribal affiliations, that have ties to the LA County region, as identified by the California Native American Heritage Commission. Five Tribes agree to participate on a working group.

MARCH 30 – SEPTEMBER 30, 2022

Over five facilitated sessions, the working group contributes recommendations, guidance, and historic and cultural information that informs the development of the County's land acknowledgment.

OCTOBER 18, 2022

LANAIC Commissioners approve a recommendation for the Board to adopt the Countywide Land Acknowledgment.

NOVEMBER 1, 2022

The Board adopts the Countywide Land Acknowledgment.

DECEMBER 1, 2022

The Countywide Land Acknowledgment begins to be verbally announced and displayed visually at the opening of all Board meetings.

"TRUTH IS THE FIRST STEP TO THE RECOVERY OF OUR STOLEN LAND AND BROKEN PROMISES…WE ARE STILL HERE."

—Robert Dorame, Tribal Chair of the Gabrielino Tongva Indians of California

POLICY/PROCEDURE #08.2107	Consent Calendar	Page 1 of 3

NO PROPOSED CHANGES, 4/10/2008

ADOPTED, 1/10/2008

SUBJECT: **"Consent Calendar" procedures at Commission and other meetings.**

PURPOSE: **To provide instructions for the "Consent Calendar" procedures at the Los Angeles County Commission on HIV and other, related Commission meetings.**

BACKGROUND:

- The Commission regularly takes action on multiple items at its monthly meetings. As a result, the Commission is pressured to give complex actions adequate consideration and due diligence, but must rush through motions in order to conclude the meetings on time.

- At the November 2, 2007 Commission meeting, members suggested using a Consent Calendar to expedite the motions that have unanimous support and do not necessitate discussion or debate. The Executive Committee formally endorsed the Consent Calendar practice at its December 3, 2007 meeting.

POLICY:

1) The "Consent Calendar" is a procedural mechanism to expedite Commission business by allowing the body to approve all motions on the consent calendar collectively without debate or dialogue.

2) Commission members or members of the public may set aside (or "pull") an item from the Consent Calendar for any reason in order for the body to discuss and/or vote on it at its appointed time on the agenda. Reasons for setting aside an item include an accompanying presentation, a desire to discuss, address and/or review the item, to register a contrary or opposing vote, and/or to propose an amendment to the motion.

3) Any item that would generate an opposing vote must be removed from the Consent Calendar and returned to its normal place on the agenda.

4) Those items that remain on the Consent Calendar (that have not been "pulled") will be approved collectively in the single Consent Calendar motion. The Consent Calendar motion must be approved unanimously by quorum of the voting membership that is present.

5) The motions that have been set aside will be addressed according to their order on the agenda. Removing an item from the Consent Calendar does not preclude a later vote on that item, nor its approval at a later point on the agenda.

6) Voting members are allowed to register their abstentions from individual items on the Consent Calendar during the Consent Calendar vote.

PROCEDURE(S):

1. **Consent Calendar**: All "action" motions on the Commission's (or other meetings') agendas are automatically placed on the Consent Calendar. "Procedural" motions (e.g., approval of the agenda, approval of the minutes) are not part of the Consent Calendar.

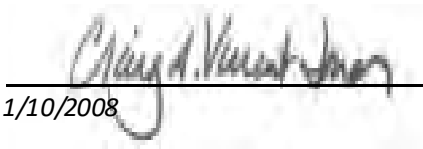
2. **Setting Aside Consent Calendar Items**: An item may be "pulled" from the Consent Calendar by any Commission member, member of the public, or staff member for any reason. The most common reasons for setting aside a Consent Calendar item are:
   a) There is a presentation that accompanies the item.
   b) The member has a question or would like information about the item.
   c) The member would like to see to discuss the item or see it discussed.
   d) The member would like to amend/substitute the motion.
   e) There is an opposing vote.

3. **Items Removed from the Consent Calendar**: "Pulling" an item from the Consent Calendar does not preclude that motion from being considered at a later point on the agenda:
   a) Setting aside a Consent Calendar item returns that item to its regular place on the agenda, where it is addressed at its appointed time.
   b) That motion will be voted on, in agendized order, unless the body chooses to postpone, amend or substitute it when it is considered.

4. **Approving the Consent Calendar**: The Consent Calendar approval vote must be unanimous.
   a) There is no discussion about the Consent Calendar approval, except to pull specific items.
   b) As with all Commission motions, a quorum must be present to vote on it.
   c) As a vote without objections, the Consent Calendar motion does not necessitate a roll call.
   d) Items that generate an opposing vote for the Consent Calendar approval must be removed from the Consent Calendar for later consideration on the agenda.
   e) Voting members may register "abstentions" for individual items on the Consent Calendar.

DEFINITIONS:

- **Abstain/Abstention**: when a voting member acknowledges his/her presence, but declines to vote "aye" or "no" on a motion.
- **"Action" Item/Motion**: a motion that leads to action by the Commission. In the context of this policy, "action" motions are placed on the Consent Calendar.
- **Consent Calendar**: a procedural vehicle for a public voting body to collectively approve all of its "action" motions that do not require discussion or debate.
- **Motion**: the proposed decision or action that the Commission formally moves and votes on.
- **"Procedural" Item/Motion**: a motion necessary for meeting procedural requirements (approving the agenda or minutes). In the context of this policy, "procedural" motions are not placed on the Consent Calendar.
- **"Pull" (an Item/Motion)**: removing or setting aside an item/motion from the Consent Calendar and returning it to its original place on the agenda for discussion/consideration.

NOTED AND APPROVED:  **EFFECTIVE DATE:** January 10, 2008

Original Approval: 1/10/2008 *Revision(s):*

LOS ANGELES COUNTY COMMISSION ON HIV

2025 MEMBERSHIP ROSTER| UPDATED 7.7.25

SEAT NO.	MEMBERSHIP SEAT	Commissioners Seated	Committee Assignment	COMMISSIONER	AFFILIATION (IF ANY)	TERM BEGIN	TERM ENDS	ALTERNATE
1	Medi-Cal representative			***Vacant***		July 1, 2023	June 30, 2025	
2	City of Pasadena representative	1	EXC|SBP	Erika Davies	City of Pasadena Department of Public Health	July 1, 2024	June 30, 2026	
3	City of Long Beach representative	1	PP&A	Ismael Salamanca	Long Beach Health & Human Services	July 1, 2023	June 30, 2025	
4	City of Los Angeles representative	1	SBP	Dahlia Ale-Ferlito	AIDS Coordinator's Office, City of Los Angeles	July 1, 2024	June 30, 2026	
5	City of West Hollywood representative	1	PP&A	Dee Saunders	City of West Hollywood	July 1, 2023	June 30, 2025	
6	Director, DHSP **Non Voting*	1	EXC	Mario Pérez, MPH	DHSP, LA County Department of Public Health	July 1, 2024	June 30, 2026	
7	Part B representative			***Vacant***		July 1, 2024	June 30, 2026	
8	Part C representative	1	OPS	Leon Maultsby, DBH, MHA	Charles R. Drew University	July 1, 2024	June 30, 2026	
9	Part D representative	1	SBP	Mikhaela Cielo, MD	LAC + USC MCA Clinic, LA County Department of Health Services	July 1, 2023	June 30, 2025	
10	Part F representative	1	SBP	Sandra Cuevas	Pacific AIDS Education and Training - Los Angeles Area	July 1, 2024	June 30, 2026	
11	Provider representative #1			***Vacant***		July 1, 2023	June 30, 2025	
12	Provider representative #2			***Vacant***		July 1, 2024	June 30, 2026	
13	Provider representative #3	1	PP&A	Harold Glenn San Agustin, MD	JWCH Institute, Inc.	July 1, 2023	June 30, 2025	
14	Provider representative #4	1	PP&A	LaShonda Spencer, MD	Charles Drew University	July 1, 2024	June 30, 2026	
15	Provider representative #5	1	SBP	Byron Patel, RN	Los Angeles LGBT Center	July 1, 2023	June 30, 2025	
16	Provider representative #6			***Vacant***		July 1, 2024	June 30, 2026	
17	Provider representative #7	1		David Hardy ,MD	University of Southern California	July 1, 2023	June 30, 2025	
18	Provider representative #8	1	SBP	Martin Sattah, MD	Rand Shrader Clinic, LA County Department of Health Services	July 1, 2024	June 30, 2026	
19	Unaffiliated representative, SPA 1			***Vacant***		July 1, 2023	June 30, 2025	Kerry Ferguson (SBP)
20	Unaffiliated representative, SPA 2	1	SBP	Russell Ybarra	*Unaffiliated representative*	July 1, 2024	June 30, 2026	
21	Unaffiliated representative, SPA 3	1	OPS	Ish Herrera ***(LOA)***	*Unaffiliated representative*	July 1, 2023	June 30, 2025	Joaquin Gutierrez (OPS)
22	Unaffiliated representative, SPA 4	1	PP	Jeremy Mitchell (aka Jet Finley)	*Unaffiliated representative*	July 1, 2024	June 30, 2026	Lambert Talley (PP&A)
23	Unaffiliated representative, SPA 5	1	EXC|SBP	Kevin Stalter	*Unaffiliated representative*	July 1, 2023	June 30, 2025	
24	Unaffiliated representative, SPA 6	1	OPS	Jayda Arrington	*Unaffiliated representative*	July 1, 2024	June 30, 2026	
25	Unaffiliated representative, SPA 7	1	OPS	Vilma Mendoza	*Unaffiliated representative*	July 1, 2023	June 30, 2025	
26	Unaffiliated representative, SPA 8	1	EXC|PP&A	Kevin Donnelly	*Unaffiliated representative*	July 1, 2024	June 30, 2026	Carlos Vega-Matos (PP&A)
27	Unaffiliated representative, Supervisorial District 1	1	PP	Leonardo Martinez-Real	*Unaffiliated representative*	July 1, 2023	June 30, 2025	
28	Unaffiliated representative, Supervisorial District 2			***Vacant***	*Unaffiliated representative*	July 1, 2024	June 30, 2026	Aaron Raines (OPS)
29	Unaffiliated representative, Supervisorial District 3	1	SBP	Arlene Frames ***(LOA)***	*Unaffiliated representative*	July 1, 2023	June 30, 2025	Sabel Samone-Loreca (SBP)
30	Unaffiliated representative, Supervisorial District 4			***Vacant***		July 1, 2024	June 30, 2026	
31	Unaffiliated representative, Supervisorial District 5	1	PP&A	Felipe Gonzalez	*Unaffiliated representative*	July 1, 2023	June 30, 2025	
32	Unaffiliated representative, at-large #1	1	PP&A	Lilieth Conolly ***(LOA)***	*Unaffiliated representative*	July 1, 2024	June 30, 2026	Reverend Gerald Green (PP&A)
33	Unaffiliated representative, at-large #2	1	PPC	Terrance Jones	*Unaffiliated representative*	July 1, 2023	June 30, 2025	
34	Unaffiliated representative, at-large #3	1	EXC|PP&A	Daryl Russell, M.Ed	*Unaffiliated representative*	July 1, 2024	June 30, 2026	
35	Unaffiliated representative, at-large #4	1	EXC	Joseph Green	*Unaffiliated representative*	July 1, 2023	June 30, 2025	
36	Representative, Board Office 1	1	PP&A	Al Ballesteros, MBA	JWCH Institute, Inc.	July 1, 2024	June 30, 2026	
37	Representative, Board Office 2	1	EXC	Danielle Campbell, PhDC, MPH	T.H.E Clinic, Inc. (THE)	July 1, 2023	June 30, 2025	
38	Representative, Board Office 3	1	EXC|PP	Katja Nelson, MPP	APLA	July 1, 2024	June 30, 2026	
39	Representative, Board Office 4	1	OPS	Justin Valero, MA ***(LOA)***	No affiliation	July 1, 2023	June 30, 2025	
40	Representative, Board Office 5	1		Jonathan Weedman	ViaCare Community Health	July 1, 2024	June 30, 2026	
41	Representative, HOPWA			***Vacant***		July 1, 2023	June 30, 2025	
42	Behavioral/social scientist	1	EXC|PP	Lee Kochems, MA ***(LOA)***	*Unaffiliated representative*	July 1, 2024	June 30, 2026	
43	Local health/hospital planning agency representative			***Vacant***		July 1, 2023	June 30, 2025	
44	HIV stakeholder representative #1	1	EXC|OPS	Alasdair Burton	No affiliation	July 1, 2024	June 30, 2026	
45	HIV stakeholder representative #2	1	PP	Paul Nash, CPsychol AFBPsS FHEA	University of Southern California	July 1, 2023	June 30, 2025	
46	HIV stakeholder representative #3	1	OPS	Erica Robinson	Health Matters Clinic	July 1, 2024	June 30, 2026	
47	HIV stakeholder representative #4	1	PP	Arburtha Franklin	Translatin@ Coalition	July 1, 2023	June 30, 2025	
48	HIV stakeholder representative #5	1	PP	Mary Cummings	Bartz-Altadonna Community Health Center	July 1, 2024	June 30, 2026	
49	HIV stakeholder representative #6	1	EXC|OPS	Dechelle Richardson	No affiliation	July 1, 2023	June 30, 2025	
50	HIV stakeholder representative #7	1	PP&A	William D. King, MD, JD, AAHIVS	W. King Health Care Group	July 1, 2024	June 30, 2026	
51	HIV stakeholder representative #8	1	EXC|OPS	Miguel Alvarez	No affiliation	July 1, 2024	June 30, 2026	
	TOTAL:	**41**						

LEGEND: EXC=EXECUTIVE COMM | OPS=OPERATIONS COMM | PP&A=PLANNING, PRIORITIES & ALLOCATIONS COMM | PPC=PUBLIC POLICY COMM | SBP=STANDARDS & BEST PRACTICES COMM

LOA: Leave of Absence

Overall total: 49

LOS ANGELES COUNTY
COMMISSION ON HIV

COMMISSION MEMBER "CONFLICTS-OF-INTEREST"

Updated 7/7/25

In accordance with the Ryan White Program (RWP), conflict of interest is defined as any financial interest in, board membership, current or past employment, or contractual agreement with an organization, partnership, or any other entity, whether public or private, that receives funds from the Ryan White Part A program. These provisions also extend to direct ascendants and descendants, siblings, spouses, and domestic partners of Commission members and non-Commission Committee-only members. Based on the RWP legislation, HRSA guidance, and Commission policy, it is mandatory for Commission members to state all conflicts of interest regarding their RWP Part A/B and/or CDC HIV prevention-funded service contracts prior to discussions involving priority-setting, allocation, and other fiscal matters related to the local HIV continuum. Furthermore, Commission members must recuse themselves from voting on any specific RWP Part A service category(ies) for which their organization hold contracts. ***An asterisk next to member's name denotes affiliation with a County subcontracted agency listed on the addendum.***

COMMISSION MEMBERS		ORGANIZATION	SERVICE CATEGORIES
ALE-FERLITO	**Dahlia**	City of Los Angeles AIDS Coordinator	No Ryan White or prevention contracts
ALVAREZ	**Miguel**	No Affiliation	No Ryan White or prevention contracts
ARRINGTON	**Jayda**	Unaffiliated representative	No Ryan White or prevention contracts
BALLESTEROS	**Al**	JWCH, INC.	HIV Testing Storefront
			HIV Testing & Syphilis Screening, Diagnosis, & Linked Referral…(CSV)
			STD Screening, Diagnosis, and Treatment
			High Impact HIV Prevention
			Mental Health
			Oral Healthcare Services
			Ambulatory Outpatient Medical (AOM)
			Benefits Specialty
			Biomedical HIV Prevention
			Medical Care Coordination (MCC)
			Transportation Services
			Data to Care Services
BURTON	**Alasdair**	No Affiliation	No Ryan White or prevention contracts
CAMPBELL	**Danielle**	T.H.E. Clinic, Inc.	Ambulatory Outpatient Medical (AOM)
			Medical Care Coordination (MCC)
			Biomedical HIV Prevention
			Transportation Services
CIELO	**Mikhaela**	Los Angeles General Hospital	Biomedical HIV Prevention
CONOLLY	**Lilieth**	No Affiliation	No Ryan White or prevention contracts
CUEVAS	**Sandra**	Pacific AIDS Education and Training - Los Angeles	No Ryan White or prevention contracts
CUMMINGS	**Mary**	Bartz-Altadonna Community Health Center	No Ryan White or prevention contracts

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DAVIES	**Erika**	City of Pasadena	HIV Testing Storefront
			HIV Testing & Sexual Networks
DAVIS (PPC Member)	**OM**	Aviva Pharmacy	No Ryan White or prevention contracts
DOLAN (SBP Member)	**Caitlyn**	Men's Health Foundation	Biomedical HIV Prevention
			Ambulatory Outpatient Medical (AOM)
			Medical Care Coordination (MCC)
			Promoting Healthcare Engagement Among Vulnerable Populations
			Sexual Health Express Clinics (SHEx-C)
			Transportation Services
			Data to Care Services
DONNELLY	**Kevin**	Unaffiliated representative	No Ryan White or prevention contracts
FERGUSON	**Kerry**	No Affiliation	No Ryan White or prevention contracts
FINLEY	**Jet**	Unaffiliated representative	No Ryan White or prevention contracts
FRAMES	**Arlene**	Unaffiliated representative	No Ryan White or prevention contracts
FRANKLIN*	**Arburtha**	Translatin@ Coalition	Vulnerable Populations (Trans)
GERSH (SBP Member)	**Lauren**	APLA Health & Wellness	High Impact HIV Prevention
			Benefits Specialty
			Nutrition Support
			Sexual Health Express Clinics (SHEx-C)
			Data to Care Services
			Biomedical HIV Prevention
			Oral Healthcare Services
			Ambulatory Outpatient Medical (AOM)
			Medical Care Coordination (MCC)
			HIV and STD Prevention Services in Long Beach
			Transportation Services
			Residential Care Facility - Chronically Ill
			Intensive Case Management
GONZALEZ	**Felipe**	Unaffiliated representative	No Ryan White or Prevention Contracts
GREEN	**Gerald**	Minority AIDS Project	Benefits Specialty
GREEN	**Joseph**	Unaffiliated representative	No Ryan White or prevention contracts

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GUTIERREZ	**Joaquin**	Connect To Protect LA/CHLA	Ambulatory Outpatient Medical (AOM)
			HIV Testing Storefront
			STD Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment
			Biomedical HIV Prevention
			Medical Care Coordination (MCC)
			Promoting Healthcare Engagement Among Vulnerable Populations
			Transportation Services
HARDY	**David**	University of Southern California	Biomedical HIV Prevention
			Oral Healthcare Services
HERRERA	**Ismael "Ish"**	Unaffiliated representative	No Ryan White or prevention contracts
JONES	**Terrance**	Unaffiliated representative	No Ryan White or prevention contracts
KOCHEMS	**Lee**	Unaffiliated representative	No Ryan White or prevention contracts
KING	**William**	W. King Health Care Group	No Ryan White or prevention contracts
LESTER (PP&A Member)	**Rob**	Men's Health Foundation	Biomedical HIV Prevention
			Ambulatory Outpatient Medical (AOM)
			Medical Care Coordination (MCC)
			Promoting Healthcare Engagement Among Vulnerable Populations
			Sexual Health Express Clinics (SHEx-C)
			Transportation Services
			Data to Care Services
MARTINEZ (PP&A Member)	**Miguel**	Children's Hospital Los Angeles	Ambulatory Outpatient Medical (AOM)
			HIV Testing Storefront
			STD Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment
			Biomedical HIV Prevention
			Medical Care Coordination (MCC)
			Transportation Services
			Promoting Healthcare Engagement Among Vulnerable Populations
MARTINEZ-REAL	**Leonardo**	Unaffiliated representative	No Ryan White or prevention contracts
MAULTSBY	**Leon**	Charles R. Drew University	Biomedical HIV Prevention
			HIV Testing Storefront
			HIV Testing Social & Sexual Networks
MENDOZA	**Vilma**	Unaffiliated representative	No Ryan White or prevention contracts
MINTLINE (SBP Member)	**Mark**	Western University of Health Sciences	No Ryan White or prevention contracts

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NASH	**Paul**	University of Southern California	Biomedical HIV Prevention
			Oral Healthcare Services
NELSON	**Katja**	APLA Health & Wellness	High Impact HIV Prevention
			Benefits Specialty
			Nutrition Support
			Sexual Health Express Clinics (SHEx-C)
			Data to Care Services
			Biomedical HIV Prevention
			Oral Healthcare Services
			Ambulatory Outpatient Medical (AOM)
			Medical Care Coordination (MCC)
			HIV and STD Prevention Services in Long Beach
			Transportation Services
			Residential Care Facility - Chronically Ill
			Case Management
PATEL	**Byron**	Los Angeles LGBT Center	Ambulatory Outpatient Medical (AOM)
			HIV Testing Storefront
			HIV Testing Social & Sexual Networks
			STD Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment
			High Impact HIV Prevention
			Biomedical HIV Prevention
			Medical Care Coordination (MCC)
			Promoting Healthcare Engagement Among Vulnerable Populations
			Transportation Services
PERÉZ	**Mario**	Los Angeles County, Department of Public Health, Division of HIV and STD Programs	Ryan White/CDC Grantee
RAINES	**Aaron**	No Affiliation	No Ryan White or prevention contracts
RICHARDSON	**Dechelle**	No Affiliation	No Ryan White or prevention contracts
ROBINSON	**Erica**	Health Matters Clinic	No Ryan White or prevention contracts
RUSSEL	**Daryl**	Unaffiliated representative	No Ryan White or prevention contracts

COMMISSION MEMBERS		ORGANIZATION	SERVICE CATEGORIES
SALAMANCA	**Ismael**	City of Long Beach	Ambulatory Outpatient Medical (AOM)
			Benefits Specialty
			Biomedical HIV Prevention
			Medical Care Coordination (MCC)
			HIV and STD Prevention Services in Long Beach
			Transportation Services
			HIV Testing & Sexual Networks
SAMONE-LORECA	**Sabel**	Minority AIDS Project	Benefits Specialty
SATTAH	**Martin**	Rand Schrader Clinic LA County Department of Health Services	No Ryan White or prevention contracts
SAN AGUSTIN	**Harold**	JWCH, INC.	HIV Testing Storefront
			HIV Testing & Syphilis Screening, Diagnosis, & inked Referral…(CSV)
			STD Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment
			High Impact HIV Prevention
			Mental Health
			Oral Healthcare Services
			Ambulatory Outpatient Medical (AOM)
			Benefits Specialty
			Biomedical HIV Prevention
			Medical Care Coordination (MCC)
			Transportation Services
			Data to Care Services
SAUNDERS	**Dee**	City of West Hollywood	No Ryan White or prevention contracts
SPENCER	**LaShonda**	Oasis Clinic (Charles R. Drew University/Drew CARES)	Biomedical HIV Prevention
			HIV Testing Storefront
			HIV Testing Social & Sexual Networks
STALTER	**Kevin**	Unaffiliated representative	No Ryan White or prevention contracts
TALLEY	**Lambert**	Grace Center for Health & Healing	No Ryan White or prevention contracts
VALERO	**Justin**	No Affiliation	No Ryan White or prevention contracts

COMMISSION MEMBERS		ORGANIZATION	SERVICE CATEGORIES
VEGA-MATOS	**Carlos**	Men's Health Foundation	Biomedical HIV Prevention
			Ambulatory Outpatient Medical (AOM)
			Medical Care Coordination (MCC)
			Promoting Healthcare Engagement Among Vulnerable Populations
			Sexual Health Express Clinics (SHEx-C)
			Transportation Services
			Data to Care Services
WEEDMAN	**Jonathan**	ViaCare Community Health	Biomedical HIV Prevention
YBARRA	**Russell**	Capitol Drugs	No Ryan White or prevention contracts

Division of HIV and STDs Contracted Community Services

The following list and addendum present the conflicts of interest for Commission members who represent agencies with Part A/B and/or CDC HIV Prevention-funded service contracts and/or subcontracts with the County of Los Angeles. For a list of County-contracted agencies and subcontractors, please defer to Conflict of Interest & Affiliation Disclosure Form.

Service Category	Organization/Subcontractor
Mental Health	
Medical Specialty	
Oral Health	
AOM	
Case Management Home-Based	Libertana Home Health
	Caring Choice
	The Wright Home Care
	Cambrian
	Care Connection
	Envoy
Nutrition Support (Food Bank/Pantry Service)	AIDS Food Store
	Foothill AIDS Project
	JWCH
	Project Angel
Oral Health	Dostal Laboratories
STD Testing and STD Screening, Diagnosis & Treatment Services (STD-SDTS)	
STD-Ex.C	
Biomedical HIV Prevention Services	
Case Management Home-Based	Envoy
	Caring Choice
	Health Talent Strategies
	Hope International
Mental Health	
Vulnerable Populations (YMSM)	TWLMP
Nutrition Support (Food Bank/Pantry Service)	
Vulnerable Populations (Trans)	CHLA
	SJW
HTS - Storefront	LabLinc Mobile Testing Unit Contract
Vulnerable Populations (YMSM)	

Service Category	Organization/Subcontractor
AOM	
Vulnerable Populations (YMSM)	APAIT
	AMAAD
HTS - Storefront	Center for Health Justice
	Sunrise Community Counceling Center
STD Prevention	
HERR	

AOM	
STD Infertility Prevention and District 2	
Linkage to Care Service forr Persons Living with HIV	EHE Mini Grants (MHF; Kavich- Reynolds; SJW; CDU; Kedren Comm Health Ctr; RLA; SCC
	EHE Priority Populations (BEN; ELW; LGBT; SJW; SMM; WLM; UCLA LAFANN
	Spanish Telehealth Mental Health Services
	Translation/Transcription Services
	Public Health Detailing
	HIV Workforce Development
Vulnerable Populations (YMSM)	Resilient Solutions Agency
Mental Health	Bienestar
Oral Health	USC School of Dentistry
Biomedical HIV Prevention Services	

Service Category	Organization/Subcontractor
Community Engagement and Related Services	AMAAD
	Program Evaluation Services
	Community Partner Agencies
Housing Assistance Services	Heluna Health
AOM	Barton & Associates
Vulnerable Populations (YMSM)	Bienestar
	CHLA
	The Walls Las Memorias
	Black AIDS Institute
Vulnerable Populations (Trans)	Special Services for Groups
	Translatin@ Coalition
	CHLA
AOM	AMMD (Medical Services)
Biomedical HIV Prevention Services	
Vulnerable Poplulations (YMSM)	
Sexual Health Express Clinics (SHEx-C)	AMMD - Contracted Medical Services
Case Management Home-Based	Caring Choice
	Envoy
AOM	
Mental Health	
STD Testing and STD Screening, Diagnosis & Treatment Services (STD-SDTS)	

Service Category	Organization/Subcontractor
Residential Facility For the Chronically Ill (RCFCI)	
Transitional Residential Care Facility (TRCF)	
HTS - Social and Sexual Networks	Black AIDS Institute
AOM	
Case Management Home-Based	Envoy
	Cambrian
	Caring Choice
Oral Health	Dental Laboratory
AOM	
HTS - Storefront	
HTS - Social and Sexual Networks	
AOM	New Health Consultant
Case Management Home-Based	Always Right Home
	Envoy
Mental Health	
Oral Health-Endo	
Oral Health-Gen.	
Oral Health-Endo	Patient Lab - Burbank Dental Lab, DenTech
	Biopsies - Pacific Oral Pathology
Oral Health-Gen.	Patient Lab Services
AOM	UCLA
Benefit Specialty	UCLA
Medical Care Coordination	UCLA
Oral Health	

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COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

Updated: July 7, 2025
Assignment(s) Subject to Change

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE		
Regular meeting day: 4th Thursday of the Month **Regular meeting time: 1:00-3:00 PM** **Number of Voting Members= 13 | Number of Quorum= 7**		
COMMITTEE MEMBER	**MEMBER CATEGORY**	**AFFILIATION**
Danielle Campbell, PhDc, MPH	**Co-Chair, Comm./Exec.***	**Commissioner**
Joseph Green	**Co-Chair, Comm./Exec.***	**Commissioner**
Miguel Alvarez	At-Large	Commissioner
Alasdair Burton	At-Large	Commissioner
Erika Davies	Co-Chair, SBP	Commissioner
Kevin Donnelly	Co-Chair, PP&A	Commissioner
Arlene Frames *(LOA)*	Co-Chair, SBP	Commissioner
Arburtha Franklin	Co-Chair, Public Policy	Commissioner
Katja Nelson, MPP	Co-Chair, Public Policy	Commissioner
Dèchelle Richardson	At-Large	Commissioner
Erica Robinson	Co-Chair, Operations	Commissioner
Darryl Russell	Co-Chair, PP&A	Commissioner
Mario Pérez, MPH	DHSP Director	Commissioner

OPERATIONS COMMITTEE		
Regular meeting day: 4th Thursday of the Month **Regular meeting time: 10:00 AM-12:00 PM** **Number of Voting Members= 10 | Number of Quorum= 6**		
COMMITTEE MEMBER	**MEMBER CATEGORY**	**AFFILIATION**
Erica Robinson	**Committee Co-Chair***	**Commissioner**
VACANT	**Committee Co-Chair***	**Commissioner**
Jayda Arrington	*	Commissioner
Miguel Alvarez	At-Large	Commissioner
Alasdair Burton	At-Large	Commissioner
Joaquin Gutierrez *(alternate to Ish Herrera)*	*	Alternate
Ismael Herrera *(LOA)*	*	Commissioner
Leon Maultsby, DBH, MHA	*	Commissioner
Vilma Mendoza	*	Commissioner
Aaron Raines	*	Alternate
Dèchelle Richardson	At-Large	Commissioner
Justin Valero *(LOA)*	*	Commissioner

PLANNING, PRIORITIES & ALLOCATIONS (PP&A) COMMITTEE		
Regular meeting day: 3rd Tuesday of the Month **Regular meeting time: 1:00-3:00 PM** **Number of Voting Members= 14| Number of Quorum= 8**		
COMMITTEE MEMBER	**MEMBER CATEGORY**	**AFFILIATION**
Kevin Donnelly	**Committee Co-Chair***	Commissioner
Daryl Russell, M.Ed	**Committee Co-Chair***	Commissioner
Al Ballesteros, MBA	*	Commissioner
Lilieth Conolly *(LOA)*	*	Commissioner
Felipe Gonzalez	*	Commissioner
Reverend Gerald Green *(alternate to Lilieth Conolly)*	*	Alternate
William D. King, MD, JD, AAHIVS	*	Commissioner
Rob Lester	*	Committee Member
Miguel Martinez, MPH	*	Committee Member
Harold Glenn San Agustin, MD	*	Commissioner
Ismael Salamanca	*	Commissioner
Dee Saunders	*	Commissioner
LaShonda Spencer, MD	*	Commissioner
Lambert Talley	*	Commissioner
Carlos Vega-Matos *(alternate to Kevin Donnelly)*	*	Alternate
Michael Green, PhD	DHSP staff	DHSP

PUBLIC POLICY (PP) COMMITTEE		
Regular meeting day: 1st Monday of the Month **Regular meeting time: 1:00-3:00 PM** **Number of Voting Members= 8 | Number of Quorum= 5**		
COMMITTEE MEMBER	**MEMBER CATEGORY**	**AFFILIATION**
Arburtha Franklin	**Committee Co-Chair***	Commissioner
Katja Nelson, MPP	**Committee Co-Chair***	Commissioner
Mary Cummings	*	Commissioner
Jet Finley *(alternate to Terrance Jones)*	*	Alternate
OM Davis	*	Committee Member
Terrance Jones	*	Commissioner
Lee Kochems *(LOA)*	*	Commissioner
Leonardo Martinez-Real	*	Commissioner
Paul Nash, CPsychol AFBPsS FHEA	*	Commissioner

STANDARDS AND BEST PRACTICES (SBP) COMMITTEE		
Regular meeting day: 1st Tuesday of the Month Regular meeting time: 10:00AM-12:00 PM Number of Voting Members = 13 | Number of Quorum = 8		
COMMITTEE MEMBER	**MEMBER CATEGORY**	**AFFILIATION**
Arlene Frames *(LOA)*	**Committee Co-Chair***	**Commissioner**
Erika Davies	**Committee Co-Chair***	**Commissioner**
Dahlia Alè-Ferlito	*	Commissioner
Mikhaela Cielo, MD	*	Commissioner
Sandra Cuevas	*	Commissioner
Caitlyn Dolan	*	Committee Member
Kerry Ferguson	*	Alternate
Lauren Gersh	*	Committee Member
Sabel Samone-Loreca *(alternate to Arlene Frames)*	*	Alternate
Mark Mintline, DDS	*	Committee Member
Byron Patel, RN, ACRN	*	Commissioner
Martin Sattah, MD	*	Commissioner
Kevin Stalter	*	Commissioner
Russell Ybarra	*	Commissioner

AGING CAUCUS
Regular meeting day/time: 2nd Tuesday Every Other Month @ 1pm-3pm **Co-Chairs: Kevin Donnelly & Paul Nash** ***Open membership****

CONSUMER CAUCUS
Regular meeting day/time: 2nd Thursday of Each Month; Immediately Following Commission Meeting **Co-Chairs: Damone Thomas, Lilieth Conolly & Ismael (Ish) Herrera** ***Open membership to consumers of HIV prevention and care services****

BLACK CAUCUS
Regular meeting day/time: 3rd Thursday of Each Month @ 4PM-5PM (Virtual) **Co-Chairs: Leon Maultsby & Dechelle Richardson** ***Open membership****

TRANSGENDER CAUCUS
Regular meeting day/time: 3rd Thursday Quarterly @ 10AM-11:30 AM **Co-Chairs: Rita Garcia, Chi Chi Navarro & Diamond Paulk** ***Open membership****

WOMEN'S CAUCUS

Regular meeting day/time: Virtual - 3rd Monday Bi-monthly @ 2-3:00pm
The Women's Caucus Reserves the Option of Meeting In-Person Annually
Co-Chairs: Shary Alonzo & Dr. Mikhaela Cielo
Open membership

HOUSING TASKFORCE

Regular meeting day/time: Virtual – 4th Friday of Each Month @ 9AM – 10AM
Co-Chairs: Katja Nelson & Dr. David Hardy
Open membership

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COMMISSION ON HIV (COH)
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1616 Capitol Ave, Suite 74-61, Sacramento, CA 95814

Bartz-Altadonna Community Health Center
43322 Gingham Ave, Lancaster, CA 93535

COMMISSION MEMBERS P=Present | VP=Virtually Present | A=Unexcused Absence | EA=Excused Absence									
Dahlia Alè-Ferlito	P	Miguel Alvarez	P	Jayda Arrington	P	Al Ballesteros, MBA	P	Alasdair Burton	P
Dr. Danielle Campbell, PhDc, MPH	P	Dr. Mikhaela Cielo, MD	P	Lilieth Conolly	EA (LOA)	Sandra Cuevas	P	Mary Cummings	P
Erika Davies	EA	Kevin Donnelly	P	Kerry Ferguson	EA	Jet Finley	A	Arlene Frames	EA (LOA)
Arburtha Franklin	P	Rita Garcia	P	Felipe Gonzalez	P	Bridget Gordon	EA	Reverend Gerald Green	P
Joe Green	P	Joaquin Gutierrez	P	Karl Halfman, MS	P	Dr. David Hardy, MD	P	Ish Herrera	EA
Terrance Jones	P	Dr. William King, JD	AB2449	Lee Kochems	EA (LOA)	Leonardo Martinez-Real	P	Dr. Leon Maultsby, DBH	EA
Vilma Mendoza	P	Andre Molette	P	Dr. Paul Nash	P	Katja Nelson	P	Byron Patel	P

Mario Perez, MPH	P	Aaron Raines	A	Dechelle Richardson	P	Erica Robinson	EA	Daryl Russell	P
Ismael Salamanca	P	Sabel Samone-Loreca	P	Dr. H. Glenn San Augustin	P	Dr. Martin Sattah	P	Dee Saunders	EA
Dr. LaShonda Spencer	P	Kevin Stalter	A	Lambert Talley	P	Justin Valero	P	Carlos Vega-Matos	P
Jonathan Weedman	EA	Russell Ybarra	P						
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1. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

A. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL/COI & MEETING GUIDELINES/REMINDERS

Dr. Danielle Campbell, Commission on HIV (COH) Co-Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:09 AM, and reviewed meeting guidelines and reminders; see packet. Jim Stewart, Parliamentarian, conducted roll call.

ROLL CALL (PRESENT): D. Ale-Ferlito, M. Alvarez, J. Arrington, A. Ballesteros, A. Burton, M. Cielo, M. Cummings, K. Donnelly, A. Franklin, R. Garcia, G. Green, F. Gonzalez, K. Halfman, T. Jones, W. King (AB2449), V. Mendoza, P. Nash, K. Nelson, B. Patel, M. Perez, D. Russell, I. Salamanca, S. Samone-Loreca, M. Sattah, L. Spencer, L. Talley, J, Valero, C. Vega-Matos, R. Ybarra, Danielle Campbell, and J. Green.

B. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION #1: Approve meeting agenda, as presented or revised. √ Passed by Consensus with the following changes: (1) Division of HIV/STD Programs (DHSP) report moved before item #2 Public Comment and (2) the Housing Task Force (HTF) report moved to the July Commission meeting agenda.

C. COUNTY LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

D. Campbell read the County's Land Acknowledgement to recognize the land originally and still inhabited and cared for by the Tongva, Tataviam, Kizh, and Chumash Peoples; see meeting packet for full statement.

D. CONSENT CALENDAR

MOTION #2: Approve meeting agenda, as presented or revised. √ Passed by Consensus

E. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

MOTION #3: Approve meeting minutes, as presented or revised. √ Passed by Consensus

2. PUBLIC & COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

A. **Public Comment**

Opportunity for members of the public to address the Commission on items of interest that are within the jurisdiction of the Commission. For those who wish to provide public comment may do so in person, electronically HERE, or by emailing hivcomm@lachiv.org.

- Public comments summarized in section 6B | Division of HIV/STD Report.

B. **Commissioner Comment**

Opportunity for Commission members to address the Commission on items of interest that are within the jurisdiction of the Commission.

- Commissioner comments summarized in section 6B | Division of HIV/STD Report.

3. RYAN WHITE PROGRAM YEAR 35 ALLOCATION CONTINGENCY PLANNING

The Planning, Priorities and Allocations (PP&A) Committee Co-chairs, Darryl Russel and Kevin Donnelly, shared outcomes from the Committee's emergency contingency planning as follows:
After the April 10th Commission on HIV meeting, the Planning, Priorities and Allocations (PP&A) Committee has continued contingency planning efforts around various funding scenarios in the event that Ryan White Part A and Minority AIDS Initiative (MAI) funding for Los Angeles County is reduced.

The Committee met on April 15th and began contingency planning based on a twenty percent reduction of flat funding from Program Year 34 (PY34) funding levels but did not complete the exercise and called an emergency meeting on May 1st to allow time for the committee to complete the exercise and bring recommendations forward to the Commission on HIV for today's meeting.

During the May 1st PP&A emergency meeting, DHSP offered an alternative contingency plan based on discussions with Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) staff stating that, to date, there is no indication that Los Angeles County will not receive the award amount outlined in the August 2024 award letter - $28 million for direct services. The $28 million is based on Part A formula funding and Minority AIDS Initiative (MAI) funding and does not include Part A supplemental funding.

As a reminder, priority setting and resource allocation is a data-driven process and final allocation decisions in the contingency plan(s) reflect the use of data to make informed decisions. DHSP took the following data/information into consideration in determining contingency plan allocation amounts:

- Expenditure Reports – expenditures under each funded service category.
- Utilization Reports – service utilization rates (number of clients accessing a service) and cost per unit of service.
- Service priority rankings
- Consideration of other payor sources for various RWP-funded services
- Preservation of core services

DHSPs recommended allocations represented approximately $31 million for direct services and required the

committee to make additional reductions of $3 million to reach a final allocation total of $28 million. As a reminder, allocations are done by percentage and not dollar amounts. Recommendations were as follows:

1. Allocation of funding to ensure preservation of currently funded services. This will allow for rapid reinvestment into the services should additional funding become available.
2. Use Part B funds to fund Outpatient Ambulatory Medical Services (as recommended by DHSP staff).
3. Use Part B to fund mental health services.
4. Moving Residential Substance Use Services (currently not funding under Ryan White Part A or MAI) to an alternative funding stream within the County system.
5. Allocation of funding to the new Patient Support Services (PSS) within the Non-Medical Case Management Service Category. As a reminder, Patient Support Services was developed and created based on input from both providers and the community to meet the needs of people living with HIV who may need extra and/or tailored support to remain engaged in care and achieve viral suppression.
6. Allocating Part A funds to Housing Services – RCFCI and TRCF. Housing is currently funded by MAI funds in the approved PY35 allocations (full funding scenario). MAI funding will continue to support Transitional and Permanent Housing.
7. Moving Medical Transportation Services from Part A funding to MAI funding.

The committee made the following reductions to ensure allocations based at $28 million from $31 million:

1. Reduction of legal services from 4.58% to 2%. The committee recognized that there are other legal aid services that consumers can access.
2. A reduction of 1% to the following service categories:
    a. Patient Support Services
    b. Home and Community Based Health Services
    c. Medical Care Coordination Services
    d. Oral Health Services
    e. Emergency Financial Assistance
    f. Food Bank/Home Delivered Meals (Nutrition Support)
    g. Housing Services (RCFCI)
    h. Benefits Specialty Services
3. An additional reduction of 0.55% to Medical Care Coordination and Oral Health Services (on top of the 1% reduction)

- The full body reviewed the various allocation scenarios set forth by the PP&A Committee and voted in favor of motion #4: RWP Year 35 Allocation Contingency Planning. Please refer to the meeting

materials to review the various scenarios. The summary of votes is listed in the Motion and Summary graph below.

- PP&A will host its regularly scheduled meeting on May 20th from 1 pm – 3 pm, to bolster conversation around ways to move forward with the prevention portfolio.

4. COMPREHENSIVE EFFECTIVENESS REVIEW & RESTRUCTURING PROJECT

Executive Director Cheryl Barrit relayed that the restructuring is an effort to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the Commission. The restructuring process is based on feedback from the community and additional assessments conducted. C. Barrit went over the timeline included in the meeting packet and relayed that the Operations Committee will review and prepare the documents for the transitional membership application. All commissioners must reapply, and the Commission will accept applications from members of the public who are interested in joining the Commission. The aim is to streamline the membership application with targeted questions. The overarching goal is to present the new structure to the community at the November Annual Conference and to host the first meeting of the newly structured Commission on March 12, 2026. C. Barrit noted that due to the cancellation of the June Commission meeting, the Executive Committee will continue the conversation at their June meeting, and all are invited to join and participate.

- A comment was noted that Commission staff should not be involved in the Bylaws process. C. Barrit indicated that staff can work with our consultants to complete the administrative work.

Jeff Daniel, Collaborative Research (CR) consultant, directed all to the restructuring work group outcomes report in the meeting packet and offered to answer questions. No questions were asked.

5. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AT-LARGE OPEN NOMINATION & ELECTIONS

Four individuals were nominated for the At-Large position: Miguel Alvarez, Alasdair Burton, Lambert Talley, and Dechelle Richardson; there were no additional nominations. Each candidate was allowed to state why they should be elected to fill the seat.

The body elected M. Alvarez, A. Burton, and D. Richardson to serve as At-Large members. The voting results are listed in the Motion and Summary table.

6. MANAGEMENT/ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS – I

A. Executive Director/ Staff Report

In honor of National Public Service Week, C. Barrit acknowledged and thanked local, state, and federal workers, those who work in the non-profit arena, DHSP staff, and Commission staff. C. Barrit issued a reminder that the Executive Committee canceled Commission meetings for June, August, and September. The Executive Committee will continue to meet and approve motions and handle issues that might need attention. C. Barrit encouraged all to review the Board of Supervisors (BOS) agendas and provide public comment as members of the public (i.e., not representing or speaking on behalf of the COH) concerning the budget and other items of interest impacting HIV funding.

B. Division of HIV/STD Programs (DHSP) (RWP Grantee/Part A Representative) Report

Mario Perez, Director, DHSP, reported the following:

- Dr. Jonathan Mermin, Director of the National Center for HIV, Viral Hepatitis, STD, and TB Prevention (NCHHSTP) at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), was relieved of his duties due to CDC restructuring with emphasis on surveillance versus programs.
- There are acute financial issues with the HIV/STD prevention and testing portfolio, and care and treatment efforts supported by the Ryan White Program (RWP).
- The Adolescent Trials Network, which served youth and those who identify as LGBTQIA, was eliminated due to rollbacks on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI).
- DHSP has held a Cooperative Agreement with the CDC to support prevention efforts since 1993. The grant has been in place for 32 years and was received by DHSP last year. Due to staffing shortages at the CDC, DHSP is awaiting notification for this term.
    - DHSP used to receive separate HIV prevention, surveillance, and Ending the Epidemic (EHE) awards. Last year, the CDC combined these into one grant and adjusted the funding level. LAC received approximately $21 million, but now receives $1.8 million less due to the decrease in LAC's HIV prevalence rate from 3.9% to 3.3%.
    - The CDC also changed the term to end May 31st (i.e., a 10-month term). DHSP is expecting a 12-month grant beginning June 1, 2025, and ending May 31, 2026.
    - DHSP has been able to reduce new HIV infections in LAC to approximately 1400 per year by creating holistic programs through wellness centers serving at-risk populations. Some of the programs have been supplemented by EHE funding, which is under the threat of being eliminated.
- A leaked budget from the White House proposed the elimination of the Division of HIV Prevention at the CDC, and the proposed budget for the next fiscal year does not mention HIV prevention or HIV surveillance as areas of investment. Additional public health cuts were made retroactively (i.e., clawbacks) for which the Federal government is requesting that the grant money be paid back.
    - The proposed budget includes funding for viral hepatitis and opioid-related infectious disease prevention as part of a block grant, the creation of a new HIV bureau, and the Administration for a Healthy America (AHA) within the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). HHS might incorporate the HRSA's HIV bureau.
- The RW dental program was cut, and the Pacific AIDS Education and Training Center (PAETC) is slated for elimination.
- DHSP is expecting to receive details on May 19th regarding whether HIV care and treatment will include prevention and surveillance or be tethered to the block grant.
- Viral hepatitis and opioid-related STDs traditionally received $1.3 billion in funding; however, the Trump Administration's new budget reflects funding at $300 million. As a result of the $1 billion cut, lack of specificity regarding the block grant, and DHSP's current contract commitments, DHSP's current HIV prevention portfolio is a mix of 6-month and 12-month contracts that will end on the same day. This will enable DHSP to start the new RFP for HIV/STD prevention and testing on July 1, 2025.

- December 2024 marked approximately $1.6 million in contracts that were discontinued due to the available resources not being aligned with the proposed contract levels and the contractors' levels of performance.
- DHSP is waiting to hear if they will have resources for their proposed $30 million RFP initiated in December 2024. The RFP sets aside $20 million for HIV and $10 million for STDs.
- On April 21st, DHSP hosted a meeting with contract providers to give an update on DHSP's financial situation. The meeting focused on RWP spending and the available resources not being at the same level as contract commitments, resulting in the contract implementation being placed on hold. DHSP has only received a proposed budget recommending the elimination of EHE, along with statements that the Trump Administration wants to regroup on the LGBTQ health agenda.
- DHSP has collaborated with various community stakeholders to secure revenue streams, such as appealing to Governor Gavin Newsom to pay back some of the money borrowed from the AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP) rebate fund. The request is for $70 million of ADAP rebate funds, of which $30 million would be split between Los Angeles and San Francisco, and $30 million would be split between the other 21 counties. If paid back, this money would help to finance HIV prevention in California.
- On May 5th, DHSP notified 20 staff members that they would be laid off effective May 20th.

Director Perez ended the updates by appealing to join forces and not pitting ourselves against one another during this difficult time.

Public comments were received from Felipe Findley, Adam Yakira (Inner City Law), Savoy Toney (Project New Hope), and Robert Gamboa (LA LGBT Center). Commissioner comments were received from: Arburtha Franklin, Daryl Russel, Alasdair Burton, Ismael Salamanca, Mary Cummings, Katja Nelson, Sabel Samone-Loreca, Carlos Vega-Matos, Justin Valero, and Al Ballesteros. The comments generally centered around concerns for the proposed budget, cuts to services, and the immediate termination of contracts.

The following is a summary of Director Perez's responses to the public and commissioners' comments and questions:

- DHSP has not received a notice of grant extension to 2026, like the one received by the state of Utah. DHSP's award covers one month and half the costs. DHSP is eager to receive news from HRSA regarding RW funding.
- DHSP does not anticipate recreating an RFP. There are proposed programs that meet local prevention needs that DHSP hopes to execute in the current RFP, incorporating the ADAP rebate funds.
- The impact of reducing half of the HIV prevention portfolio suggests that there will be an additional 75,000 new HIV infections in the United States over the next 5 years, on top of the standard 32,100 new infections experienced. It is also estimated that there will be 50 additional deaths, totaling 100 HIV preventable deaths per year. In LAC, the numbers will grow from 1,400 to 2,050 new infections, which has not been seen in LAC in a decade.

- M. Perez and staff are working with local clinics to ensure that there is 340B revenue to help support programming.

C. California Office of AIDS (OA) Report (Part B Representative)

Karl Halfman directed all to the written report in the meeting packet and relayed that Cal Rx brand Naloxone is available by mail at a discounted price. The next California Planning Group (CPG) meeting will be held at the end of May in San Diego. There were no updates regarding prevention funding for the 22 counties the OA serves, as they have not received information from the CDC.

D. Housing Opportunities for People Living with AIDS (HOPWA) Report

Matthew Muhonen reported the following: (1) HOPWA has not received funding updates; however, they anticipate receiving grant award letters by the end of May, (2) HOPWA is expecting to receive the same level of funding from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), and (3) HOPWA is preparing for the 2026 contract year with the expectation of receiving the same grant award as the last pay cycle, unless contradictory information is received.

E. Ryan White Program (RWP) Parts C, D, and F Report

Part F: Sandra Cuevas announced that PAETC will host an event at the California Endowment on June 2nd. They are expecting approximately 250 nurses and mental health providers to participate. S. Cuevas will share the information with Commission staff.

F. Cities, Health Districts, Service Planning Area (SPA) Reports

City of Long Beach:

Ismael Salamanca reported that Long Beach will host Teen PRIDE on May 16th. The event is free for teenagers 13 - 18 years old. The event's focus is harm reduction and STI education. The HIV Planning Group meets quarterly, and the PrEP, Transgender Wellness, and Syringe Service Programs groups meet monthly.

City of Los Angeles:

Dahlia Ale-Ferlito reported that the City of L.A. is undergoing its budget process and has released its proposed budget for fiscal year 25-26 on April 21st from the AIDS Coordinator's Office. The city is facing deep cuts to staffing and programs, which could affect the city's capacity to serve the community through its HIV prevention and harm reduction programs. Key impacts of the proposed budget include: (1) a 40% reduction of regular staff positions for the entire department, (2) the elimination of the Department of Disability, (3) elimination of two staff positions in the AIDS Coordinators Office, (4) a 45% budget cut to the HIV prevention and harm reduction programs, (5) the elimination of 8 HIV prevention and harm reduction contracts, (6) a 15% reduction in HIV/AIDS policy accounts, and (7) reduction in available funding and technical assistance in capacity building programs (i.e., the TA mini-grant program).

SPA 4:

Russel Ybarra reported that the SPA 4 quarterly meeting was held in April, and the next meeting will occur in July. Additional information will be provided at the July Commission meeting.

7. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS – I

A. Planning, Priorities & Allocations (PP&A) Committee

Please refer to item #3 | Ryan White Program Year 35 Allocation Contingency Planning.

B. Operations Committee

Motion #6 and motion #7, seat changes for Dechelle Richardson and Jeremy Mitchell, were approved by consent calendar. Co-chair Justin Valero reminded commissioners to complete the mandatory commissioner trainings available on the Commission website.

C. Standards and Best Practices (SBP) Committee

Please refer to the meeting packet.

D. Public Policy Committee (PPC)

Co-Chair Katja Nelson reported:

- A congressional letter in support of HOPWA funding is being drafted. Action items for the body:
  - Call and request that your House Representative sign onto the FY26 HOPWA Letter, "Support Housing for People Living with HIV/AIDS".
  - Find your federal Congressional Representatives: https://www.house.gov/representatives/find-your-representative.
  - Contact information for every LA-based Representative: https://ceo.lacounty.gov/wp-content/uploads/2024/12/Congress.pdf.
- An automated letter to Congress asking to save funding for HIV is being drafted. K. Nelson will send the letter to C. Barrit for distribution.
- On May 14th, two hearings will take place regarding the HHS budget.
- On Tuesday, the EHE Coalition held a day of action in Sacramento and met with 30 offices about different HIV budget requests, most specifically using ADAP funding. The EHE Coalition was successful in writing language into the law stating that if there is an immediate need for HIV funding, the borrowed ADAP money would have to be repaid.
- The LGBTQ Caucus is requesting an emergency $5 million from the state to close the funding gap.
- Dr. Barbara Ferrer, Director, Department of Public Health (DPH), asked the Board of Supervisors (BOS) and the Chief Executive Office (CEO) for a one-time emergency $5 million to go towards HIV prevention.
- The May 5, 2025, PPC meeting was canceled. The meeting cancellation notice can be found HERE.

E. Caucus, Task Force, and Work Group Reports:

Transgender Caucus

Co-Chair Rira Garcia reported that the Caucus is collaborating with the Women's Caucus and Black Caucus. Updates are forthcoming.

Women's Caucus

Co-chair, Dr. Mikhaela Cielo, reported that the Caucus is working on two listening sessions to be held at Charles Drew University and the LA LGBT Center.

Please refer to the meeting packet for additional committee, caucus, and task force reports.

8. MISCELLANEOUS

A. Public Comment. ***(Opportunity for members of the public to address the Commission of items of interest that are within the jurisdiction of the Commission. For those who wish to provide public comment may do so in person, electronically HERE, or by emailing hivcomm@lachiv.org. If providing oral public comments, comments may not exceed 2 minutes per person.)***

No public comment.

B. Commission New Business Items ***(Opportunity for Commission members to recommend new business items for the full body or a committee level discussion on non-agendized matters not posted on the agenda, to be discussed and (if requested) placed on the agenda for action at a future meeting, or matters requiring immediate action because of an emergency, or where the need to act arose after the posting of the agenda.)***

No new committee business.

C. Announcements ***(Opportunity for members of the public to announce community events, workshops, trainings, and other related activities. Announcements will follow the same protocols as Public Comment.)***

- Russell Ybarra announced Capitol Drugs will host a Health Fair on Saturday, May 17th from 12 PM- 2 PM at 8578 Santa Monica Blvd in West Hollywood.
- Dr. M. Cielo informed all about immigration status affecting Medicare, Medi-Cal, and ADAP services and the detrimental impact on the communities served.
- Joaquin Gutierrez announced that Dress for Success will be held on May 31st at AltaMed in South Gate.
- Dr. LaShonda Spencer raised additional concerns regarding the checking of immigration status prior to services being delivered and requested that health care providers be mindful and take action if it becomes necessary.
- Alasdair Burton announced that the Consumer Caucus's Dental Services listening session is today at 12:30 pm.
- Darryl Russell reiterated Dr. Cielo's and Dr. Spencer's concerns regarding benefits services being denied based on immigration status.
- Mario Perez requested feedback from providers regarding the denial of services based on immigration status to determine if this issue is widespread.
- Al Ballesteros announced that JWCH is organizing a rally next Wednesday, May 14th, on Vermont and Santa Monica Blvd to protest proposed Medicaid cuts. There are approximately 25-30 organizations that have signed on to participate.

D. Adjournment and Roll Call: Adjournment for the meeting of May 8, 2025.

The meeting adjourned at 12:00 PM. Jim Stewart conducted roll call.

ROLL CALL (PRESENT): D. Ale-Ferlito, M. Alvarez, J. Arrington, A. Ballesteros, A. Burton, M. Cielo, S. Cuevas, M. Cummings, K. Donnelly, K. Ferguson, A. Franklin, R. Garcia, F. Gonzalez, J. Gutierrez, K. Halfman, I. Herrera, T. Jones, W. King, L. Martinez-Real, L. Maultsby, V. Mendoza, A. Molette, P. Nash, K. Nelson, B. Patel, D. Russell, I. Salamanca, S. Samone-Loreca, M. Sattah, D. Saunders, L. Spencer, L. Talley, J, Valero, C. Vega-Matos, R. Ybarra, and J. Green.

MOTION AND VOTING SUMMARY		
MOTION 1: Approve meeting agenda, as presented or revised.	Passed by Consensus with the following changes: (1) Division of HIV/STD Programs (DHSP) report moved before item #2 Public Comment and (2) the Housing Task Force (HTF) report moved to the July Commission meeting agenda.	**MOTION PASSED**
MOTION 2: Approve the April 10, 2025, Commission on HIV meeting minutes, as presented or revised.	Passed by Consensus.	**MOTION PASSED**
MOTION 3: Approve Consent Calendar, as presented or revised.	Passed by Consensus.	**MOTION PASSED**
MOTION 4: Approve the Ryan White Program Year 35 Allocation Contingency Plan and grant the Division of HIV and STD Programs (DHSP) the authority to adjust allocations by up to ten percent (10%) per service category, as needed — without returning to the full Commission for additional approval.	Summary of votes: Yes: D. Ale-Ferlito, M. Alvarez, J. Arrington, A. Ballesteros, A. Burton, M. Cielo, M. Cummings, K. Donnelly, K. Ferguson, A. Franklin, R. Garcia, J. Green, F. Gonzalez, J. Gutierrez, T. Jones, W. King, L. Martinez-Real, L. Maultsby, V. Mendoza, A. Molette, P. Nash, B. Patel, D. Russell, I. Salamanca, M. Sattah, S. Saunders, L. Spencer, S. Samone-Loreca, L. Talley, J. Valero, C. Vega-Matos, R.	**MOTION PASSED**

	Ybarra. No: None. Abstain: S. Cuevas, K. Halfman,	
MOTION #5: Approve the election of the three (3) At-Large Executive Committee members, as presented or revised.	Roll Call Vote **Round 1:** Miguel Alvarez: D. Ale-Ferlito, M. Alvarez, J. Arrington, A. Ballesteros, M. Cielo, S. Cuevas, K. Donnelly, S. Samone-Loreca, A. Franklin, F. Gonzalez, P. Nash, I. Salamanca, H. San Agustin, M. Sattah, L. Martinez-Real, V. Mendoza, J. Gutierrez, T. Jones, W. King, A. Molette, D. Richardson, D. Russell, L. Spencer, D. Campbell, and J. Green. Alasdair Burton: A. Burton, M. Cummings Dechelle Richardson: B. Patel and K. Nelson. Lambert Talley: No votes. Abstain: K. Halfman **Round 2:** Alasdair Burton: J. Valero, L. Talley, M. Sattah, H. San Agustin, D. Richardson, D. Hardy, M. Cummings, and A. Burton. Lambert Talley: No votes. Dechelle Richardson: L. Spencer, I. Salamanca, D. Russell, B. Patel, K. Nelson, P.	**ELECTED:** **Round 1: Miguel Alvarez** **Round 2: Dechelle Richardson** **Round 3: Alasdair Burton**

	Nash, A. Molette, V. Mendoza, L. Martinez-Real, W. King, T. Jones, F. Gonzalez, A. Franklin, S. Samone-Loreca, K. Donnelly, S. Cuevas, M. Cielo, J. Arrington, M. Alvarez, and D. Ale-Ferlito. Abstain: K. Halfman **Round 3:** Alasdair Burton: D. Ale-Ferlito, M. Alvarez, J. Arrington, A. Ballesteros, A. Burton, M. Cielo, S. Cuevas, S. Cummings, S. Samone-Loreca, D. Richardson, I. Salamanca, H. San Agustin, M. Sattah, L. Spencer, J. Valero, D. Russell, J. Green, A. Franklin, F. Gonzalez, D. Hardy, J. Gutierrez, T. Jones, L. Martinez-Real, V. Mendoza, K. Nelson, P. Nash, and B. Patel. Lambert Talley: K. Donnelly, D. Russell, D. Campbell, W. King, and A. Molette. Abstain: K. Halfman	
MOTION #6: Approve Seat Change for Dechelle Richardson, Provider Representative (Seat #16) to HIV Stakeholder Representative #6 (Seat #49), as presented or revised.	Passed by Consensus.	**MOTION PASSED**
MOTION #7: Approve Seat Change for Jeremy Mitchell (aka Jet Finley) Alternate (Seat #33), to Unaffiliated, Representative, SPA 4 (Seat #22), as presented or revised.	Passed by Consensus.	**MOTION PASSED**

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Ryan White CARE Act Legislation and Los Angeles County

The Ryan White CARE Act (RWCA) is a federal law that provides funding and support for HIV/AIDS care and treatment, particularly for low-income individuals and those are uninsured or underinsured. The RWCA is codified in the Public Health Services (PHS) Act, which specifically states:

> "Section 2602(b)(1) of the PHS Act requires the Chief Elected Official *to establish or designate an HIV health services planning council* that shall reflect in its composition the demographics of the population of individuals with HIV/AIDS in the eligible area involved, with particular consideration given to disproportionately affected and historically underserved groups and subpopulations." Section 2609(d)(1)(A) of the PHS Act states a planning council must detail the process used to obtain community input for formulating the overall plan for priority setting and allocating funds. (See the 2023 Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program Planning Council and Planning Body Requirements and Expectations Letter.)

- As a condition for receiving RWCA funds, the Chief Elected Official (aka, Board of Supervisors for Los Angeles County) for the County must appoint a Planning Council.

- The Commission on HIV serves as the federally and legislatively mandated local HIV planning council for Los Angeles County. In 2013, the Commission on HIV became an integrated HIV prevention and care planning council for Los Angeles County.

- It is a legislative requirement and programmatic expectation that no less than 33 percent of members be people with HIV who receive RWCA services. Involvement of people living with HIV is a vital function of the Commission on HIV.

- HIV Planning Councils are not advisory bodies. They are independent decision-making bodies that report to the Chief Elected Official (CEO) and work in partnership with the RWHAP Part A recipient (DPH), but not under its direction.

- The Chief Elected Official in Los Angeles County is the Board of Supervisors (BOS). The CEO is legally the recipient of the grant, but usually chooses a lead agency, such as a department of health or other entity, to manage the grant. That entity is also called the recipient. The recipient is Los Angeles County is the Department of Public Health, Division of HIV and STD Programs (DHSP).

Legislative Duties for the Commission on HIV:

1. **Needs Assessment:** A needs assessment provides the information necessary to set priorities by understanding the characteristics of the local HIV epidemic, identifying available services, and determining unmet needs for health care and support services. Needs assessments are conducted annually through surveys, listening sessions or focus groups.

2. **Comprehensive Planning for the Integrated HIV Prevention and Care Plan (Integrated Plan):** Comprehensive planning is designed to help make better decisions about services for people living with HIV and to develop and maintain a continuum of care over time. Integrated Plans are federally required by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Health Resources Services Administration (HRSA) every 5 years, with next cycle for 2027-2031 due on June 30, 2026.

3. **Priority Setting:** The Commission on HIV is responsible for establishing service priorities that reflect the importance of services consistent with locally identified needs and resources that ultimately lead to improvements along the HIV Care Continuum. All Ryan White service categories must be prioritized by the Commission annually.

4. **Directives (e.g., Instructions to DHSP):** Directives are established on how to best meet each service need and additional factors that should be considered for procurement of services.

5. **Resource Allocation:** The Commission is responsible for allocating funds to service priorities based on locally identified needs and resources**.**

6. **Coordination of Services:** The process to coordinate with other funding sources (i.e., Affordable Care Act, Medicare, Medicaid, Other Ryan White Parts Funding, HOPWA Funding, Ending the HIV Epidemic Funding, etc.) and resources for the provision of HIV related services to ensure that Ryan White Part A is the payer of last resort.

7. **Develop Service Standards:** The Commission is responsible for developing service standards for 13 core medical and 15 support services under the Ryan White Program. Service standards set the minimal level of service and care for consumers receiving locally-funded services under the RWCA. On average, depending on service changes and needs, 4 to 5 service standards are updated or created annually.

8. **Cost-Effectiveness and Outcomes Evaluation:** The use of data on cost effectiveness, outcome effectiveness, strategies, and interventions to determine and/or develop service models.

9. **Assess the Efficiency of the Administrative Mechanism (AEAM):** Assessment of how rapidly DHSP procures and reimburses for services to the areas of greatest need. The AEAM must conducted annually and involves the use of surveys and key informant interviews to contracted providers and DHSP.

10. **Establish and Maintaining Grievance Procedures:** The planning council must develop grievance procedures to handle complaints about how it makes decisions about funding. The grievance procedures must specify who is allowed to file a grievance, types of grievances covered, and how grievances will be handled.

Commission on HIV Staff Support:

The Commission must carry out many complicated planning activities to assess the service needs of people with HIV living in Los Angeles County and specify the kinds and amounts of services required to meet those needs. Planning Council support from RWCA funds assists with fulfilling these activities and

tasks by providing for the hiring of staff or consultants. Funds used for Commission staff are part of the 10 percent administrative cost cap of the RWHAP Part A award.

Annually, the Commission negotiates size of its support budget with DHSP to carry out its legislative and programmatic responsibilities and then is responsible for developing and managing said budget within the recipient's grants management structure. PC/PB support funds may be used for such purposes as hiring staff, developing and carrying out needs assessments and estimating unmet need (sometimes with the help of consultants), conducting planning activities, holding meetings, and assuring participation of people with HIV.

Technical and Programmatic Support Provided by Commission Staff:

Ensuring that Commissioners fulfil the legislatively mandated duties of the local HIV planning council. Staff research and write the service standards, needs assessments, focus groups, data summaries, resource allocation tables, program directives, and plans.

Orientation and Training: In order to meet RWCA requirements, HRSA expects the Commission on HIV staff to provide appropriate orientation and annual training and other support that enables members to be fully active participants and to fulfill their legislative responsibilities. At a minimum, annual membership training must occur, inclusive of client members. The Commission staff is responsible for providing updated training as needed to ensure that members understand their roles, responsibilities, and expectations for participation, how work is undertaken, and how formal decisions are made. Members also must understand policies/ground rules and have skills that make them comfortable when actively participating in meetings (e.g., understanding of Robert's Rules of Order). All Commission members need such training, but there may be additional needs for clients and for other members without prior experience in community planning processes.

Client Participation on the Commission on HIV: The majority of clients who serve on the Commission are long-term HIV survivors and on disability and limited income. Generally, reimbursement for expenses incurred is provided only for unaffiliated client members of the Commission. It is standard practice for planning councils across the country to provide food at meetings to ensure proper medication adherence for people living with HIV. Currently food is typically provided at full Commission meetings which is followed immediately by the Consumer Caucus meeting; and before the Executive Committee meeting to accommodate members who are consumers. Client engagement and service on the Commission is incentivize by offering up to $150 in stipends (in the form of gift card of check).

Bylaws, Policies and Procedures: The Commission staff reviews, updates, and proposes necessary changes to the Commission's governing documents in order to maintain legislative compliance and address any findings from federal site visits.

Ongoing recruitment to fill vacant seats: This includes managing and processing membership applications, verifying information for accuracy, determining which seats applicants qualify for, convening interview panels, collecting scores from interviews and processing applications for board appointment.

Compliance with Conflict of Interest (COI) Laws: The Commission staff provides ongoing training and maintains signed forms required by the County and federal funders.

Memorandum of Understanding: The Commission staff develops an MOU, in collaboration with Commission Co-Chairs, which describes the separate and shared duties of the Commission and DHSP.

Agenda Development, Meeting Notices, Minutes and HRSA Administrative Site Visits: The Commission staff leads the development of agendas and writing minutes for the Commission. Agendas are reviewed by Co-Chairs and designated DHSP staff. The Commission staff prepares documents and develops corrective action plans for HRSA site visits. Staff also writes reports to HRSA and other funders.

Logistics and Meeting Coordination: Staff reserves appropriate meeting venues, secures necessary audio-visual and parliamentary support, and provides logistic support for all meetings.

COH Structure and Membership:

There are 51 Board-appointed members on the Commission. Currently, there are 41 members plus 8 alternates.

To fulfill its legislatively-mandated duties, the Commission has 5 standing committees that meet monthly in addition to the monthly full assembly meeting:

1) **Executive** coordinates all COH initiatives, and is responsible for strategic planning, federal communications, community engagement and strategizing activities and communications with Affordable Care Act (ACA) entities and health plans, including the Department of Health Services (DHS).

2) **Planning, Priorities and Allocations (PP&A)** develops and monitors local and national HIV/STD plans; oversees the needs assessment; and prioritizes and allocates funds for services.

3) **Public Policy:** The PP Committee is charged with the following responsibilities: researching and synthesizing public policy issues at every level of government that impact COH efforts to implement a continuum of HIV services or a service delivery system for Los Angeles County, consistent with the CHP; initiating policy initiatives that advance HIV care, treatment and prevention services and related interests; providing education and access to public policy arenas for the COH.

4) **Operations** is responsible for all policies and procedures, membership, training, and public awareness activities.

5) **SBP** works with the Division of HIV and STD Programs (DHSP) of the Department of Public Health and other bodies to develop and implement a quality management plan and its subsequent operationalization; develop and disseminate standards of prevention and care for HIV and STD services; and to recommend service systems and delivery improvements to DHSP to ensure that the needs of people at risk for or living with HIV and/or other STDs are met.

Additionally, the Commission has various caucuses and task forces to expand community participation and access to the overall planning process. The Commission current has the following caucuses and task force.

1. Consumer Caucus – meets monthly
2. Women's Caucus – meets every other month
3. Transgender Caucus – meets monthly
4. Aging Caucus - meets every other month
5. Black Caucus - meets monthly
6. Housing Task Force - meets monthly

Restructuring Process in Progress:

For 2025, the Commission on HIV (COH) has prioritized a comprehensive effectiveness review and restructuring of the body in order to improve its performance and impact to end the HIV epidemic in Los Angeles County. The Commission is moving towards reducing its membership to 32 and eliminate and combine some of the functions of the standing committees into the 3 standing committees. The goal is to seek Board approval for the updated ordinance in October and implement the new membership and Commission structure between January-March 2026.

Expectations for Planning Council Support Staff*

Primary Responsibility of PC Support (PCS) Staff

Assist the PC/B to carry out its legislative responsibilities and to operate effectively as an independent planning body that works in partnership with the recipient.

Planning Council Support Function

The *Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program (RWHAP) Part A Manual* describes the PCS function:

"The planning council needs funding to carry out its responsibilities. HAB/DMHAP refers to these funds as 'planning council support.' Planning Council Support funds are part of the 10 percent administrative funds available to the grantee for managing the [RWHAP] Part A program. The planning council must negotiate the size of the planning council support budget with the grantee and is then responsible for developing and managing that budget within the grantee's grants management structure.

"Planning council support funds may be used for such purposes as hiring staff, developing and carrying out needs assessments and estimating unmet need, sometimes with the help of consultants, conducting planning activities, holding meetings, and assuring PLWHA participation. [p 104]

"Planning council staff may be employed through the grantee's payroll system, but measures must be taken to ensure that the planning council, not the grantee, directs the work of the planning council's staff."[p 105]

PCS Staff Responsibilities

The PCS staff can be hired through the municipal system or through a contractor but are responsible to the PC/B. PC/B leadership (usually the Chair/Co-Chairs and/or Executive Committee) sets priorities for staff, and should have a role in hiring and evaluating the performance of the PCS Manager. Other PCS staff (if any) report to the Manager.

Following is a summary of roles DMHAP expects PCS staff will play, though individual PC/Bs may establish additional or different responsibilities. In TGAs that have advisory planning bodies rather than planning councils, the recipient may play a larger role in determining planning body support staff roles and priorities.

1. *Staff committees and PC/B meetings:*
    - Attend and provide assistance at every PC/B committee meeting unless the Committee decides it does not want staff support
    - Work with Committee Chairs to ensure that committees have annual work plans with schedules, and that each meeting has an agenda, needed resource materials, and minutes documenting attendance, discussion, decisions, and recommendations to the full PC/B

* Prepared for DMHAP, April 2017, under Task Order 003111 through MSCG/Ryan White TAC

- Work with PC/B leadership to set agendas, arrange presentations, prepare meeting "packets," and otherwise plan and coordinate PC/B meetings (including logistics such as meeting space, food, and transportation)
- Ensure that all open meeting requirements (federal, state, and local) are met
- Take notes and prepare minutes of PC/B meetings, and provide draft minutes to PC/B leadership for review and for eventual adoption at the next PC/B meeting

2. *Support the PC/B in implementing legislated tasks:*
   - Facilitate and coordinate on-time completion of legislatively required and locally determined activities
   - Provide technical advice and support to specific committees in such tasks as needs assessment design, preparations for data presentations, and PSRA session planning
   - Assist in the development of PC/B policies and Standard Operating Procedures
   - Carry out direct planning activities when directed by the PC/B, such as design of needs assessment instruments, or aggregation of provider survey data for the assessment of the efficiency of the administrative mechanism (since PC/B members must not see individual provider responses)
   - Work with the PC/B to obtain external assistance where necessary to complete legislative tasks
   - Manage PC/B communications
   - Carry out other support as directed by the PC/B leadership (Chair/Co-Chairs and/or Executive Committee)
3. *Provide expert advice on Ryan White legislative requirements and HRSA/HAB regulations and expectations, and explain and interpret the PC/B's Bylaws, policies, and procedures:*
   - Have in-depth knowledge and understanding of RWHAP legislation, Policy Notices and Letters, Policy Clarification Notices (PCNs), the *RWHAP Part A Manual,* and other documents that provide guidance related to the work of PC/Bs, and be prepared to present and clarify relevant information as needed doing a meeting – to ensure that the PC/B meets requirements, and to provide guidance when members are uncertain about HRSA/HAB requirements or expectations
   - Understand and ensure that the PC/B follows municipal requirements affecting boards and commissions or planning bodies
   - Keep updated on changes in policy that may affect the work of the PC/B
4. *Oversee a training program for members*
   - Work with the assigned committee (often Membership) to ensure that new PC/B members receive a thorough orientation at the start of their service as members, including copies of key documents
   - Ensure that there is, at a minimum, annual training for members, and ideally, ongoing training to help the PC/B successfully carry out its responsibilities
   - Develop training specifically for PC/B leadership (Chairs of PC/B and committees
   - Work with PC/B leaders in designing and delivering training directly, with members, or with external training assistance

- Obtain training materials from DMAHP and other RWHAP Part A programs that can help address PC/B training needs
- Provide interactive training and facilitation that reflects sound practices and engages participants

5. *Encourage member involvement and retention, with special focus on consumers*
   - Support the open nominations process, and assist the appropriate committee in disseminating information about opportunities for membership
   - Help the PC/B identify and resolve barriers to participation, especially by consumers and other PLWH
   - Assist with outreach and other efforts to engage consumers as committee or PC/B members
   - Be available to assist individual PC/B members with problems they encounter and to ensure they receiving needed mentoring and support, especially during their first year of membership
   - Support PLWH member expense reimbursement procedures, helping to ensure that they are understood and followed and that reimbursement is provided promptly
6. *Serve as liaison with the recipient, community, and sometimes the Chief Elected Official (CEO):*
   - Help maintain a collaborative partnership between PC/B and recipient
   - Work with the recipient and PC/B to develop and/or implement an MOU between the PC/B and the recipient
   - Arrange recipient staff participation in committee meetings, to provide information and technical expertise
   - Communicate PC/B information/data and other requests for assistance to the recipient
   - Ensure that materials that should be shared with the recipient are provided promptly and the recipient is kept informed of PC/B activities and issues
   - Arrange/coordinate assistance to the recipient on behalf of the PC/B, such as preparation of PC/B sections of the annual RWHAP Part A application and provision of materials needed to meet Conditions of Grant Award related to the PC/B
   - Request recipient staff participation in training or other PC/B events as needed
   - Work with the recipient to request training and technical assistance from HRSA/HAB as needed
   - Serve as a liaison between the PC/B and the community, and support PC/B leadership outreach to the community
   - In some jurisdictions, maintain direct/official contact with the CEO and provide updates to the CEO's office on PC/B progress and concerns
7. *Help the PC manage its budget*
   - Participate in annual negotiations between the PC/B and recipient concerning the amount of administrative funding that will be provided for PC support
   - Assist the PC/B in developing its budget, to ensure that support needs are met and all proposed expenditures meet both HRSA/HAB and municipal requirements
   - Provide the PC/B budget to the recipient in the agreed-upon format

- Manage and monitor expenditure of funds for the PC/B, following municipal requirements
- Receive a monthly report on PC/B expenditures from the recipient, and work with appropriate PC/B committee to review and where needed revise it
- Work with the recipient on any necessary contracting for PC support services such as consultants, ensuring a scope of work from the PC/B and PC/B involvement in selection of contractors, consistent with municipal requirements

PCS Qualifications

DMHAP has identified the following as desired qualifications for a PCS manager:

- Strong knowledge of planning and data
- Expertise in legislative mandates of a RWHAP Part A planning body
- Understanding of HRSA expectations for the planning process
- Ability and time to work with committees
- Ability to work with People Living with HIV/AIDS and diverse stakeholders
- Ability to facilitate a partnership between planning body and recipient

In addition, the following are very helpful:

- Strong oral and written communications skills, including use of clear, concise language
- Experience in facilitation and training, especially interactive training
- Group process skills such as team building, leadership development, and problem solving
- Experience in resolving conflicts
- Commitment to community planning and consumer engagement
- Knowledge of budgeting and expenditure monitoring

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Commission on HIV Restructuring for Enhanced Performance and Increased Impact

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Issues Driving the Restructure

- ✓ HRSA site visit findings
- ✓ Changes in the field requiring additional stakeholders, capacity, and skill sets
- ✓ Concerns about meeting quorum
- ✓ Measure G implementation: review of commissions to determine continued relevancy and/or potential cost savings and efficiencies
- ✓ Strained resources, time, and competing priorities

- ✓ **Current composition is unsustainable and needs to evolve with the demands of the HIV epidemic**

Review of Steps Taken to Date

- ✓ Meeting with DHSP 12/24
- ✓ COH meeting 1/25
- ✓ COH meeting 2/25
- ✓ Discussion/focus groups 3/25
- ✓ Report based on findings
- ✓ Executive Committee Vote 5/25

DHSP & Community Feedback Lec Recommendations

DHSP Meeting & COH Meeting	RECOMMENDATION
1. Dramatically reduce the number of people on the Commission and focus only on RW responsibilities. If there is capacity and skill set, then expansion of roles may be considered.	• Reduce membership composition to 31-32, focusing on mandatory RW seats plus data/research expert • RW seats allows for representation of prevention experts to fulfil comprehensive HIV prevention and care planning
2. Establish regular sunset reviews of the Commission	• Incorporated in the ordinance and bylaws • Sunset reviews conducted by Commission Services/Executive Office
3. Reduce the frequency of meetings	• Meet 6 times during the year for the full planning council • Meet 6 times during the year for standing committees
4. Complete critical deliverables like PSRA and Integrated Plans.	• Standing committee structure options elevates PSRA and other core functions to COH level or Executive Committee level • Reduced standing committees, absorption of policy functions under Executive Committee • Focus caucus functions on enhanced community engagement under Community Membership and Engagement Committee
5. Member Skills and Representation of Priority Populations	• Term limits and membership rotation included in updated bylaws • With the new COH structure, all seats will be up for applications and selections in 2025

Focus Groups: Process & Conter

Focus Group Sessions

- 5 In-Person Sessions
- 2 Virtual Sessions
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Two Components Discussed:

1. **Committee Structure:** Samples from other areas
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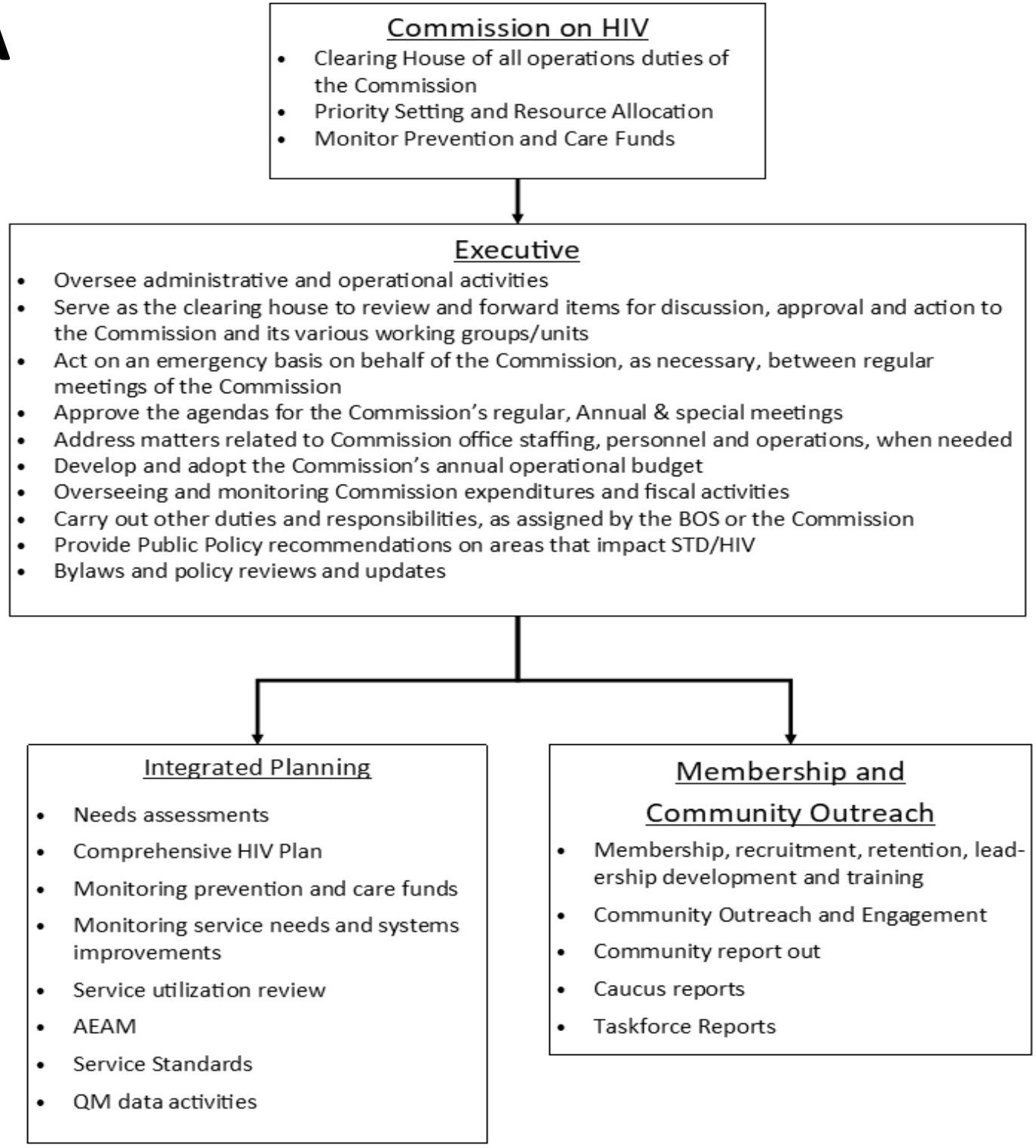
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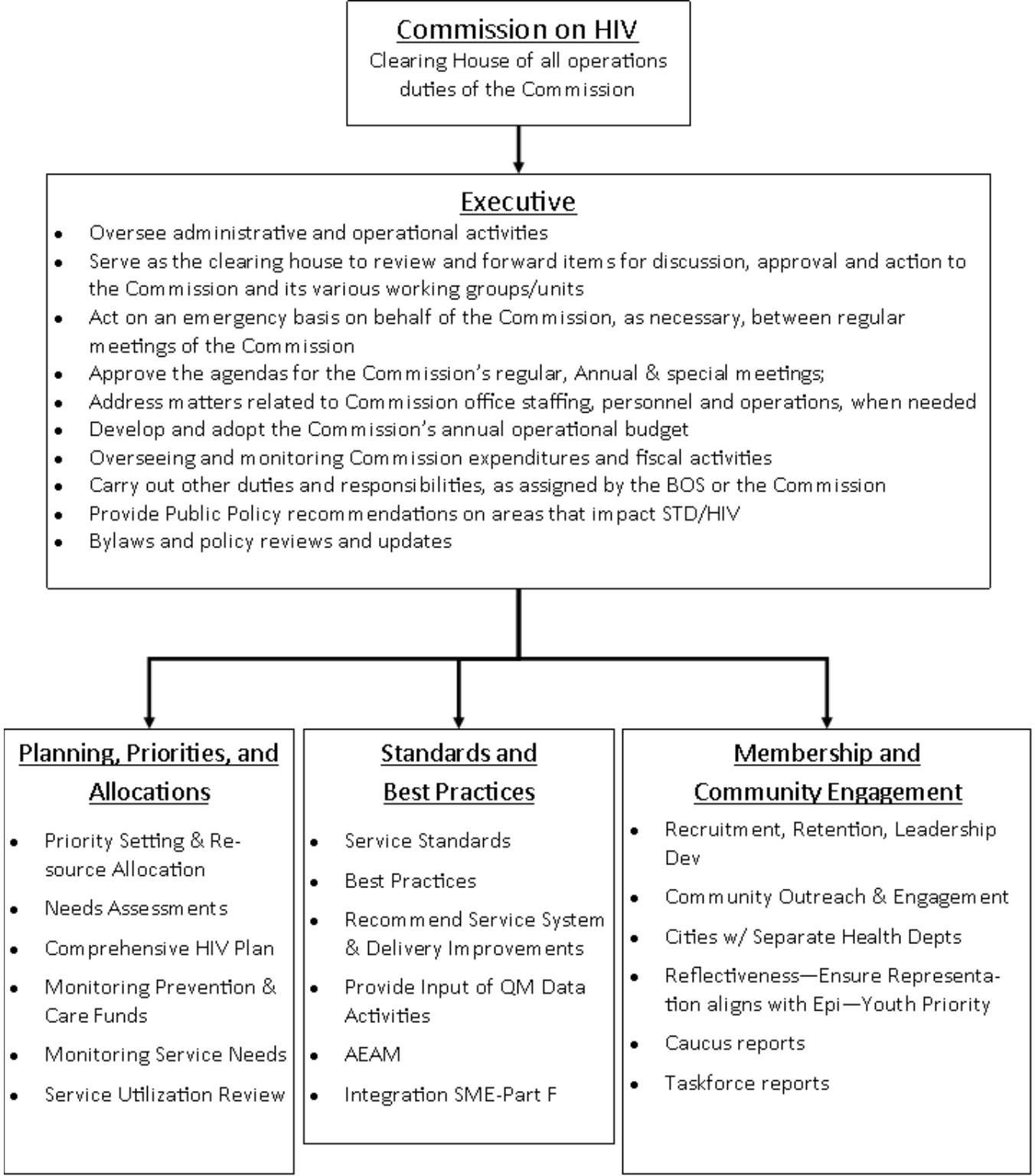
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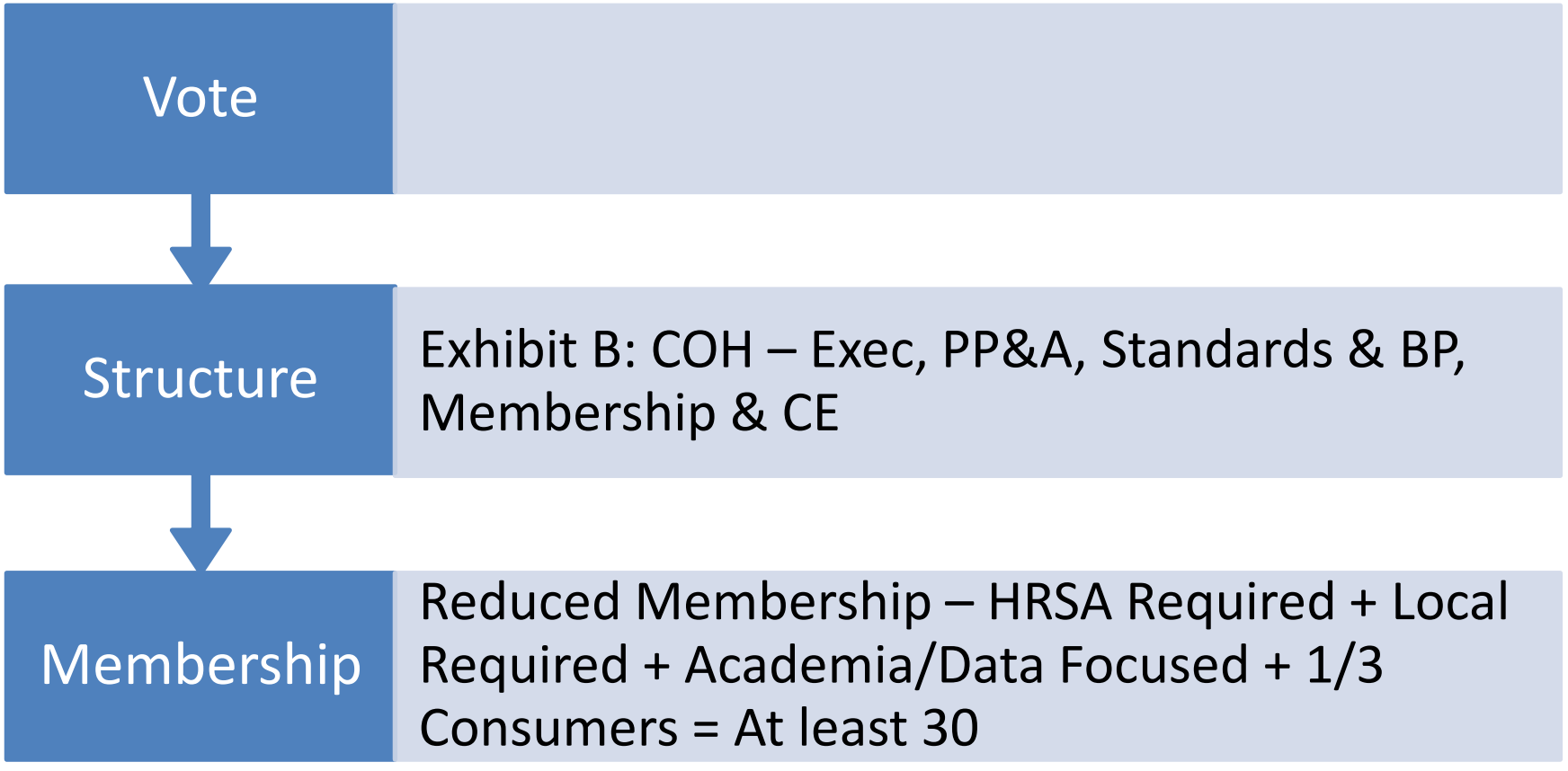

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- Review document

WORKGROUP OUTCOMES

LOS ANGELES COMMISSION ON HIV COMPREHENSIVE EFFECTIVENESS REVIEW AND RESTRUCTURING PROJECT

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Commission on HIV – Workgroup Report: Restructuring

Introduction

The Los Angeles County Commission on HIV (COH) convened community workgroup sessions from March 19th to 21st, 2025, to address the current challenges facing the Commission. In light of the Board of Supervisors' request for all commissions to review operations and the ongoing budget constraints, directives for the COH are to review its operations in relation to sustainability, enhance operational efficiency, and achieve its federal and local obligations. This report outlines the discussions, findings, and recommendations focusing on restructuring the COH's committees and membership to better align with the available budget and improve its overall impact and effectiveness.

Directive and Overview

The core directive presented to the workgroups was clear: the COH's existing structure is no longer sustainable due to current budget constraints and other factors, and significant changes are necessary to continue its mission. Workgroups were tasked with identifying ways to streamline operations, reduce costs, and maintain the commission's capacity to address HIV-related issues in Los Angeles County. The overarching goal is to ensure that the COH remains reflective of the epidemic while staying efficient and impactful despite reduced resources.

Overarching Themes and Considerations

The workgroups identified several key themes and considerations for restructuring:

- **Purposeful Restructuring**: A shift towards a more focused and intentional structure, with clear functional priorities.
- **Functional Focus**: Ensuring that the COH prioritizes essential functions that align with its mission and responsibilities.
- **Reflecting the Epidemic**: The COH must remain attuned to the evolving nature of the HIV epidemic and adapt its structure and information to drive decision making accordingly.
- **Quorum Issues**: Reducing the number of commissioners to address the ongoing challenge of not meeting quorum, which has hindered the commission's ability to effectively conduct its business.
- **Budget Constraints**: Aligning the COH structure to accommodate financial limitations while ensuring that the COH can still fulfill its duties.

Additionally, several considerations were proposed to optimize the functioning of the COH:

- **Reducing Membership Size**: A smaller membership would help alleviate quorum issues and streamline decision-making processes.

- **Reorganizing Committees**: Merging and refocusing committees where possible to maximize efficiency.
- **Meeting Frequency and Duration**: Reducing the frequency and adjusting the length of meetings to minimize costs and time commitment.
- **Education and Communication**: Providing enhanced training for COH members to better understand their roles and educating providers about the COH's mission.

Committee Restructuring Discussion

The restructuring of COH committees was a major focus of discussion. The workgroups explored ways to consolidate, reorganize, and streamline the committee structure to better align with current needs and budget constraints.

- **Public Policy**: One workgroup suggested maintaining the Public Policy Committee (PPC) as is. However, the most frequent recommendation was to elevate the Public Policy workgroup to the Executive Committee, allowing it to have a broader, more strategic role while streamlining the number of committees. Other suggestions included eliminating the PPC entirely, given that the Chief Executive Office under the direction of the Board of Supervisors has a designated office and staff with policy expertise for this function. A final proposal was to have all committees handle policy-related work.
- **Operations**: A popular suggestion was to rename the Operations Committee to "Membership and Community Engagement," consolidating various non-required city members to be members of this committee; and incorporate faith-based leaders, caucuses and task forces into this committee's work for better alignment and coordination. There was extensive discussion about increased youth representation on the COH. This area of concern should be developed by youth for youth to determine an appropriate path forward with greater representation on the Commission. The Assessment of the Efficiency of the Administrative Mechanism (AEAM) and bylaws could be moved out of this committee work, potentially as well to align workloads.
  One workgroup discussed eliminating the Operations Committee, redistributing its responsibilities to the Executive Committee (Bylaws, Recruitment, Community Outreach) and the Planning, Priorities, and Allocations (PP&A) Committee.
- **Standards and Best Practices**: The committee could absorb additional work to better align with standard development and reduce workload on PP&A. The frequency of meetings could also be reduced, and subject matter experts could be consulted on an as-needed basis.
- **Planning, Priorities, and Allocations (PP&A)**: The PP&A Committee could transfer certain duties (e.g., PSRA) to the full Commission and focus solely on planning responsibilities. This could improve the overall engagement of the full COH. The committee could focus on integrated prevention and care planning efforts.
- **Executive Committee**: This committee could absorb additional functions from the Operations and Public Policy Committees, such as policy review, bylaws and AEAM.

Committee Restructuring Recommendations:
The primary goal of the committee restructuring is to reduce costs while maintaining the effectiveness of the COH's operations. Key recommendations include minimizing the number of meetings, consolidating overlapping functions, and reducing the overall size of the COH membership. Taskforces and caucuses, while valuable, may need to be reevaluated as non-federally required functions under current budget constraints.

Membership Restructuring Discussion

The workgroups also reviewed the current membership structure and identified ways to reduce its size while still ensuring diverse representation and compliance with federal requirements. The key findings are outlined below:

Quorum Challenges: A consistent issue raised by workgroups was the difficulty in meeting quorum due to the large membership size, which hampers the COH's ability to conduct business effectively.

Through the workgroup discussion, there were two scenarios recommended as a potential outcome:

- **Option 1 – Status Quo**: One workgroup preferred maintaining the current structure with 51 members, arguing that Los Angeles County's size necessitates a larger membership to represent diverse communities. However, this option does not address quorum issues, nor does it offer a potential reduction in operational costs.
- **Option 2 – Reduced Membership**: A majority of workgroups (four out of five) favored reducing the membership size by removing non-RWA-required positions, except for the five Board of Supervisors' representatives which is a local requirement. This option proposes the creation of a new "Membership and Community Engagement" committee (formerly Operations) to include cities with separate Health Departments and integrate Part F into the Standards and Best Practices or local AIDS Education and Training Center (AETC) work. Academics/Behavioral social scientists could be included as a required position, reducing the overall membership to 28 COH members. The COH members should be reviewed during the application period for epidemic reflectiveness to include youth representation as a priority since it continues to be a challenge.

Membership Recommendation:
Option 2 is strongly recommended, as it would reduce costs, address quorum challenges, and streamline decision-making. This approach ensures that the COH can meet federal obligations while remaining responsive to the needs of the community.

Conclusion

The workgroup sessions held from March 19th to 21st, 2025, have laid a foundation for a more efficient and sustainable COH. By restructuring committees, reducing membership, and aligning operations with budget constraints, the COH can continue to fulfill its vital mission to address HIV in Los Angeles County. The proposed changes will not only ensure the COH's continued effectiveness, but will also allow it to operate within the fiscal realities currently facing the organization.

The consensus of the workgroups was that the COH needed to restructure with a purpose, while reducing membership to improve the ability to accomplish the business of the COH. The discussion resulted in two potential restructuring recommendations: see Exhibit A and Exhibit B.

Membership of the COH should be scaled down to address the quorum issue of the committees and commission meetings and reduce budget costs. The recommendation is to have a 28-member COH with the following positions: fifteen federally mandated positions, five local required positions, one representing Academia, and 7 non-affiliated reflective members.

Moving forward, it will be crucial to continue monitoring the implementation of these changes and adjust as needed to maintain a balance between operational efficiency and the COH's public health objectives.

*Two Virtual Listening sessions were conducted after the in-person focus group meetings to ensure all Commissioners and Community Partners could provide input. This input was incorporated into the report without any significant changes from the in-person meetings.

Exhibit A

Restructure Recommendation 1

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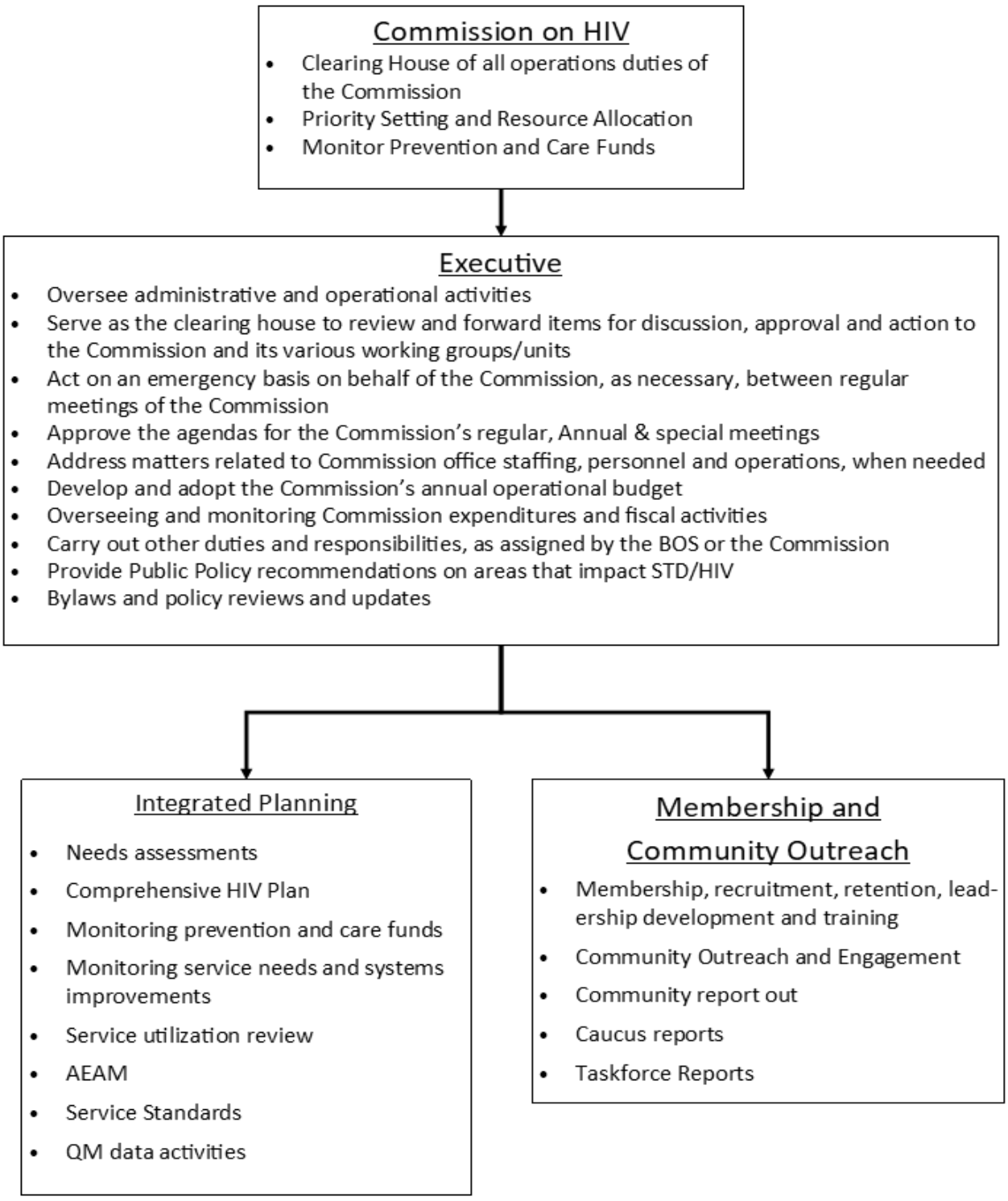

Figure 1 Exhibit A - Frequency is 6 times a year with P&R in a shorter timeframe closer together for the full Commission. Half-day planning session resulting in two separate days with one day priority ranking and one day allocation setting.

Exhibit B

Restructure Recommendation 2

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- Provide Public Policy recommendations on areas that impact STD/HIV
- Bylaws and policy reviews and updates

Planning, Priorities and Allocations

- Priority Setting and Resource Allocation
- Monitor Prevention and Care Funds
- Needs assessments
- Comprehensive HIV Plan
- Monitoring prevention and care funds
- Monitoring service needs and systems improvements
- Service utilization review

Standards and Best Practices

- Service Standards
- Best practice recommendations
- QM data activities
- AEAM

Membership and Community Outreach

- Membership, recruitment, retention, leadership development and training
- Community Outreach and Engagement _Ensure Reflection of Epidemic - Youth
- City reports
- Caucus reports
- Taskforce Reports

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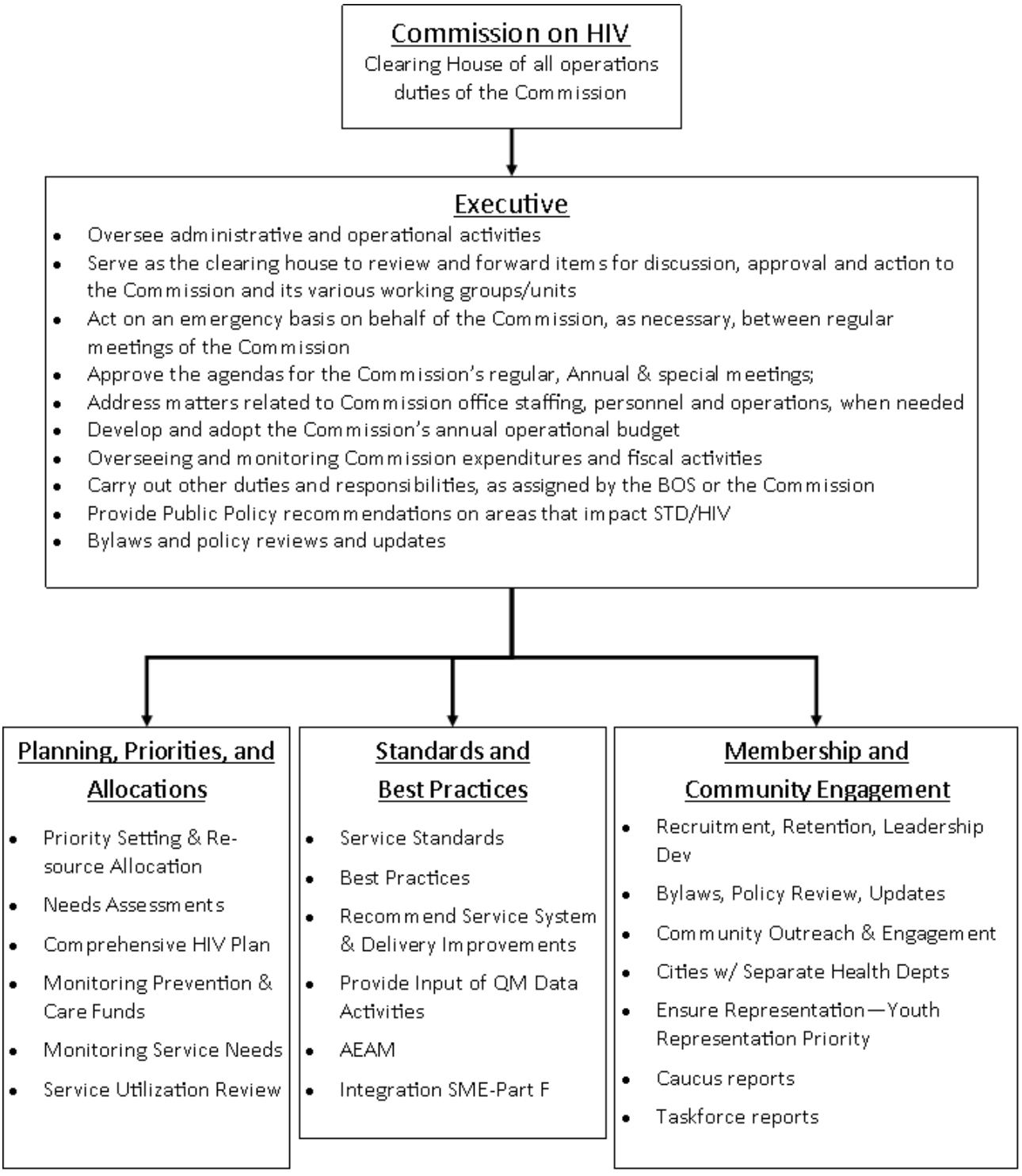

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COMMISSION RESTRUCTURE TRANSITION AND TIMELINE (5.05.25; 05.12.25; 06.04.25; SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

The Executive Committee (EC) will keep decisions moving in keeping with the timeline if the COH meeting is cancelled. *

Task(s)/Activities	Responsibility	Timeline/ Completion
Present restructuring report and recommendations.	Consultants	May 8, 2025 COH meeting; Updates: Timeline walk through provided at 5/8/25 meeting; full presentation at 5/22/26 EC meeting.
Present restructuring report and recommendations.	Consultants	Presentation provided at May 22, 2025 EC meeting. Straw poll result: Exhibit B and reduced membership seats.
Present updated bylaws (based on restructuring report, recommendations and feedback). Concurrent CoCo reviews of bylaws and ordinance.	Commission staff, consultants, COH Co-Chairs	June 26, 2025 Executive Committee meeting
Present updated bylaws; start 30-day public comment period on bylaws. Line up final layers of review from CoCo, EO, and prepare for BOS approval of the ordinance. Cover letter to the BOS to include timeline and start date for the members March 1, 2026; align with RW Program Year March 1-Feb. 28)	~~Commission staff~~ Consultants	July 10, 2025 COH meeting
COH approve bylaws. Submit ordinance to BOS for approval.	Commission staff Commissioners	October 9, 2025

Transitional membership application and Open Nominations Process description disseminated to all accessible stakeholder constituencies, including current Commissioners. All interested members must apply/re-apply by completing and submitting their membership applications by published deadline.	Commission staff	October - November
Newly restructured COH highlighted at the Annual Conference.		Nov. 13, 2025
Organize and verify applications for completeness and accuracy.	Commission staff	Deadline to submit application November 14, 2025
All candidates for membership must sit for membership interviews.	Proposed interview panel: • Academic partners • EO Commission Services representative • Former Co-chairs and members not applying to serve on COH. • 1-2 people from other neighboring planning councils • 1-2 consumers not applying • Collaborative Research/Next Level Consulting • COH staff • 5 to 6 members	November 17-21, 2025
Select initial cohort of candidates to recommend for membership nomination to the Commission and BOS.	Interview panel	November 21, 2025
COH approve initial cohort of members.	Commissioners	December 11, 2025
First cohort of membership nominations forwarded to the EO BOS for appointments.	Commission staff	December 11-12, 2025
BOS appointment of first cohort of new members to the new COH.	BOS	January-February 2026
First meeting of newly restructured COH.		March 12, 2026

Expectations for Planning Council Support Staff*

Primary Responsibility of PC Support (PCS) Staff

Assist the PC/B to carry out its legislative responsibilities and to operate effectively as an independent planning body that works in partnership with the recipient.

Planning Council Support Function

The *Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program (RWHAP) Part A Manual* describes the PCS function:

"The planning council needs funding to carry out its responsibilities. HAB/DMHAP refers to these funds as 'planning council support.' Planning Council Support funds are part of the 10 percent administrative funds available to the grantee for managing the [RWHAP] Part A program. The planning council must negotiate the size of the planning council support budget with the grantee and is then responsible for developing and managing that budget within the grantee's grants management structure.

"Planning council support funds may be used for such purposes as hiring staff, developing and carrying out needs assessments and estimating unmet need, sometimes with the help of consultants, conducting planning activities, holding meetings, and assuring PLWHA participation. [p 104]

"Planning council staff may be employed through the grantee's payroll system, but measures must be taken to ensure that the planning council, not the grantee, directs the work of the planning council's staff."[p 105]

PCS Staff Responsibilities

The PCS staff can be hired through the municipal system or through a contractor but are responsible to the PC/B. PC/B leadership (usually the Chair/Co-Chairs and/or Executive Committee) sets priorities for staff, and should have a role in hiring and evaluating the performance of the PCS Manager. Other PCS staff (if any) report to the Manager.

Following is a summary of roles DMHAP expects PCS staff will play, though individual PC/Bs may establish additional or different responsibilities. In TGAs that have advisory planning bodies rather than planning councils, the recipient may play a larger role in determining planning body support staff roles and priorities.

1. *Staff committees and PC/B meetings:*
    - Attend and provide assistance at every PC/B committee meeting unless the Committee decides it does not want staff support
    - Work with Committee Chairs to ensure that committees have annual work plans with schedules, and that each meeting has an agenda, needed resource materials, and minutes documenting attendance, discussion, decisions, and recommendations to the full PC/B

* Prepared for DMHAP, April 2017, under Task Order 003111 through MSCG/Ryan White TAC

- Work with PC/B leadership to set agendas, arrange presentations, prepare meeting "packets," and otherwise plan and coordinate PC/B meetings (including logistics such as meeting space, food, and transportation)
- Ensure that all open meeting requirements (federal, state, and local) are met
- Take notes and prepare minutes of PC/B meetings, and provide draft minutes to PC/B leadership for review and for eventual adoption at the next PC/B meeting

2. *Support the PC/B in implementing legislated tasks:*
   - Facilitate and coordinate on-time completion of legislatively required and locally determined activities
   - Provide technical advice and support to specific committees in such tasks as needs assessment design, preparations for data presentations, and PSRA session planning
   - Assist in the development of PC/B policies and Standard Operating Procedures
   - Carry out direct planning activities when directed by the PC/B, such as design of needs assessment instruments, or aggregation of provider survey data for the assessment of the efficiency of the administrative mechanism (since PC/B members must not see individual provider responses)
   - Work with the PC/B to obtain external assistance where necessary to complete legislative tasks
   - Manage PC/B communications
   - Carry out other support as directed by the PC/B leadership (Chair/Co-Chairs and/or Executive Committee)
3. *Provide expert advice on Ryan White legislative requirements and HRSA/HAB regulations and expectations, and explain and interpret the PC/B's Bylaws, policies, and procedures:*
   - Have in-depth knowledge and understanding of RWHAP legislation, Policy Notices and Letters, Policy Clarification Notices (PCNs), the *RWHAP Part A Manual,* and other documents that provide guidance related to the work of PC/Bs, and be prepared to present and clarify relevant information as needed doing a meeting – to ensure that the PC/B meets requirements, and to provide guidance when members are uncertain about HRSA/HAB requirements or expectations
   - Understand and ensure that the PC/B follows municipal requirements affecting boards and commissions or planning bodies
   - Keep updated on changes in policy that may affect the work of the PC/B
4. *Oversee a training program for members*
   - Work with the assigned committee (often Membership) to ensure that new PC/B members receive a thorough orientation at the start of their service as members, including copies of key documents
   - Ensure that there is, at a minimum, annual training for members, and ideally, ongoing training to help the PC/B successfully carry out its responsibilities
   - Develop training specifically for PC/B leadership (Chairs of PC/B and committees
   - Work with PC/B leaders in designing and delivering training directly, with members, or with external training assistance

- Obtain training materials from DMAHP and other RWHAP Part A programs that can help address PC/B training needs
- Provide interactive training and facilitation that reflects sound practices and engages participants

5. *Encourage member involvement and retention, with special focus on consumers*
   - Support the open nominations process, and assist the appropriate committee in disseminating information about opportunities for membership
   - Help the PC/B identify and resolve barriers to participation, especially by consumers and other PLWH
   - Assist with outreach and other efforts to engage consumers as committee or PC/B members
   - Be available to assist individual PC/B members with problems they encounter and to ensure they receiving needed mentoring and support, especially during their first year of membership
   - Support PLWH member expense reimbursement procedures, helping to ensure that they are understood and followed and that reimbursement is provided promptly
6. *Serve as liaison with the recipient, community, and sometimes the Chief Elected Official (CEO):*
   - Help maintain a collaborative partnership between PC/B and recipient
   - Work with the recipient and PC/B to develop and/or implement an MOU between the PC/B and the recipient
   - Arrange recipient staff participation in committee meetings, to provide information and technical expertise
   - Communicate PC/B information/data and other requests for assistance to the recipient
   - Ensure that materials that should be shared with the recipient are provided promptly and the recipient is kept informed of PC/B activities and issues
   - Arrange/coordinate assistance to the recipient on behalf of the PC/B, such as preparation of PC/B sections of the annual RWHAP Part A application and provision of materials needed to meet Conditions of Grant Award related to the PC/B
   - Request recipient staff participation in training or other PC/B events as needed
   - Work with the recipient to request training and technical assistance from HRSA/HAB as needed
   - Serve as a liaison between the PC/B and the community, and support PC/B leadership outreach to the community
   - In some jurisdictions, maintain direct/official contact with the CEO and provide updates to the CEO's office on PC/B progress and concerns
7. *Help the PC manage its budget*
   - Participate in annual negotiations between the PC/B and recipient concerning the amount of administrative funding that will be provided for PC support
   - Assist the PC/B in developing its budget, to ensure that support needs are met and all proposed expenditures meet both HRSA/HAB and municipal requirements
   - Provide the PC/B budget to the recipient in the agreed-upon format

- Manage and monitor expenditure of funds for the PC/B, following municipal requirements
- Receive a monthly report on PC/B expenditures from the recipient, and work with appropriate PC/B committee to review and where needed revise it
- Work with the recipient on any necessary contracting for PC support services such as consultants, ensuring a scope of work from the PC/B and PC/B involvement in selection of contractors, consistent with municipal requirements

PCS Qualifications

DMHAP has identified the following as desired qualifications for a PCS manager:

- Strong knowledge of planning and data
- Expertise in legislative mandates of a RWHAP Part A planning body
- Understanding of HRSA expectations for the planning process
- Ability and time to work with committees
- Ability to work with People Living with HIV/AIDS and diverse stakeholders
- Ability to facilitate a partnership between planning body and recipient

In addition, the following are very helpful:

- Strong oral and written communications skills, including use of clear, concise language
- Experience in facilitation and training, especially interactive training
- Group process skills such as team building, leadership development, and problem solving
- Experience in resolving conflicts
- Commitment to community planning and consumer engagement
- Knowledge of budgeting and expenditure monitoring

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GUIDING QUESTIONS FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS ON THE PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE COMMISSION ON HIV BYLAWS

Background:

The Los Angeles County Commission on HIV (COH) invites public comments on the proposed changes to its bylaws to align with Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program Planning Council and Planning Body Requirements and Expectations letter, rectify areas of improvement and findings identified during the 2023 HRSA administrative site visit, and clarify certain sections.

For reference, the current COH bylaws is available HERE.

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Thank you for your feedback.

LOS ANGELES COUNTY COMMISSION ON HIV (COH)

SUMMARY OF KEY PROPOSED BYLAWS CHANGES CHANGES

JUNE 27, 2025

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- The Commission on HIV (COH) discussed restructuring at standing meetings and various workshops with Commissioners and community members from January 2025 to March 2025.
- Feedback from the community was incorporated into the draft bylaws.
- The COH Effectiveness Review and Restructuring Report contains feedback from the community. Report is available HERE.
- On June 26, 2025, the COH Executive Committee reviewed the proposed changes to the bylaws and approved a public comment period to elicit feedback from the community-at-large

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PROPOSED KEY CHANGES

Composition:

a. Change DHSP (Recipient/Part A Grantee) as non-voting member; does not count towards quorum (full Commission and DHSP staff assigned to standing Committees).
b. 32 voting members, focusing on the required seats under the Ryan White Care Act.

Term of Office (Commissioners and Alternates) :

a. 2-year staggered terms.
b. Members are limited to three consecutive terms and are eligible to reapply following a one-year break in service.

Committees:

- Reduce the number of standing committees from 5 to 4
- A more external community engagement role for the Operations Committee.
- Operations Committee name change to Membership and Community Engagement Committee
- Absorb policy and other functions into the Executive Committee or the Standards and Best Practices Committee.

PROPOSED KEY CHANGES

DHSP Role and Responsibility: "Section 12. DHSP Role & Responsibility. DHSP, despite being a non-voting member, plays a pivotal role in the Commission's work. As the RWHAP Grantee and Part A representative for the Los Angeles County EMA, DHSP provides essential epidemiological and surveillance data to guide the Commission's decision-making. DHSP plays a central role in carrying out needs assessments, conducting comprehensive planning, overseeing contracting and procurement of providers, evaluating service effectiveness, and performing quality management. Collaborating closely with DHSP, the Commission ensures effective coordination and implementation of its integrated comprehensive HIV plan. The Commission heavily relies on this partnership to ensure the optimal use of RWHAP funds and adherence to legislative and regulatory requirements, ensuring the highest standard of HIV services in Los Angeles County."

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Conflict of Interest (COI): Further, in accordance with HRSA guidance, Commission Policy #08.3108: Ryan White Conflict of Interest Requirements, dictates that all members must declare conflicts of interest involving RWHAP-funded agencies and their services, and the member is required to recuse themselves from discussion ***and/or voting*** concerning that area of conflict, or funding for those services and/or to those agencies.

Code of Conduct:

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b. Included reference to Intra-Commission Grievance and Sanctions Procedures

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POLICY/PROCEDURE #06.1000	Bylaws of the Los Angeles County Commission on HIV	Page 1 of 24

SUBJECT: **The Bylaws of the Los Angeles County Commission on HIV.**

PURPOSE: **To define the governance, structural, operational, and functional responsibilities and requirements of the Los Angeles County Commission on HIV.**

BACKGROUND:

- **Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) Guidance**: "The planning council/planning body (PC/PB) (and its support staff) carry out complex tasks to ensure smooth and fair operations and processes. The development of bylaws, policies and procedures, memoranda of understanding, grievance procedures, and trainings are crucial for the success of the PC/PB. The work also involves establishing and maintaining a productive working relationship with the recipient, developing and managing a budget, and ensuring necessary staff support to accomplish the work. Establishing and operationalizing these policies, procedures, and systems facilitates the ability of the PC/PB to effectively meet its legislative duties and programmatic expectations." [Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program Part A Manual, March 2023, III Chapter 5 (Planning Council and Planning Body Operations).

- **Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Guidance: "**The HIV Planning Group (HPG) is the official HIV planning body that follows the *HIV Planning Guidance* to inform the development or update of the health department's Jurisdictional HIV Prevention Plan, which depicts how HIV infection will be reduced in the jurisdiction."

- **Los Angeles County Code, Title 3—Chapter 3.29.070 (Procedures)**: "The Commission shall adopt bylaws which may include provisions relating to the time and place of holding meetings, election and terms of its co-chairs and other officers, and such other rules and procedures necessary for its operation."

POLICY:

1) **Consistency with the Los Angeles County Code:** The Commission's Bylaws are developed in accordance with the Los Angeles County Code, Title 3—Chapter 29 ("Ordinance"), the authority which establishes and governs the administration and operations of the Los Angeles County Commission on HIV. These Bylaws serve as the Commission's administrative, operational, and functional rules and requirements.

2) **Commission Bylaws Review and Approval**: The Commission conducts an annual administrative review of these Bylaws to ensure ongoing compliance, relevance, and adaptability to changes in both the external environment and internal structure.
   - **A.** The Commission will request the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program (RWHAP) Part A project officer to review substantial changes to the Bylaws to ensure compliance and alignment with HRSA requirements.
   - **B.** Amendments to the Bylaws will be promptly considered, with any necessary adjustments made in alignment with amendments to the Ordinance.
   - **C.** Approval of amendments or revisions requires a two-thirds vote from Commission members present at the meeting. To facilitate a thorough and informed decision-making process, proposed changes must be formally noticed for consideration and review at least ten days prior to the scheduled meeting (refer to Article XVI).

ARTICLES:

I. NAME AND LEGAL AUTHORITY:

Section 1. Name. The name of this Commission is the Los Angeles County Commission on HIV.

Section 2. Created. This Commission was created by an act of the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors ("BOS"), codified in Chapter 29 of the Los Angeles County Code.

Section 3. Organizational Structure. The Commission on HIV is housed as an independent commission within the Executive Office of the BOS in the organizational structure of the County of Los Angeles.

Section 4. Duties and Responsibilities. As defined in Los Angeles County Code section 3.29.090 (*Duties*), and consistent with Section 2602(b)(4) (42 U.S.C § 300ff-12) of the RWHAP legislation, HRSA guidance, and requirements of the CDC HIV Planning Guidance, the Commission is charged with and authorized to:

a. Determine the size and demographics of the population of individuals with HIV/AIDS in Los Angeles County;
b. Determine the needs of such population, with particular attention to individuals who know their status but are not in care, disparities in

access to services, and individuals with HIV/AIDS who do not know their HIV status;

c. Establish priorities for the allocation of funds within the eligible metropolitan area (EMA), how to best meet each such priority, as well as additional factors to consider when allocating RWHAP Part A grant funds;
d. Develop a comprehensive plan for the organization and delivery of health and support services;
e. Assess the efficiency of the administrative mechanism in rapidly allocating funds to the areas of greatest need within the eligible metropolitan area (EMA) and assess the effectiveness of the services offered in meeting the identified needs, if/as needed;
f. Participate in the development of the Statewide Coordinated Statement of Need initiated by the state public health agency;
g. Establish methods for obtaining community input regarding needs and priorities; and
h. Coordinate with other federal grantees that provide HIV-related service in the EMA;
i. Develop a local comprehensive HIV plan that is based on assessment of service needs and gaps and that includes a defined continuum of HIV services, monitor the implementation of that plan, assess its effectiveness, and collaborate with the RWHAP recipient - the County of Los Angeles Department of Public Health (DPH) Division of HIV and STD Programs ("DHSP") to update the plan on a regular basis. Per Section 2602(b)(4)(D) of the PHS Act, the comprehensive plan must contain the following:
    i. a strategy for identifying individuals who know their HIV status and are not receiving such services and for informing the individuals of and enabling the individuals to utilize the services, giving particular attention to eliminating disparities in access and services among affected subpopulations and historically underserved communities, and including discrete goals, a timetable, and an appropriate allocation of funds;
    ii. a strategy to coordinate the provision of such services with programs for HIV prevention (including outreach and early intervention) and for the prevention and treatment of substance abuse (including programs that provide comprehensive treatment services for such abuse);
    iii. compatibility with any State or local plan for the provision of

services to individuals with HIV/AIDS; and

iv. a strategy, coordinated as appropriate with other community strategies and efforts, including discrete goals, a timetable, and appropriate funding, for identifying individuals with HIV/AIDS who do not know their HIV status, making such individuals aware of such status, and enabling such individuals to use the health and support services described in section 2604, with particular attention to reducing barriers to routine testing and disparities in access and services among affected subpopulations and historically underserved communities.

j. Develop service standards for the organization and delivery of HIV care, treatment, and prevention services;

k. Establish priorities and allocations of RWHAP Part A and B and CDC prevention funding in percentage and/or dollar amounts to various services; review DHSP's allocation and expenditure of these funds by service category or type of activity for consistency with the Commission's established priorities, allocations, and comprehensive HIV plan, without the review of individual contracts; provide and monitor directives to DHSP on how to best meet the need and other factors that further instruct service delivery planning and implementation; and provide assurances to the BOS and HRSA verifying that service category allocations and expenditures are consistent with the Commission's established priorities, allocations and comprehensive HIV plan;

l. Evaluate service effectiveness and assess the efficiency of the administrative mechanism, with particular attention to outcome evaluation, cost effectiveness, rapid disbursement of funds, compliance with Commission priorities and allocations, and other factors relevant to the effective and efficient operation of the local EMA delivery of HIV services;

m. Plan and develop HIV and public health service responses to address the frequency of HIV infection concurrent with STDs and other co-morbidities; plan the deployment of those best practices and innovative models in the County's STD clinics and related health centers; and strategize mechanisms for adapting those models to non-HIV-specific platforms for an expanded STD and co-morbidity response;

n. Study, advise, and recommend policies and other actions/decisions to the BOS, DHSP, and other departments on matters related to HIV;

o. Inform, educate, and disseminate information to consumers, specified target populations, providers, the public, and HIV and health service policy makers to build knowledge and capacity for HIV prevention, care, and treatment, and actively engage individuals and entities concerned about HIV;

p. Provide an annual report to the BOS describing Los Angeles County's progress in ending HIV as a threat to the health and welfare of Los Angeles County residents with indicators to be determined by the Commission in collaboration with DHSP; make other reports as necessary to the BOS, DHSP, and other departments on HIV-related matters referred for review by the BOS, DHSP, or other departments;

q. Act as the planning body for all HIV programs in DPH or funded by the County; and

r. Make recommendations to the BOS, DHSP, and other departments concerning the allocation and expenditure of funding other than RWHAP Part A and B and CDC prevention funds expended by DHSP and the County for the provision of HIV-related services.

Section 5. Federal and Local Compliance. These Bylaws ensure that the Commission meets all RWHAP, HRSA, and CDC requirements and adheres to Chapter 29 of the Los Angeles County Code.

Section 6. Service Area. In accordance with Los Angeles County Code and funding designations from HRSA and the CDC, the Commission executes its duties and responsibilities for Los Angeles County.

II. MEMBERS:

Section 1. Definition. A member of this Commission is any person who has been duly appointed by the BOS as a Commissioner or Alternate.

A. Commissioners are appointed by the BOS as full voting members to execute the duties and responsibilities of the Commission.

B. Alternates are appointed by the BOS to serve in place of a full seated unaffiliated consumer (UC) member when the UC member cannot fulfill their Commission duties and responsibilities.

C. Committee-only members are appointed by the Commission to serve as voting members on the Commission's standing committees, according to the committees' processes for selecting Committee-only members.

Section 2. Composition. As defined by Los Angeles County Code 3.29.030 (*Membership*),

all members of the Commission shall serve at the pleasure of the BOS. The membership shall consist of 32 voting members and one non-voting member from DHSP. Members are nominated by the Commission and appointed by the BOS.

Consistent with the Open Nominations Process, the following recommending entities may forward candidates to the Commission for membership consideration.

A. Specific Membership Required by the Ryan White CARE Act. Section 2602(b)(2) of the PHS Act lists 13 specific membership categories that must be represented on the Commission. These 15 membership categories include:

1. health care providers, including federally qualified health centers;
2. community-based organizations serving affected populations and AIDS service organizations;
3. social service providers, including providers of housing and homeless services;
4. mental health providers;
5. substance use providers
6. local public health agencies;
7. hospital planning agencies or health care planning agencies;
8. affected communities, including people with HIV/AIDS, members of a federally recognized Indian tribe as represented in the population, individuals co-infected with hepatitis B or C, and historically underserved groups and subpopulations;
9. non-elected community leaders;
10. State government (including the State Medicaid agency;
11. the agency administering the program under Part B)
12. recipients under subpart II of Part C;
13. recipients under section 2671 Part D, or if none are operating in the area, representatives of organizations with a history of serving children, youth, women, and families living with HIV and operating in the area;
14. recipients of other federal HIV programs, including but not limited to providers of HIV prevention services; and
15. representatives of individuals who formerly were federal, State, or local prisoners released from the custody of the penal system during the preceding three years, and had HIV as of the date on which the individuals were so released.

B. Unaffiliated Consumer Membership. In accordance with RWHAP Part A legislative requirements outlined in Section 2602(b)(5)(C): REPRESENTATION, the Commission shall ensure that at least 33% (at least 11) of its members are consumers of RWHAP Part A services who are not aligned or affiliated with RWHAP Part A-funded providers as employees, consultants, or Board members.

Unaffiliated consumers should reflect the local HIV burden and geographic diversity of Los Angeles County.

C. One representative from a local academic institution with subject matter expertise in HIV research and data translation.

D. One non-voting member representative from DHSP - the RWHAP Recipient/Part A Recipient. Non-voting members do not count towards quorum.

E. Five representatives, one recommended by each of the five Supervisorial offices.

F. Additional Government Members. Representatives of government agencies and other sectors across Los Angeles County may be invited to participate in Commission or Committee meetings on an ad hoc basis as needed, without requiring appointment as Commission members.

Section 3. Term of Office. Consistent with Los Angeles County Code section 3.29.050 (*Term of Service*):

A. Commissioners may serve a maximum of three consecutive two-year staggered terms as reflected on the Membership Roster.

B. Alternate members may serve a maximum of three consecutive two-year staggered terms as reflected on the Membership Roster.

C. Committee-Only members serve two-year terms, beginning on the date of appointment. Committee-only members may reapply once their two-year term ends.

D. Members (Full, Alternate, and Committee-only) may serve a maximum of three consecutive two-year terms (6 years total) and can reapply after a one-year break. Term limits are calculated from the approval date of these Bylaws.

E. The Executive Committee may make an exception the term limits in order to meet representation requirements, including unaffiliated consumers, or the need for specific expertise.

Section 4. Reflectiveness. In accordance with RWHAP Part A legislative requirements [Section 2602(b)(1)], the Commission shall ensure that its full membership and the subset of unaffiliated consumer members proportionately reflect the demographical characteristics of HIV prevalence in the EMA.

Section 5. Representation. In accordance with RWHAP Part A legislative requirements [Section 2602(b)(2)], the Commission shall ensure that all appropriate specific membership categories designated in the legislation are represented among the membership of Commission. Commission membership shall include individuals

from areas with high HIV and STD incidence and prevalence.

Section 6. Parity, Inclusion, and Representation (PIR). In accordance with CDC's *HIV Planning Guidance,* the planning process must ensure the parity and inclusion of the members.

A. "'Parity' is the ability of HIV planning group members to equally participate and carry out planning tasks or duties in the planning process. To achieve parity, representatives should be provided with opportunities for orientation and skills-building to participate in the planning process and have an equal voice in voting and other decision-making activities."

B. "'Inclusion' is the meaningful involvement of members in the process with an active role in making decisions. An inclusive process assures that the views, perspectives, and needs of affected communities, care providers, and key partners are actively included."

C. "Representation" means that "members should be representative of varying races and ethnicities, genders, sexual orientations, ages, and other characteristics such as varying educational backgrounds, professions, and expertise."

Section 7. HIV and Target Population Inclusion. In all categories when not specifically required, recommending entities and the Commission are strongly encouraged to nominate candidates living with HIV and individuals who are members of populations at disproportionate risk for HIV.

Section 8. Accountability. Members are expected to convey two-way information and communication between their represented organization/constituency and the Commission. Members are expected to provide the perspective of their organization/constituency and the Commission to other, relevant organizations regardless of the member's personal viewpoint. Members may, at times, represent multiple constituencies.

Section 9. Alternates. In accordance with Los Angeles County Code section 3.29.040 (*Alternate members*), any Commission member who has disclosed that they are living with HIV is entitled to an Alternate who shall serve in the place of the Commissioner when necessary.

Alternate members undergo the identical Open Nomination and Evaluation process as Commissioner candidates, submitting the same application and undergoing the same evaluation and scoring procedures.

Section 10. Committee-Only Membership. The Commission's standing committees may elect to nominate Committee-only members for appointment by the Commission to serve as voting members on the respective committees to

provide professional and/or lived experience expertise, as a means of further engaging community participation in the planning process.

Section 11. DHSP Role & Responsibility. DHSP, despite being a non-voting representative, plays a pivotal role in the Commission's work. As the RWHAP Recipient and Part A representative for the Los Angeles County EMA, DHSP provides essential epidemiological and surveillance data to guide the Commission's decision-making. DHSP plays a central role in carrying out needs assessments, conducting comprehensive planning, overseeing contracting and procurement of providers, evaluating service effectiveness, and performing quality management. Collaborating closely with DHSP, the Commission ensures effective coordination and implementation of its integrated comprehensive HIV plan. The Commission heavily relies on this partnership to ensure the optimal use of RWHAP funds and adherence to legislative and regulatory requirements, ensuring the highest standard of HIV services in Los Angeles County. DHSP, the Commission Executive Director, and Co-Chairs, shall establish and maintain a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to a collaborative relationship for the common goal of ensuring compliance with Ryan White legislative requirements and supporting a well-functioning community planning process.

III. MEMBER REQUIREMENTS:

Section 1. Attendance. Commissioners and/or their Alternates are expected to attend all regularly scheduled Commission meetings, primary committee meetings, priority- and allocation-setting meetings, orientation, and training meetings, and the Annual Conference.

A. In accordance with Los Angeles County Code 3.29.060 (*Meetings and committees*), the BOS shall be notified of member attendance on a semi-annual basis.

Section 2. Committee Assignments. Commissioners are required to be a member of at least one standing committee, known as the member's "primary committee assignment," and adhere to attendance requirements of that committee. A Commissioner may request a secondary committee assignment, provided that they commit to the attendance requirements.

A. Commissioners who live and work outside of Los Angeles County as necessary to meet expectations of their specific seats on the Commission are exempted from the requirement of a primary committee assignment, i.e., State Office of AIDS/Part B Representative and State Medi-Cal Representative.

B. Commissioners and Alternates are allowed to voluntarily request or accept

"secondary committee assignments" upon agreement of the Co-Chairs.

Section 3. Conflict of Interest. Consistent with the Los Angeles County Code 3.29.046 (*Conflict of Interest*), Commission members are required to abide by the Conflict of Interest and Disclosure requirements of the Commission, the County of Los Angeles, the State of California (including Government Code Sections 87100, 87103, and 1090, et seq.), the RWHAP, as outlined in HRSA and relevant CDC guidance.

A. As specified in Section 2602(b)(5)(A) of the RWHAP legislation, the Commission shall not be involved directly or in an advisory capacity in the administration of RWHAP funds and shall not designate or otherwise be involved in the selection of entities as recipients of those grant funds. While not addressed in the Ryan White legislation, the Commission shall adhere to the same rules for CDC and other funding.

B. Section 2602(b)(5)(B) continues that a planning council member who has a financial interest in, is employed by, or is a member of a public or private entity seeking local RWHAP funds as a provider of specific services is precluded from participating in—directly or in an advisory capacity—the process of selecting contracted providers for those services.

C. Further, in accordance with HRSA Part A Manual, March 2023, Conflict of Interest, Page 38, dictates that all members must declare conflicts of interest involving RWHAP-funded agencies and their services, and the member is required to recuse themselves from discussion and/or voting concerning that area of conflict, or funding for those services and/or to those agencies.

Section 4. Code of Conduct. All Commission members and members of the public are expected to adhere to the Commission's approved Code of Conduct at Commission and sponsored meetings and events. Those in violation of the Code of Conduct will be subject to the Commission's Policy #08.3302 Intra-Commission Grievance and Sanctions Procedures.

Section 5. Comprehensive Training. Commissioners and Alternates are required to fulfill all mandatory County and Commission training requirements.

Section 6. Removal/Replacement. A Commissioner or Alternate may be removed or replaced by the BOS for failing to meet attendance requirements, and/or other reasons determined by the BOS.

A. The Commission, via its Membership and Community Engagement and Executive Committees, may recommend vacating a member's seat if egregious or unresolved violations of the Code of Conduct occur, after three months of consecutive absences, if the member's term is expired, or during

the term if a member has moved out of the jurisdiction and/or no longer meets the qualifications for the seat.

IV. NOMINATION PROCESS:

Section 1. Open Nominations Process. Application, evaluation, nomination and appointment of Commission members shall follow "...an open process (in which) candidates shall be selected based on locally delineated and publicized criteria," as described in Section 2602(b)(1) of the RWHAP legislation and "develop and apply criteria for selecting HPG members, placing special emphasis on identifying representatives of at-risk, persons living with HIV/AIDS, and socio-economically marginalized populations," as required by the CDC *HIV Planning Guidance.*

A. The Commission's Open Nominations Process is defined in Policy/ Procedure #09.4205 (*Commission Membership Evaluation and Nominations Process*) and related policies and procedures.

B. Nomination of candidates that are forwarded to the BOS for appointment shall be made according to the policy and criteria adopted by the Commission.

Section 2. Application. Application for Commission membership shall be made on forms as approved by the Commission.

A. All candidates for first-time Commission membership shall be interviewed by the Membership and Community Engagement (MCE) Committee. Renewing members must complete an application and may be subject to an interview as determined by the MCE Committee.

B. Any candidate may apply individually or through recommendation of other stakeholders or entities.

C. Candidates cannot be recommended to the Commission or nominated by the BOS without completing the appropriate Commission-approved application, BOS Statement of Qualifications, and being evaluated and scored by the MCE Committee.

Section 3. Appointments. Commissioners and Alternates must be appointed by the BOS.

V. MEETINGS:

Section 1. Public Meetings. The Commission adheres to federal open meeting regulations outlined in Section 2602(b)(7)(B) of the RWHAP legislation, accompanying HRSA guidance, and California's Ralph M. Brown Act (Brown Act).

A. According to the RWHAP legislation, Council meetings must be open to the public with adequate notice. HRSA guidance extends these rules to Commission and committee meetings.

B. The Commission and committee meetings are subject to the Brown Act.
C. Specific public meeting requirements for Commission working units are detailed in Commission Policy #08.1102: Subordinate Commission Working Units.

Section 2. Public Noticing. Advance public notice of meetings shall comply with HRSA's open meeting requirements, Brown Act public noticing requirements, and all other applicable laws and regulations.

Section 3. Meeting Minutes/Summaries. Meeting summaries and minutes are produced in accordance with HRSA's open meeting requirements, the Brown Act, Commission policies and procedures, and all other applicable laws and regulations. Meeting minutes are posted to the Commission's website at https://hiv.lacounty.gov/ following their approval by the respective body.

Section 4. Public Comment. In accordance with Brown Act requirements, public comment on agendized and non-agendized items is allowed at all Commission meetings open to the public. The Commission is allowed to limit the time of public comment consistent with Los Angeles County rules and regulations and must adhere to all other County and Brown Act rules and requirements regarding public comment.

Section 5. Regular meetings. In accordance with Los Angeles County Code section 3.29.060 (*Meetings and committees*), the Commission shall meet *at least* 6 times per year. Commission and committee meetings are held every other month, unless cancelled, at a time and place to be designated by the Co-Chairs or the Executive Committee or committee Co-Chairs. The Executive Committee or Co-Chairs and committee Co-Chairs may convene additional meetings, as needed, to meet operational and programmatic needs.

The Commission's Annual Conference will replace one of the regularly scheduled monthly meetings.

Section 6. Special Meetings. In accordance with the Brown Act, special meetings may be called as necessary by the Co-Chairs, the Executive Committee, or a majority of the members of the Commission.

Section 7. Executive Sessions. In accordance with the Brown Act, the Commission or its committees may convene executive sessions closed to the public to address pending litigation or personnel issues. An executive session will be posted as such.

Section 8. Robert's Rules of Order. All meetings of the Commission shall be conducted according to the current edition of "*Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised*,"

except where superseded by the Commission's Bylaws, policies/procedures, and/or applicable laws.

Section 9. Quorum. In accordance with Los Angeles County Code section 3.29.070 (*Procedures*), the quorum for any regular, special, or committee meeting shall be a majority of voting, seated Commission or committee members.

VI. RESOURCES:

Section 1. Fiscal Year. The Commission's Fiscal Year (FY) and programmatic year coincide with the County's fiscal year, from July 1 through June 30 of any given year.

Section 2. Operational Budgeting and Support. Operational support for the Commission is principally derived from RWHAP Part A and CDC prevention funds, and Net County Costs ("NCC") managed by DHSP. Additional support may be obtained from alternate sources, as needed and available, for specific Commission activities.

A. The total amount of each year's operational budget is negotiated annually with DHSP, in accordance with County budgeting guidelines, and approved by the DHSP Director and the Commission's Executive Committee.

B. Projected Commission operational expenditures are allocated from RWHAP Part A administrative, CDC prevention, and NCC funding in compliance with relevant guidance and allowable expenses for each funding stream. As the administrative agent of those funds, DHSP is charged with oversight of the funds to ensure that their use for Commission operational activities is compliant with relevant funder program regulations and the terms and conditions of the award/funding.

C. Costs and expenditures are enabled through a Departmental Service Order between DHSP/DPH and the Executive Office of the BOS, the Commission's fiscal and administrative agent.

D. Expenditures for staffing or other costs covered by various funding sources will be prorated in the Commission's annual budget according to their respective budget cycles.

Section 3. Other Support. Activities beyond the scope of RWHAP Part A planning councils and CDC HPGs, as defined by HRSA and CDC guidance, are supported by other sources, including NCC, as appropriate.

Section 4. Additional Revenues. The Commission may receive other grants and/or revenues for projects/activities within the scope of its duties and responsibilities,

as defined in these Bylaws Article I, Section 4. The Commission will follow County-approved procedures for allocating project-/activity-related costs and resources in the execution of those grants and/or fulfillment of revenue requirements.

Section 5. Commission Member Compensation. In accordance with Los Angeles County Code section 3.29.080 (*Compensation*), RWHAP Part A planning council requirements, CDC guidance, and/or other relevant grant restrictions, Commission members, or designated subsets of Commission members, may be compensated for their service on the Commission contingent upon available funding as determined by the Executive Director and in compliance with established policies and procedures governing Commission member compensation practices.

Section 6. Staffing. The Executive Director serves as the Commission's lead staff person and manages all personnel, budgetary, and operational activities of the Commission.

A. The Co-Chairs and the Executive Committee are responsible for overseeing the Executive Director's performance and management of Commission operations and activities consistent with Commission decisions, actions, and directives.

B. Within Los Angeles County's organizational structure, the County's Executive Officer and/or their delegated representative serves as the supervising authority of the Executive Director.

VII. POLICIES AND PROCEDURES:

Section 1. Policy/Procedure Manual. The Commission develops and adopts policies and procedures consistent with RWHAP, HRSA, and CDC requirements, Chapter 29 of the Los Angeles County Code, these Bylaws, and other relevant governing rules and requirements to operationalize Commission functions, work, and activities. The policy/procedure index and accompanying adopted policies/procedures are incorporated by reference into these Bylaws.

Section 2. HRSA Approval(s). The Division of Metropolitan HIV/AIDS Program/HIV/AIDS Bureau (DMHAP/HAB) at HRSA requires RWHAP Part A planning councils to submit their grievance and conflict of interest policies and Bylaws for review by the RWHAP Part A project officer.

Section 3. Grievance Procedures. The Commission's *Grievance Process* is incorporated by reference into these Bylaws. The Commission's grievance procedures must comply with RWHAP, HRSA, CDC, and Los Angeles County requirements, and will

be amended from time to time, as needed.

Section 4. Complaints Procedures. Complaints related to internal Commission matters such as alleged violations of the Code of Conduct or other disputes among members are addressed and resolved in adherence to Commission's Policy #08.3302: Intra-Commission Grievance and Sanctions Procedure.

Section 5. Conflict of Interest Procedures. The Commission's conflict of interest procedures must comply with the RWHAP legislation, HRSA guidance, CDC, State of California, and Los Angeles County requirements, and will be amended from time to time, as needed. These policies/procedures are incorporated by reference into these Bylaws.

VIII. LEADERSHIP:

Section 1. Commission Co-Chairs. The officers of the Commission shall be two Commission Co-Chairs ("Co-Chairs").

A. One of the Co-Chairs must be a person living with HIV/AIDS. Best efforts shall be made to have the Co-Chairs reflect the diversity of the HIV epidemic in Los Angeles County.

B. The Co-Chairs' terms of office are two years, which shall be staggered. In the event of a vacancy, a new Co-Chair shall be elected to complete the term. The nominations and elections to fill the vacancy and complete the term will occur within 60 days of the resignation of the chair.

C. The Co-Chairs are elected by a majority vote of Commissioners or Alternates present at a regularly scheduled Commission meeting at least four months prior to the start date of their term. The term of office begins at the start of the calendar year. When a new Co-Chair is elected, this individual shall be identified as the Co-Chair-Elect and will have four months of mentoring and preparation for the Co-Chair role.

D. As reflected in the Commission Co-Chair Duty Statement, one or both Co-Chairs shall preside at all regular or special meetings of the Commission and at the Executive Committee. In addition, the Co-Chairs shall:

1. Assign the members of the Commission to committees.
2. Represent the Commission at functions, events, and other public activities, as necessary.
3. Call special meetings, as necessary, to ensure that the Commission fulfills its duties.
4. Consult with and advise the Executive Director regularly, and the RWHAP Part A and CDC project officers, as needed.
5. Conduct the performance evaluation of the Executive Director, in

consultation with the Executive Committee and the Executive Office of the BOS.

6. Chair or co-chair committee meetings in the absence of both committee co-chairs.
7. Serve as voting members on all committees when attending those meetings.
8. Act on behalf of the Commission or Executive Committee on emergency matters.
9. Attend to such other duties and responsibilities as assigned by the BOS or the Commission.

Section 2. Committee Co-Chairs: Each committee shall have two co-chairs.

A. Committee co-chairs' terms of office are for one year and may be re-elected by the committee membership. In the event of a vacancy, a new co-chair shall be elected by the respective committee to complete the term.

B. Committee co-chairs are elected by a majority vote of the members of the respective committees present at regularly scheduled meetings at the beginning of the calendar year, following the open nomination period at the prior regularly scheduled meetings of the committees. As detailed in the Commission Co-Chair Duty Statement, one or both co-chairs shall preside at all regular or special meetings of their respective committee. Committee co-chairs shall have the following additional duties:

1. Serve as members of the Executive Committee.
2. Develop annual work plans for their respective committees in consultation with the Executive Director, subject to approval of the Executive Committee and/or Commission.
3. Manage the work of their committees, including ensuring that work plan tasks are completed; and
4. Present the work of their committee and any recommendations for action to the Executive Committee and the Commission.

IX. COMMISSION WORK STRUCTURES:

Section 1. Committees and Working Units. The Commission completes much of its work through a strong committee and working unit structure outlined in Commission Policy #08.1102: Subordinate Commission Working Units.

Section 2. Commission Decision-Making. Committee work and decisions are forwarded to the full Commission for further consideration and approval through the Executive Committee, unless that work or decision has been specifically delegated to a committee. All final decisions and work presented to the Commission must be approved by at least a majority of the quorum of the

Commission.

Section 3. Standing Committees. The Commission has established four standing committees: Executive; Membership and Community Engagement (MCE); Planning, Priorities and Allocations (PP&A); and Standards and Best Practices (SBP).

Section 4. Committee Membership. Only Commissioners or Alternates assigned to the committees by the Commission Co-Chairs, the Commission Co-Chairs themselves, and Committee-Only members nominated by the committee and approved by the Commission shall serve as voting members of the committees.

Section 5. **Meetings.** All committee meetings are open to the public, and the public is welcome to attend and participate. While members of the public do not have voting privileges, they play a critical role in informing discussions.

Section 6. Other Working Units. The Commission and its committees may create other working units such as subcommittees, ad-hoc committees, caucuses, task forces, or work groups, as they deem necessary and appropriate.

A. The Commission is empowered to create caucuses of subsets of Commission members who are members of "key or priority populations" or "populations of interest" as identified in the comprehensive HIV plan, such as consumers. Caucuses are ongoing for as long as they are needed.
B. Task forces are established to address a specific issue or need and may be ongoing or time limited.

X. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

Section 1. Membership. The voting membership of the Executive Committee shall be comprised of the Commission Co-Chairs, the Committee Co-Chairs, three Executive Committee At-Large members who are elected by the Commission, subject matter expert(s) appointed by the Executive Committee necessary to fulfill the duties of the Commission, a person with public policy expertise, DHSP, as a non-voting member, and one of the Co-Chairs from the Caucuses. Caucus representatives on the Executive Committee must be Commissioners or Alternates

Section 2. Co-Chairs. The Commission Co-Chairs shall serve as the co-chairs of the Executive Committee, and one or both shall preside over its meetings.

Section 3. Responsibilities. The Executive Committee is charged with the following responsibilities:

A. Overseeing all Commission operational and administrative activities.
B. Serving as the clearinghouse to review and forward items for discussion, approval and action to the Commission and its various working groups and units.
C. Acting on an emergency basis on behalf of the Commission, as necessary, between regular meetings of the Commission.
D. Approving the agendas for the Commission's regular, annual, and special meetings.
E. Determining the annual Commission work plan and functional calendar of activities, in consultation with the committees and subordinate working units.
F. Conducting strategic planning activities for the Commission.
G. Adopting a Memorandum of Understanding ("MOU") with DHSP, if needed, and monitoring ongoing compliance with the MOU.
H. Resolving potential grievances or internal complaints informally when possible and standing as a hearing committee for grievances and internal complaints.
I. Making amendments, as needed, to the Ordinance, which governs Commission operations.
J. Making amendments or revisions to the Bylaws consistent with the Ordinance and/or to reflect current and future goals, requirements and/or objectives.
K. Recommending, developing, and implementing Commission policies and procedures and maintenance of the Commission's Policy/Procedure Manual.
L. Advocating public policy issues at every level of government that impact Commission efforts to implement a continuum of HIV services or a service delivery system for Los Angeles County, consistent with the comprehensive HIV plan.
M. Initiating policy initiatives that advance HIV care, treatment and prevention services and related interests.
N. Providing education and access to public policy arenas for the Commission members, consumers, providers, and the public.
O. Facilitating communication between government and legislative officials and the Commission.
P. Recommending policy positions on governmental, administrative, and legislative action to the Commission, the BOS, other County departments, and other stakeholder constituencies, as appropriate.
Q. Advocating specific public policy matters to the BOS, County departments, interests and bodies, and other stakeholder constituencies, as appropriate.
R. Researching and implementing public policy activities in accordance with the

County's adopted legislative agendas.

S. Advancing specific Commission initiatives related to its work into the public policy arena; and

T. Carrying out other duties and responsibilities, as assigned by the Commission or the BOS.U. Addressing matters related to Commission office staffing, personnel, and operations, when needed.

V. Developing and adopting the Commission's annual operational budget.

W. Overseeing and monitoring Commission expenditures and fiscal activities.

X. Carrying out other duties and responsibilities, as assigned by the BOS or the Commission.

Section 4. At-Large Member Duties. As reflected in *Executive Committee At-Large Members Duty Statement*, the At-Large members shall serve as members of both the Executive and Membership and Community Engagement Committees.

XI. MEMBERSHIP AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE:

Section 1. Voting Membership. The voting membership of the Membership and Community Engagement Committee shall be comprised of the Executive Committee At-Large members; representatives from the Cities of Los Angeles, Pasadena, Long Beach, and West Hollywood; representative from the youth community; academics/behavioral scientists; members assigned by the Commission Co-Chairs; and the Commission Co-Chairs when attending.

Section 2. Responsibilities. The Membership and Community Engagement Committee is charged with the following responsibilities:

A. Ensuring that the Commission membership adheres to RWHAP reflective-ness and representation and CDC PIR requirements (*detailed in Article II, Sections 5, 6 and 7*), and all other membership composition requirements.

B. Recruiting, screening, scoring, and evaluating applications for Commission membership and recommending nominations to the Commission in Accordance with the Commission's established Open Nominations Process.

C. Developing, conducting, and overseeing ongoing, comprehensive training for the members of the Commission and public to educate them on matters and topics related to the Commission, HIV service delivery, skills building, leadership development, and providing opportunities for personal/professional growth.

D. Conducting regular orientation meetings for new Commission members and interested members of the public to acquaint them with the Commission's role, processes, and functions.

E. Developing and revising, as necessary, Commission member duty statements

(job descriptions).

F. Recommending and nominating, as appropriate, candidates for committee, task force, and other work group membership to the Commission.

G. Coordinating ongoing community outreach, public awareness and information referral activities in cross-collaboration with other committees and subordinate working units to educate and engage the public about the Commission and promote the availability of HIV services.

H. Working with local stakeholders to ensure their representation and involvement in the Commission and in its activities.

I. Identifying, accessing, and expanding other financial resources to support the Commission's special initiatives and ongoing operational needs.

J. Carrying out other duties and responsibilities, as assigned by the Commission or the BOS.

XII. PLANNING, PRIORITIES AND ALLOCATIONS (PP&A) COMMITTEE:

Section 1. Voting Membership. The voting membership of the PP&A Committee shall be comprised of members assigned by the Commission Co-Chairs, Committee-Only members nominated by the committee, and the Commission Co-Chairs when attending.

Section 2. Responsibilities. The PP&A Committee is charged with the following responsibilities:

A. Conducting continuous, ongoing needs assessment activities and related collection and review as the basis for decision-making, including gathering expressed need data from consumers on a regular basis, and reporting regularly to the Commission on consumer and service needs, gaps, and priorities.

B. Overseeing development and updating of the comprehensive HIV plan and monitoring implementation of the plan.

C. Recommending to the Commission annual priority rankings among service categories and types of activities and determining resource allocations for Part A, Part B, prevention, and other HIV-related funding.

D. Ensuring that the priorities and implementation efforts are consistent with needs, the continuum of HIV services, and the service delivery system.

E. Monitoring the use of funds to ensure they are consistent with the Commission's allocations.

F. Recommending revised allocations for Commission approval, as necessary.

G. Coordinating planning, funding, and service delivery to ensure funds are used to fill gaps and do not duplicate services provided by other funding sources and/or health care delivery systems.

H. Developing strategies to identify, document, and address "unmet need" and to identify people living with HIV who are unaware of their status, make HIV testing available, and bring them into care.

I. Collaborating with DHSP to ensure the effective integration and implementation of the continuum of HIV services.

J. Reviewing monthly fiscal reporting data for HIV and STD expenditures by funding source, service category, service utilization and/or type of activity.

K. Monitoring, reporting, and making recommendations about unspent funds.

L. Identifying, accessing, and expanding other financial resources to meet Los Angeles County's HIV service needs.

M. Carrying out other duties and responsibilities, as assigned by the Commission or the BOS.

XII. STANDARDS AND BEST PRACTICES (SBP) COMMITTEE:

Section 1. Voting Membership. The voting membership of the SBP Committee shall be comprised of members assigned by the Commission Co-Chairs; Committee-Only members as nominated by the committee; a representative from local Part F organization; and the Commission Co-Chairs when attending.

Section 2. Responsibilities. The SBP Committee is charged with the following responsibilities:

A. Working with DHSP and other bodies to develop and implement a quality management plan and its subsequent operationalization.

B. Identifying, reviewing, developing, disseminating, and evaluating service standards for HIV and STD services.

C. Reducing the transmission of HIV and other STDs, improving health outcomes, and optimizing quality of life and self-sufficiency for all people infected by HIV and their caregivers and families through the adoption and implementation of "best practices".

D. Recommending service system and delivery improvements to DHSP to ensure that the needs of people at risk for or living with HIV and/or other STDs are adequately met.

E. Developing and defining directives for implementation of services and service models.

F. Evaluating and designing systems to ensure that other service systems are sufficiently accessed.

G. Identifying and recommending solutions for service gaps.

H. Ensuring that the basic level of care and prevention services throughout Los

Angeles County is consistent in both comprehensiveness and quality through the development, implementation, and use of outcome measures.

I. Reviewing aggregate service utilization, delivery, and/or quality management information from DHSP, as appropriate.

J. Evaluating and assessing service effectiveness of HIV and STD service delivery in Los Angeles County, with particular attention to, among other factors, outcome evaluation, cost effectiveness, capacity, and best practices.

K. Conducting an annual assessment of the administrative mechanism, and overseeing implementation of the resulting, adopted recommendations

L. Verifying system compliance with standards by reviewing contract and Request For Proposal (RFP) templates.

M. Carrying out other duties and responsibilities, as assigned by the Commission or the BOS.

XV. OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS AND REPRESENTATIONS:

Section 1. Representation/Misrepresentation. No officer or member of the Commission shall commit any act or make any statement or communication under circumstances that might reasonably give rise to an inference that they are representing the Commission, including, but not limited to communications upon Commission stationery; public acts; statements; or communications in which they are identified as a member of the Commission, except only in the following:

A. Actions or communications that are clearly within the policies of the Commission and have been authorized in advance by the Commission.

B. Actions or communications by the officers that are necessary for and/or incidental to the discharge of duties imposed upon them by these Bylaws, policies/procedures and/or resolutions/decisions of the Commission.

C. Communications addressed to other members of the Commission or to its staff, within Brown Act rules and requirements.

XVI. AMENDMENTS: The Commission shall have the power to amend or revise these Bylaws at any meeting at which a quorum is present, provided that written notice of the proposed change(s) is given at least 10 days prior to such meeting. In no event shall these Bylaws be changed in such a manner as to conflict with Chapter 29 of the Los Angeles County Code establishing the Commission and governing its activities and operations, or with CDC, RWHAP, and HRSA requirements.

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12.12.23	First review by OPS/EXEC Committees. Proposed updates include HRSA findings compliance as determined by the Bylaws Review Taskforce (BRT).
2.8.24	Review by COH.
2.12.24	Open Public Comment Period: 2/12/24-3/14/24
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2025 Meeting Schedule and Topics - Commission Meetings

FOR DISCUSSION /PLANNING PURPOSES ONLY
12.04.24; 12.30.24; 01.06.25; 2.19.25; 03.09.25; 03.24.25; 03.30.25; 4.19.25; 4.28.25
June, August and September Cancellations approved by the Executive Committee on 4/24/25

- **Bylaws:** Section 5. Regular meetings. In accordance with Los Angeles County Code 3.29.060 (Meetings and committees), the Commission shall meet at least ten (10) times per year. Commission meetings are monthly, unless cancelled, at a time and place to be designated by the Co-Chairs or the Executive Committee. The Commission's Annual Meeting replaces one of the regularly scheduled monthly meetings during the fall of the calendar year.

2025 Meeting Schedule and Topics - Commission Meetings	
Month	**Key Discussion Topics/Presentations**
~~1/9/25 @ The California Endowment~~ Cancelled due to Day of Mourning for former President Jimmy Carter	Commission on HIV Restructure ***facilitated by Next Level Consulting and Collaborative Research*** ~~Brown Act Refresher (County Counsel)~~ Replaced with training hosted by EO on Jan. 30.
~~2/13/25 @ The California Endowment~~ ~~*Consumer Resource Fair will be held from 12 noon to 5pm~~	~~Commission on HIV Restructure **facilitated by Next Level Consulting and Collaborative Research**~~
~~3/13/25 @ The California Endowment~~	• ~~Year 33 Utilization Report for All RWP Services Presentation (DHSP/Sona Oksuzyan, PhD, MD, MPH)~~ • ~~COH Restructuring Report Out~~
~~4/10/25 @ St. Anne's Conference Center~~	• ~~Contingency Planning RWP PY 35 Allocations~~ • ~~Year 33 Utilization Report for RW Core Services Presentation (DHSP/Sona Oksuzyan, PhD, MD, MPH)~~ ~~(Move to PP&A 4/15/25 meeting)~~

5/8/25 @ St. Anne's Conference Center	• ~~Year 33 Utilization Report for RW Support Services Presentation (DHSP/Sona Oksuzyan, PhD, MD, MPH)~~ (Move to PP&A 5/1/25 meeting) • ~~Unmet Needs Presentation (DHSP/Sona Oksuzyan, PhD, MD, MPH)~~ (Move to PP&A meeting, date TBD) • Approve 20% RWP funding scenario allocations • COH Restructuring Workgroups Report and Discussion • Housing Task Force Report of Housing and Legal Services Provider Consultations
6/12/25	• **CANCELLED**
7/10/25 @ Vermont Corridor	• COH Restructuring/Bylaws Updates • Medical Monitoring Project (Dr. Ekow Sey, DHSP) CONFIRMED • PURPOSE Study (Requested by Suzanne Molino, PharmD, Gilead Sciences, Inc.); CONFIRMED
8/14/25	**CANCELLED**
9/11/25	**CANCELLED**
10/9/25 @ Location TBD	TBD
11/14/24 @ Location TBD	ANNUAL CONFERENCE
12/12/24 @ Location TBD	TBD

***Consider future or some of the presentation requests as a special stand-alone virtual offerings outside of the monthly COH meetings.**

America's HIV Epidemic Analysis Dashboard (AHEAD) - Host a virtual educational session on 9/11/25

2025 COMMISSION ON HIV WORKPLAN
Ongoing 12-26-24

#	DUTY/ROLE	LEAD (S)	NOTES/TIMELINE
1	Conduct ongoing needs assessments	PP&A Shared task with DHSP	• Review, analyze and hold data presentations (Feb-August COH meetings)
2	Integrated/Comprehensive Planning Comprehensive HIV Plan Development	PP&A Shared task with DHSP	• Review CDC/HRSA guidance • Develop project timeline based on CDC/HRSA guidance • CHP Due June 2026 • Plan dedicated status-neutral and/or prevention-focused planning summit in collaboration with DHSP.
3	Priority setting	PP&A	• July-September
4	Resource allocations/reallocations	PP&A	• July-September • Receive and review expenditure data – quarterly
5	Directives	PP&A	• Complete by February 2025; secure COH approval by March 2025
6	Development of service standards	SBP Shared task with DHSP	• Housing services • Transitional case management
7	Assessment of the Efficiency of the Administrative Mechanism	Operations	• PY 33 & PY 34 AEAM recipient and subrecipient surveys will be disseminated in January/February 2025. Reports completed by April 2025
8	Planning Council Operations and Support	Operations	• Membership training • Membership recruitment and retention • Fill vacancies • Mentorship program • Bylaws and policies update

9	Complete restructuring framework and key principles and align with bylaws/ordinance updates.	Executive and Operations	• January- April 2025
10	MOU with DHSP	Co-Chairs and Executive Committee	• Complete by March 2025 (awaiting DHSP feedback)
11	Ongoing community engagement and non-member involvement of PLWH	Consumer Caucus and Operations	

Engage all caucuses, committees and subgroups in all functions.

Commission on HIV Budget Overview & Ryan White Program (RWP) Program Year (PY) 35

Commission on HIV

July 10, 2025

LOS ANGELES COUNTY COMMISSION ON HIV

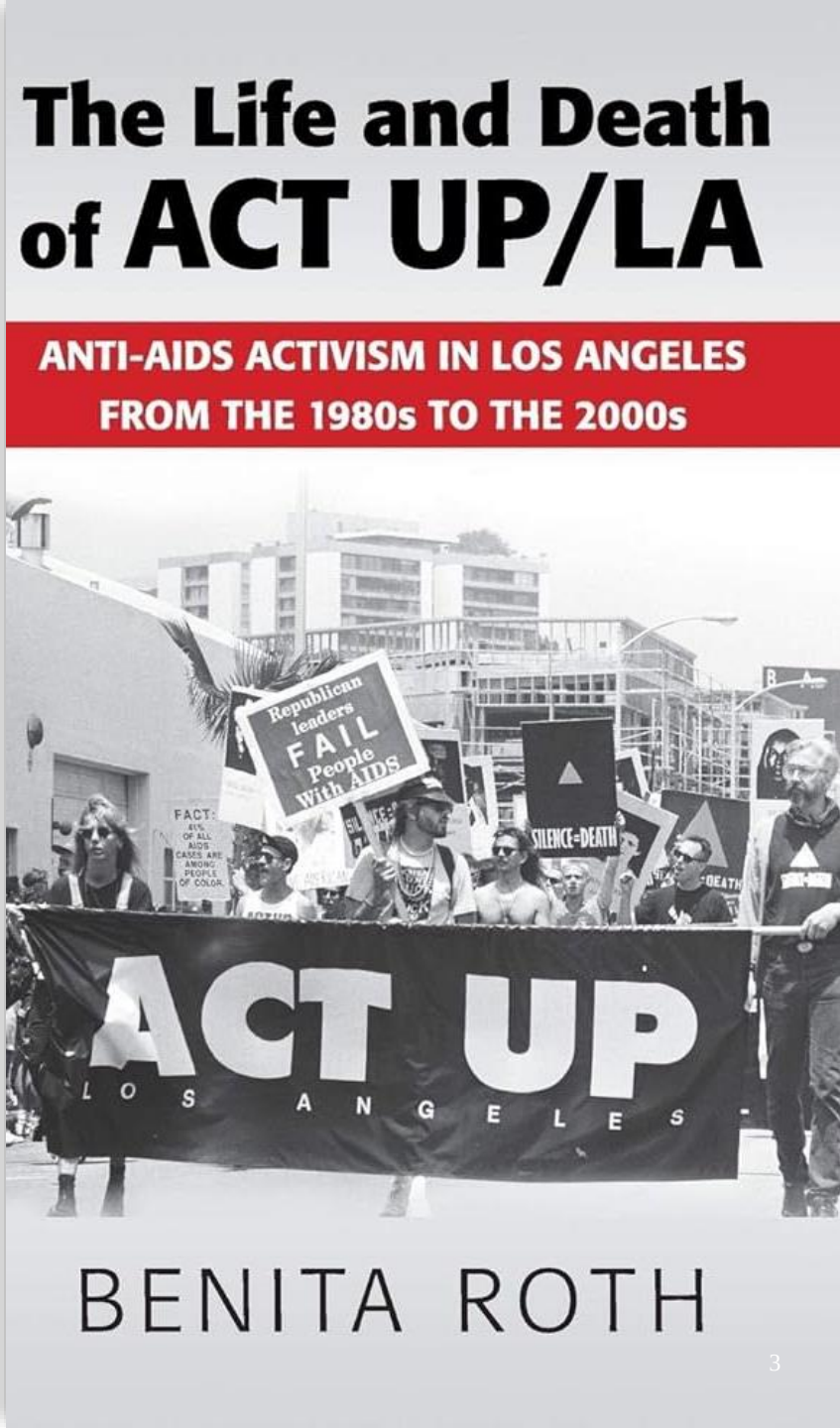
Planning Council(PC) Background

History

1989 to 1991

- LAC Board of Supervisors (BOS) established the Commission on AIDS, comprised of five community members who represented each supervisorial district
- County's Department of Public Health (DPH) created the AIDS Program Office, which was later renamed the Office of AIDS Programs and Policies (OAPP), and now known as the Division of HIV and STD Programs (DHSP).
- To coordinate federal funding for HIV/AIDS-related services awarded through the CARE Act, the BOS created the HIV Health Services Planning Council to prioritize and allocate the funding and meet the grant funding requirements. Additionally, as a mechanism to inform the BOS on policy matters related to the HIV/AIDS epidemic in Los Angeles County, the Commission on AIDS also became an advisory board.

Credits to Commissioner Alvaro Ballesteros



History (cont'd)

1997-1998

BOS dissolved both the Commission on AIDS and the HIV Health Services Planning Council and established the Commission on HIV Health Services in its place, placing the Commission under the scope and leadership of the County's CARE Act grantee, Office of AIDS Programs & Policy (OAPP), now the Division of HIV and STD Programs (DHSP).

2003

To address concerns of perception and potential conflicts of interest, the BOS amended the County Code to provide autonomy to the Commission, allow OAPP staff to serve on the Commission as non-voting members, reduce the size of the voting membership, and provide the Commission with staff independent of DHSP. Based on this milestone, the Commission was able to produce its own operational budget and work independently of its grantee, as the Commission was now and continues to be under the supervision of the BOS' Executive Office.

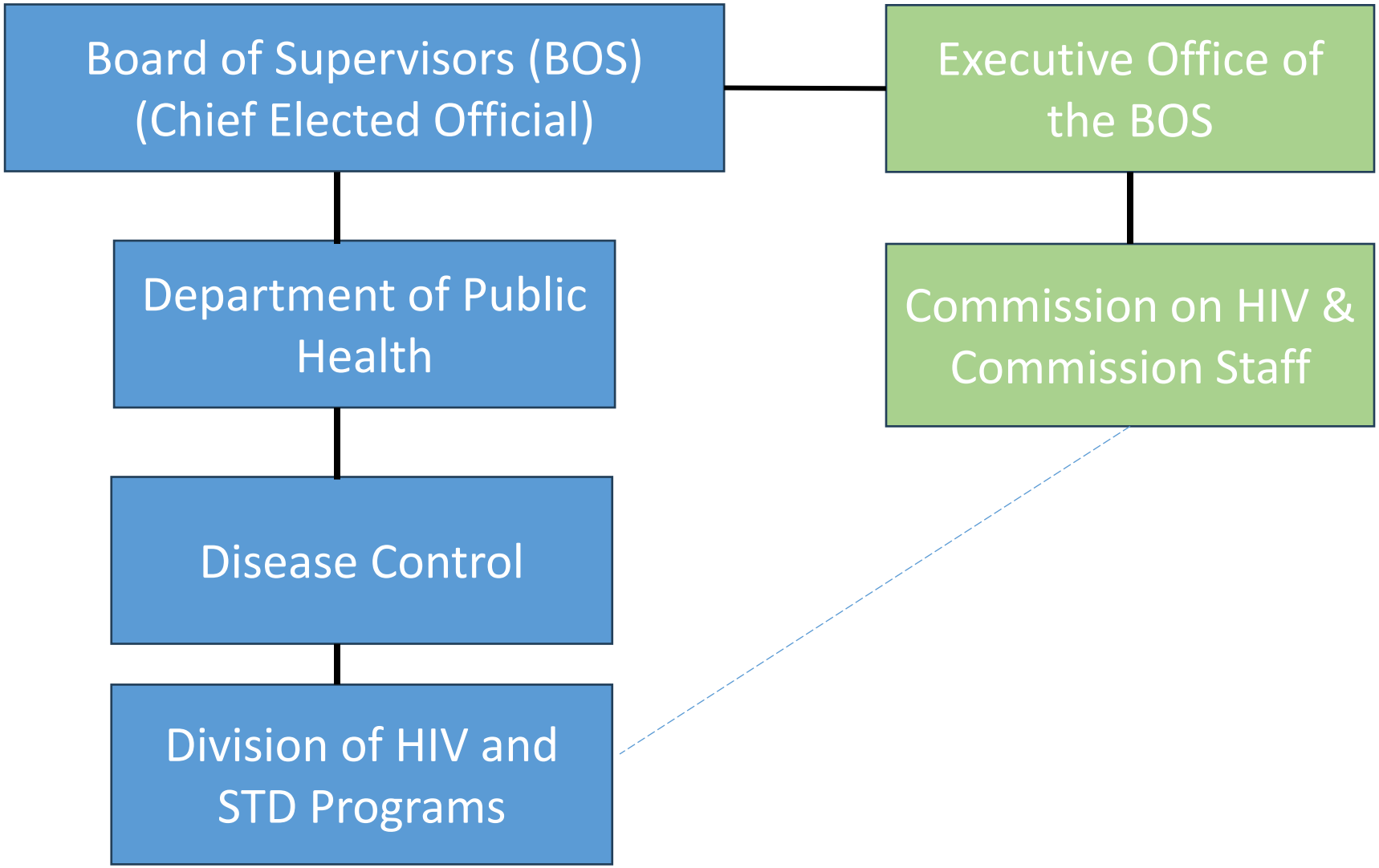
History (cont'd)

July 2013

Became an integrated and comprehensive HIV/AIDS planning body (Commission on HIV) catering to the needs of those who are living with and who are at risk of HIV/AIDS.

Evolving role within current environmental contexts, demands, and needs.

PC Organizational Structure in Relation to the Recipient (DHSP)



Ryan White CARE Act Legislation and Planning Councils

The Ryan White CARE Act (RWCA) is a federal law that provides funding and support for HIV/AIDS care and treatment, particularly for low-income individuals and those are uninsured or underinsured. The RWCA is codified in the Public Health Services (PHS) Act, which specifically states:

> "Section 2602(b)(1) of the PHS Act requires the Chief Elected Official *to establish or designate an HIV health services planning council* that shall reflect in its composition the demographics of the population of individuals with HIV/AIDS in the eligible area involved, with particular consideration given to disproportionately affected and historically underserved groups and subpopulations." Section 2609(d)(1)(A) of the PHS Act states a planning council must detail the process used to obtain community input for formulating the overall plan for priority setting and allocating funds. (See the 2023 Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program Planning Council and Planning Body Requirements and Expectations Letter.)

Ryan White CARE Act Legislation and Planning Councils

- As a condition for receiving RWCA funds, the Chief Elected Official (aka, Board of Supervisors for Los Angeles County) for the County must appoint a Planning Council. (HRSA HAB RWHAP Part A Manual, pg. 13)

- HIV Planning Councils are not advisory bodies. They are independent decision-making bodies that report to the Chief Elected Official (CEO) and work in partnership with the RWHAP Part A recipient (DPH), but not under its direction. (HRSA HAB RWHAP Part A Manual, pg. 25)

Ryan White CARE Act Legislation and Planning Councils

- Funds used for PC support are part of the 10% administrative cost cap of the RWHAP Part A award. (Section 2604(h0(3)(B) of the PHS Act; HRSA HAB RWHAP Part A Manual, pg. 36)

- The PC/PB must negotiate the size of its support budget with the recipient to carry out its legislative and programmatic responsibilities and then is responsible for developing and managing said budget within the recipient's grants management structure. PC/PB support funds may be used for such purposes as hiring staff, developing and carrying out needs assessments and estimating unmet need (sometimes with the help of consultants), conducting planning activities, holding meetings, and assuring participation of people with HIV. HRSA HAB RWHAP Part A Manual, pg. 36)

Figure 2. Roles/Duties of the Chief Elected Official, Recipient, and Planning Council/Planning Body

ROLE/DUTY	RESPONSIBILITY		
	CEO	Recipient	Planning Council/Planning Body
Establishment of PC/PB	✓		
Appointment of PC/PB Members	✓		
Needs Assessment		✓	✓
Integrated/Comprehensive Planning		✓	✓
Priority Setting			✓
Resource Allocations			✓
Directives			✓
Procurement of Services		✓	
Subrecipient Monitoring		✓	
Coordination of Services		✓	✓
Evaluation of Services: Performance, Outcomes, and Cost-Effectiveness		✓	*Optional*
Development of Service Standards		✓	✓
Clinical Quality Management		✓	*Contributes but not responsible*
Assessment of the Efficiency of the Administrative Mechanism			✓
Planning Council Operations and Support		✓	✓

Contract Budget vs Total Operational Expenses PY 30-PY 34

Ryan White Program Year (PY)	Contract Budget	Final Expenses Personnel	Final Expenses S&S	Final Indirect (15%)	Total Expenses
PY 30 (3/1/20-2/28/21)	$ 1,437,254.00	$ 958,459.00	$ 132,393.00	$ 143,769.00	$ 1,234,621.00
PY 31 (3/1/21-2/28/22)	$ 1,394,131.00	$ 997,536.00	$ 169,377.00	$ 149,645.00	$ 1,316,558.00
PY 32 (3/1/22-2/28/23)	$ 1,561,923.00	$ 941,732.00	$ 179,767.00	$ 140,692.00	$ 1,262,191.00
PY 33 (3/1/23-2/29/24)	$ 1,686,538.00	$ 1,115,401.00	$ 185,198.00	$ 167,310.00	$ 1,467,908.90
PY 34 (3/1/24-2/28/25)	$ 1,688,673.00	$ 1,229,303.00	$ 251,270.00	$ 184,395.00	$ 1,664,968.00

Contract Budget vs Total Direct Expenses - PY 30-PY 34

HIV Connect Resource Website (Sunset Date 3.13.24)					
Ryan White Program Year (PY)	**Contract Budget**	**Final Expenses Personnel**	**Final Expenses S&S**	**Final Indirect (15%)**	**Total Expenses**
PY 30 (3/1/20-2/28/21)	$ 104,647.00	$ 45,063.00	$ 30,544.00	$ 6,759.00	$ 82,366.00
PY 31 (3/1/21-2/28/22)	$ 79,600.00	$ 39,572.00	$ 25,000.00	$ 5,936.00	$ 70,508.00
PY 32 (3/1/22-2/28/23)	$ 102,447.00	$ 42,335.00	$ 6,141.00	$ 6,350.00	$ 54,826.00
PY 33 (3/1/23-2/29/24)	$ 33,000.00	$ -	$ 8,190.00	$ -	$ 8,190.00

PY 35 Budget Proposed to DHSP 6.2.24

Total Salaries and Benefits	Supplies and Services (S&S)	Total
$1,134,000	$130,060	$1,265,600

S&S Line Item	Proposed Budget Amount
Food/Revolving Fund	$15,000
Office Supplies	$2,000
Meeting Room Rentals	$14,000
Audio-visual	$18,000
Gift cards (incentives for unaffiliated consumers)	$15,000
Consultants	$50,000
Interpreters	$3,000
Photocopy/Machine rentals	$3,000
Travel/Mileage Reimbursements (for unaffiliated consumers)	$3,000
SurveyMonkey subscription	$3,600
Telecommunications (staff cell phones)	$2,000
Postage	$2,000
Total	$130,600

Program Year – Current Realities

- Unprecedented budgetary pressures for the County, exacerbated by the fires and unstable State and Federal funding.
- Diminishing available resources and Net County Cost funding.
- Declining growth in property tax revenues.
- All County departments are undergoing additional curtailments
- The Board directed the Executive Office to assess and review all Commissions for their functions, efficiency, and costs.
- The Commission on HIV needs to prepare for significantly reduced operational funding and align Ryan White Planning Council core functions and Commissioner expectations with available staff and resources.
- $500K is the starting point for budget negotiations with DHSP.
- Same level funding as prior years is not realistic or sustainable.
- The same Commission structure and operations are not realistic or sustainable.

Next Steps

- Focus on RW planning council core duties (see Figure 2)
- Implement COH restructuring (membership and structure)
- Align expectations with reality and capacity
- Seek out opportunities for improvement

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INSIDE:

This newsletter is organized to align with the six Social Determinants of Health found in the *Ending the Epidemics Integrated Statewide Strategic Plan*, addressing the syndemic of HIV, HCV, and STIs in California. More about the *Strategic Plan* is available on the Office of AIDS (OA) website.

COMMUNITY PARTNER SPOTLIGHT

On **Sunday, June 15th**, OA, the Sexually Transmitted Diseases Control Branch (STDCB), their families, and friends proudly participated in the **Sacramento Pride March** for the second year running. The contingent marched alongside many other participants with creatively-decorated floats, while music and dancing assured a fun and successful event.

The annual Pride March is a means of activism through demonstration, celebrating the progress made in the fight for justice, equity, and inclusion.

In the current climate, OA/STDCB wanted to demonstrate their commitment to the LGBTQ+ Community and confirm their continued pursuit of health equity for all.

The Pride March also provided a wonderful opportunity to conduct HIV/STI prevention outreach. Condoms, packets of lube, and stickers for free mpox and HIV home-testing kits were handed out to adults, and Pride flags, stickers, and beads were given to kids. Lastly, participation in the Pride March provided an opportunity to interact, educate, and foster community relationships.

OA/STDCB took pride in celebrating this year and look forward to participating in the years to come!

OA/STDCB - Sacramento Pride

GENERAL UPDATES

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Funding for PS24-0047

We are pleased to announce that the Year 2 Notice of Award for the High-Impact Prevention and Surveillance Programs for Health Departments Grant (PS24-0047) has been released. Thank you so much for your patience and continued dedication! We will be drafting award letters to each of our funded jurisdictions and hope to get those out to you all as soon as possible. We would like to note that the award period is now **June 1, 2025, through May 31, 2026**.

California Planning Group (CPG) – Spring 2025 Meeting Recap

The CPG and OA hosted the Spring In-Person CPG Meeting from May 28–30. The meeting's theme was *Rooted in Resilience: Turning Challenges into Collective Action*.

On May 28, OA hosted a two-part CPG Leadership Academy skills and capacity building day, which focused on navigating change during uncertain and ever-changing times. The first session was a training presentation which included an interactive activity that allowed members to embrace concerns that are in their span of control and influence and recognize the concerns that are not. It also included a grounding activity that connected CPG members through their origin stories and was followed by an artistic activity. Additional presentations focused on cluster detection and response by Brett AugsJoost; Jaylen Hibbert and Jeramiah Givens from REACH LA on social media campaigns and strategies for navigating uncertain times; Dr. Philip Peters about research updates on long acting injectables for treatment and prevention; and Herlyne Das on *The Use of Antidepressants in People Living with HIV Before vs After COVID*.

We want to thank all CPG members and community members for their attendance, active participation and engagement, personal perspectives, and help in creating a safe space for sharing and learning. Thank you to Community Co-Chairs John Paul Soto and Yara Tapia as well as the CPG Host Committee for their work in planning, hosting, and facilitating the meeting!

Mpox

OA is committed to providing updated information related to mpox. We have partnered with the Division of Communicable Disease Control (DCDC), a program within the Center of Infectious Diseases and have disseminated a number of documents in an effort to keep our clients and stakeholders informed. Please refer to the DCDC website to stay informed.

Digital assets continue to be available for LHJs and CBOs on DCDC's Campaign Toolkits website.

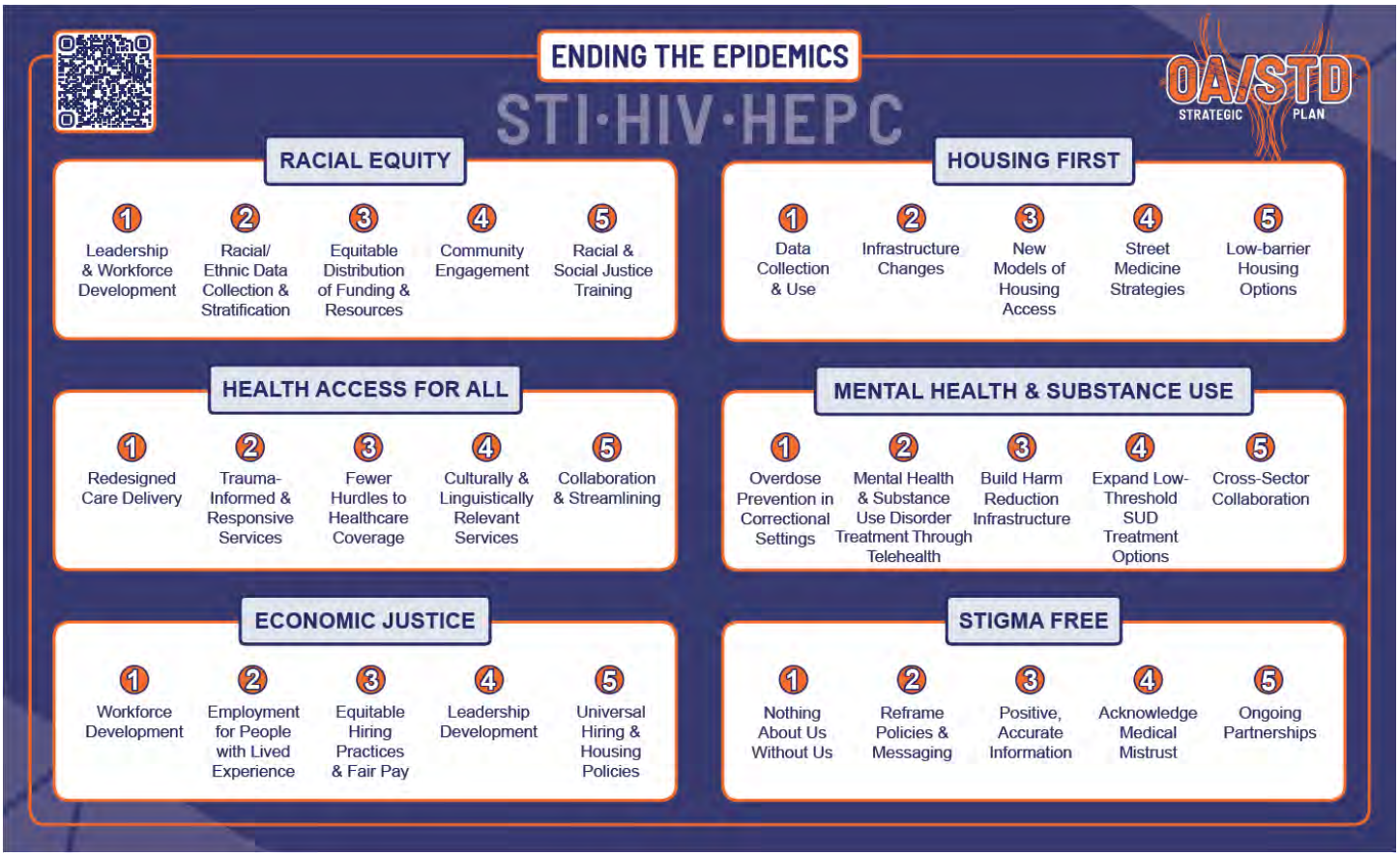
HIV/STI/HCV Integration

We continue to move forward with the necessary steps to integrate our HIV, STI, and HCV programs into a single new Division. We will continue to keep you apprised on our journey as new information comes in.

ENDING THE EPIDEMICS STRATEGIC PLAN

The visual at the top of the next page is a high-level summary of our *Strategic Plan* that organizes 30 Strategies across six Social Determinants of Health (SDoH).

OA and STD Control Branch would like you to continue to use and share the *Strategic Plan* and the *Implementation Blueprint*. These documents address HIV as a syndemic with HCV and other



STIs, through a SDoH lens.

For technical assistance in implementing the *Strategic Plan*, California LHJs and CBOs can vist Facente Consulting's webpage.

HEALTH ACCESS FOR ALL

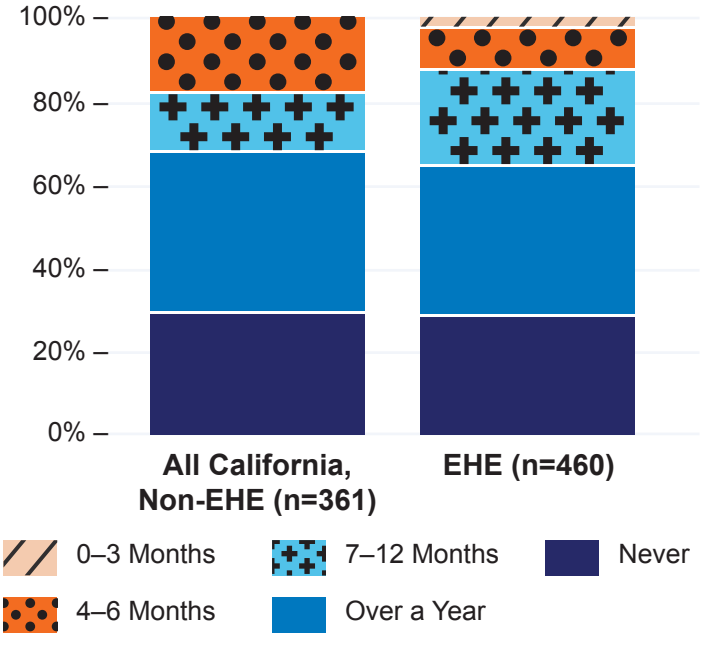
⩾ Strategy 1: Redesigned Care Delivery

OA continues to implement its **Building Healthy Online Communities (BHOC)** self-testing program to allow for rapid OraQuick test orders in all jurisdictions in California. The program, **TakeMeHome**, is advertised on gay dating apps, where users see an ad for home testing and are offered a free HIV-home test kit.

In May, 361 individuals in 36 counties ordered self-test kits, with 255 (70.6%) individuals ordering 2 tests. Additionally, OA's existing

TAKEMEHOME

HIV Test History Among Individuals Who Ordered TakeMeHome Kits, May 2025



TakeMeHome Program continues in the six California Consortium Phase I Ending the HIV Epidemic in America counties. Between the program's initiation in September 1, 2020, and May 31, 2025, 17,600 tests have been distributed. This month, mail-in lab tests (including dried blood spot tests for syphilis, and Hepatitis C, as well as 3-site tests for gonorrhea and chlamydia) accounted for 127 (27.6%) of the 460 total tests distributed in EHE counties. Of those ordering rapid tests, 256 (76.9%) ordered 2 tests.

Additional Key Characteristics	EHE	All California, Non-EHE
Of those sharing their gender, were cisgender men	53.1%	52.7%
Of those sharing their race or ethnicity, identify as Hispanic or Latinx	32.5%	40.7%
Were 17-29 years old	40.9%	42.4%
Of those sharing their number of sex partners, reported 3 or more in the past year	40.0%	41.6%

Survey Highlights	EHE	All California, Non-EHE
Would recommend TakeMeHome to a friend	94.6%	94.5%
Identify as a man who has sex with other men	47.9%	52.0%
Reported having been diagnosed with an STI in the past year	8.4%	9.7%

Since September 2020, 1,936 test kit recipients have completed the anonymous follow up survey from EHE counties; there have been 832 responses from the California expansion since January 2023.

Strategy 1: Redesigned Care Delivery

Request for Applications (RFA) Announcements:

HIV PrEP and PEP Navigator Projects, RFA #25-10048

OA will award grants in the amount of $1.76 million annually in local assistance funds to fund the development of six demonstration projects focused on establishing, integrating, and strengthening PrEP and PEP navigation services within the funded agency and making low-barrier PrEP and PEP available to specified priority populations. Each award will be $290,000 annually, and award allocations will be distributed over three years. Eligible applicants were required to demonstrate the capacity to fulfill the program and administrative requirements outlined in this RFA and included: 1) any local health department (LHD) in California, and 2) any community-based organization (CBO) located within any local health jurisdiction (LHJ) in California.

After evaluating the applications that were submitted, OA has selected and hereby intends to award grants to the following applicants:

- AltaMed Health Services Corporation
- Central Valley Gender Health & Wellness
- St. John's Community Health
- Asian American Drug Abuse Program
- Mercy Health
- WestCare California, Inc.

For more information, please visit our RFA #25-10048 webpage.

Rapid Antiretroviral Therapy (ART) Projects, RFA #25-10047

OA will award grants in the amount of $2 million annually in local assistance funds to fund the development of up to four innovative, stigma-free, culturally and linguistically competent, evidence-based demonstration projects that will deliver rapid ART to people living with HIV. Each award will be $500k annually and award allocations will be distributed over two years. Eligible entities include organizations that have the capacity to fulfill the program and administrative requirements outlined in this RFA, and include: 1) any LHD in California, and 2) CBO located within any LHJ in California. County-owned or affiliated system emergency departments were also eligible to apply.

After evaluating the applications that were submitted, OA has selected and hereby intends to award grants to the following applicants:

- DAP Health
- City of Long Beach DHHS
- TruEvolution
- Stanislaus County Health Services Agency

For more information, please visit our RFA #25-10047 webpage.

⩥ Strategy 1: Redesigned Care Delivery

The highly anticipated **Lenacapavir brand name Yeztugo, a long-acting injectable medication, has received FDA approval for use as PrEP**. This groundbreaking development represents a significant advancement in our ongoing efforts to end the epidemic, aligning with the Ending the Epidemics Integrated Strategic Plan. Yeztugo notably addresses several social determinants of health and aligns with our strategic goals, providing a new and effective option for HIV prevention. Yeztugo offers several benefits:

- **Long-acting protection:** With just two injections per year, Yeztugo provides continuous protection against HIV, making it a convenient option for individuals who may struggle with daily pill regimens.
- **Improved adherence:** The long-acting nature of Yeztugo reduces the burden of daily medication, potentially improving adherence and overall effectiveness.
- **Enhanced accessibility:** By reducing the frequency of dosing, Yeztugo may be more accessible to individuals with limited access to healthcare services.

The timeline for Yeztugo's rollout is as follows:

- **FDA approval:** June 19, 2025.
- **Initial availability:** Following FDA approval, Yeztugo will be made available to healthcare providers and patients.
- **Wider distribution:** Over the next few months, efforts will be made to ensure Yeztugo is widely accessible to those in need.

This new option for HIV prevention is a significant step forward in our mission to end the epidemic and improve the health and well-being of our communities.

For more information on Yeztugo, check out the Yeztugo Patient Brochure and Gilead's Advancing Access Patient Support Program.

⩥ Strategy 3: Fewer Hurdles to Healthcare Coverage

As of June 30, 2025, there are 288 PrEP-AP enrollment sites and 231 clinical provider sites that currently make up the PrEP-AP Provider network.

Data on active PrEP-AP clients can be found in the three tables displayed on the next page of this newsletter.

Active PrEP-AP Clients by Age and Insurance Coverage:

Current Age	PrEP-AP Only		PrEP-AP With Medi-Cal		PrEP-AP With Medicare		PrEP-AP With Private Insurance		TOTAL	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
18 - 24	308	11%	---	---	---	---	9	0%	317	11%
25 - 34	984	35%	---	---	---	---	128	4%	1,112	39%
35 - 44	692	24%	---	---	2	0%	109	4%	803	28%
45 - 64	384	13%	1	0%	5	0%	84	3%	474	17%
65+	31	1%	---	---	109	4%	5	0%	145	5%
TOTAL	**2,399**	**84%**	**1**	**0%**	**116**	**4%**	**335**	**12%**	**2,851**	**100%**

Active PrEP-AP Clients by Age and Race/Ethnicity:

Current Age	Latinx		American Indian or Alaskan Native		Asian		Black or African American		Native Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander		White		More Than One Race Reported		Decline to Provide		TOTAL	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
18 - 24	173	6%	3	0%	42	1%	23	1%	1	0%	38	1%	4	0%	33	1%	317	11%
25 - 34	615	22%	3	0%	99	3%	87	3%	5	0%	224	8%	6	0%	73	3%	1,112	39%
35 - 44	473	17%	4	0%	68	2%	49	2%	2	0%	162	6%	7	0%	38	1%	803	28%
45 - 64	253	9%	---	---	34	1%	13	0%	1	0%	125	4%	1	0%	47	2%	474	17%
65+	13	0%	---	---	5	0%	5	0%	---	---	114	4%	---	---	8	0%	145	5%
TOTAL	**1,527**	**54%**	**10**	**0%**	**248**	**9%**	**177**	**6%**	**9**	**0%**	**663**	**23%**	**18**	**1%**	**199**	**7%**	**2,851**	**100%**

Active PrEP-AP Clients by Gender and Race/Ethnicity:

Gender	Latinx		American Indian or Alaskan Native		Asian		Black or African American		Native Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander		White		More Than One Race Reported		Decline to Provide		TOTAL	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
Female	54	2%	---	---	4	0%	13	0%	1	0%	6	0%	---	---	10	0%	88	3%
Male	1,397	49%	9	0%	223	8%	161	6%	7	0%	636	22%	17	1%	172	6%	2,622	92%
Trans	63	2%	---	---	16	1%	1	0%	1	0%	11	0%	1	0%	2	0%	95	3%
Unknown	13	0%	1	0%	5	0%	2	0%	---	---	10	0%	---	---	15	1%	46	2%
TOTAL	**1,527**	**54%**	**10**	**0%**	**248**	**9%**	**177**	**6%**	**9**	**0%**	**663**	**23%**	**18**	**1%**	**199**	**7%**	**2,851**	**100%**

All PrEP-AP charts prepared by: ADAP Fiscal Forecasting Evaluation and Monitoring (AFFEM) Section, ADAP and Care Evaluation and Informatics Branch, Office of AIDS. Client was eligible for PrEP-AP as of run date: 06/30/2025 at 12:00:52 AM Data source: ADAP Enrollment System. Site assignments are based on the site that submitted the most recent application.

ADAP Insurance Assistance Program	Number of Clients Enrolled	Percentage Change from May
Employer Based Health Insurance Premium Payment (EB-HIPP) Program	574	-3.37%
Office of AIDS Health Insurance Premium Payment (OA-HIPP) Program	5,744	-2.23%
Medicare Premium Payment Program (MPPP)	2,299	0.09%
Total	**8,617**	**-1.70%**

Source: ADAP Enrollment System

As of June 30, 2025, the number of ADAP clients enrolled in each respective ADAP Insurance Assistance Program are **shown in the table above**.

RACIAL EQUITY

Strategy 4: Community Engagement

Announcement: Annual Ending the Syndemic Symposium

Dear Ending the Syndemics Partners,

Please save the dates below for the virtual *Ending the Syndemic Symposium 2025 Annual Meeting*.

- September 23rd, from 12:00 – 4:00 PM
- September 24th, from 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM
- September 25th, from 12:00 – 4:00 PM

The *Ending the Syndemic Symposium* is sponsored by CDPH/OA and will offer an opportunity for California Counties and their funded Community Programs to share best practices and innovations in serving the communities most impacted by HIV, HCV, and STIs.

More information on the meeting will be provided next month.

For questions regarding *The OA Voice*, please send an e-mail to angelique.skinner@cdph.ca.gov.

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Tarzana Treatment Center
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Hollywood/Metro/Westside
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Downtown Los Angeles
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South Los Angeles Area
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(213) 201-1637

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Greater Long Beach Area
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STANDING COMMITTEES AND CAUCUSES REPORT | KEY TAKEAWAYS | JULY 10, 2025

1. Operations

The Operations Committee last met on Thursday, June 26, 2025. The link to the Operations Committee meeting packet can be found HERE.
Key outcomes/results from the meeting:

- Due to a lack of quorum, approval of the Assessment of the Efficiency of the Administrative Mechanism (AEAM) and approval of the new membership application for Leroy Blea, Part B representative, was elevated to and approved by the Executive Committee.
- There were three resignations from the Commission: Bridget Gordon, Andre Molette, and Karl Halfman. The Operations Committee would like to thank them for their service and extend an invitation to continue participating in Commission-related meetings and activities.
- The Committee reviewed the attendance status of Kevin Stalter, Aaron Raines, and Jeremy Mitchell. It was determined that Kevin Stalter's seat would be placed on July's Operations agenda for vacate due to lack of response from the attendance warning letter issued. Aaron Raines and Jeremy Mitchell will be issued attendance warning letters contingent upon their attendance at today's Commission meeting.

Action needed from full body:

- Please complete the mandatory commissioner trainings accessible on the Commission's website.
- Please attend the next Operations Committee meeting on Thursday, July 24, 2025, from 10 AM – 12 PM. The Committee will review and discuss streamlining the membership applications and interview questions.

2. Executive

Link to the Executive Committee meeting packet can be found HERE
Key outcomes/results from the meeting:

- The Commission is facing a significant budget cut with a proposed operational budget limit from DHSP for Program Year 35 of $500,000. These cuts will impact staffing and operational capacity, making it almost impossible to fulfill the Commission's legislative mandates under the Ryan White Care Act. While there has been no signaling that Ryan White Program Part A funding will be cut, staff are in ongoing negotiations with DHSP and the BOS Executive Office to secure adequate support. It was reiterated that Commission staff do not report to DHSP but instead serve and are accountable to the Commission as an independent decision-making body.
- Discussions acknowledged the tension between legislative requirements and the reality of budget constraints. Both DHSP and Commission members recognized the need for restructuring to manage workload and administrative burden within the existing budget.

- Although DHSP directed the reduction of the Commission's operational budget to $500,000, they signaled openness to revisiting and negotiating the funding level.
- Consultants Collaborative Research, and Next Level Consulting, Inc. led a discussion on the Commission's restructuring proposal, which includes reducing membership from 51 to 32 to improve efficiency, optimize participation, and better align with available resources. These changes are also intended to promote more equitable representation and improve meeting functionality. As part of that proposal, the Public Policy Committee's responsibilities would be absorbed by the Executive Committee.
- Proposed changes to the bylaws were reviewed. The Committee agreed to release the proposed changes for a 30-day public comment period, seeking community feedback before advancing the changes for final approval.
- Regarding membership terms, with half of the Commission expected to term out on June 30, 2025, the County's term limit waiver will be invoked to maintain continuity during the restructuring process. New applications for Commission membership are anticipated to open in November following the conclusion of the restructuring process.
- Clarification was provided that the Commission maintains staggered term limits to promote continuity in leadership and membership. Committee-only members serve two-year terms and may reapply upon completion. The Executive Committee also has the discretion to waive term limits in cases where specific expertise or representation is needed.

Action needed from full body:

- Review the proposed changes to the bylaws and provide feedback during the public comment period.
- Committee members are strongly encouraged to thoroughly review the Ryan White Program Part A guidance, the Commission's bylaws, and the County Ordinance to actively engage in the restructuring process from an informed and well-grounded perspective.

3. Planning, Priorities and Allocations (PP&A)

Click HERE for the June Planning, Priorities and Allocations meeting packet.
Key outcomes/results from the meeting:

- During their meeting, DHSP staff provided the Estimates of Unmet Need for HIV Care in Los Angeles County, Year 2022 Report. The report outlined unmet needs for all populations living in LA County, including Ryan White Program (RWP) clients and non-RWP individuals. See meeting packet for more details.
- Additionally, the Committee received an overview of the Integrated HIV Prevention and Care Plan Guidance for CY 2027-2031 to initiate discussions and decisions on PC and Recipient task assignments for completing the plan, and project completion timeline. A representative from the CA Office of AIDS will join the PP&A Committee on July 15 to share their Integrated HIV Plan approach, ensuring alignment of overall goals, objectives and core activities, and the

committee will hold a discussion regarding possible areas of collaboration, partnerships and shared goals.

- The next PP&A Committee meeting will be on Tuesday, July 15 from 1pm-3pm at the Vermont Corridor.

Action needed from full body:

- Commissioners should continue review the PP&A meeting minutes and attend PP&A Committee meetings, when possible, to stay informed of current funding challenges and identify strategies to continue to support HIV prevention and care services.

4. Standards and Best Practices (SBP)

Link to the SBP meeting packet can be found HERE.
Key outcomes/results from the meeting:

- The SBP Committee last met on July 1, 2025, and reviewed the Non-Medical Case Management (NMCM) service standards. The discussion focused on developing an addendum to the NMCM service standards that describes Patient Support Services.
- The next SBP Committee meeting will be on Tuesday, August 5, 2025, from 10am-12pm at the Vermont Corridor.

Action needed from full body:

- Review and share comments for the draft Transitional Case Management (TCM) service standards. The documents are available on the Commission website and HERE.

5. Public Policy (PP)

Link to the PP meeting cancellation notice can be found HERE.
Key outcomes/results from the meeting:

- The PP Committee last met on June 2, 2025, and reviewed their meeting calendar. The PP Committee decided to cancel their July and August meetings.
- The next PP Committee meeting will be on Monday, September 8, 2025, from 1pm-3pm at the Vermont Corridor.

6. Aging Caucus

The Aging Caucus meets every other month and met on 5/13/2025 and 7/8/25.

Key outcomes/results from the meetings:

- The Aging Caucus has been planning the program for a community awareness and educational event to commemorate National HIV and Aging Awareness Day on Friday, Sept. 19. The event's theme will focus on the strength and power of aging which will feature consumers and provider panel discussions on accessing local services and self and community empowerment strategies in an era of uncertainties and censorship.
- The 7/8/25 featured Dr. Laura Trejo, Director of the Los Angeles County Department of Aging and Disabilities. She spoke on the state of older adult services in Los Angeles County and provided key policy updates. The Department is commitment is to maintaining all programs funded and encourages community members to continue to use services in their communities. The Department's website and service hotlines provide information and guidance to the public on how to access senior services.
- The recently approved FY 2026 federal budget bill will affect the financial lives of older Americans in many ways, from a new temporary tax deduction for people 65 and older to reduced federal funding for food assistance. Cuts to Medicaid and Affordable Care Act (ACA) funding could cause nearly 12 million people to lose their health insurance by 2034, according to a Congressional Budget Office analysis. Continued advocacy is needed to ensure continuity of services.
- Dr. Trejo noted that through advocacy, they were able to preserve nearly all services and is waiting on the status of the senior employment training program. The County's budgetary constraints are also putting added pressure and uncertainties regarding funding for services. She is concerned about the impact of the dissolution of the City of LA Department of Aging and transitioning services under the Family and Community Investment Department. Senior and aging services work is highly specialized and it takes years to acquire skills and knowledge to run programs successfully. Her team is offering support to the City to ensure continuity of services. The impact on the disruption of services is expected to be seismic.
- Senior and people with disabilities continue to feel the impact of the Easton and Palisades fires. The Department is offering workshops for those with reverse mortgages and those in need of rehousing support. They are working to pass a bill to permit right of access for the Department to gain seamless access to shelters to support seniors and those with disabilities. The Altadena Senior Center was lost to the fires and programming now occurs in only one remaining site in Altadena.
- Many clients are afraid to venture out and use services due to anxiety and fear of being harassed.

7. Black Caucus

The Black Caucus last met on June 18, 2025; link to the meeting packet can be found HERE
Key outcomes/results from the meeting:

- The Caucus participated in a moment of silence for all communities impacted by immigration raids, HIV funding cuts, job loss, and systemic injustices. There was emphasis on the toll on mental health and the need for resilience, community care, and solidarity.
- Dr. Leon Maultsby shared updates from WeCanStopSTDsLA and plans to support youth sexual health initiatives.

- A draft summary of the recent community listening session with non-traditional HIV providers was shared, highlighting key themes such as the importance of trust-building, improving accessibility to services, and expanding support for culturally rooted care models.
- Planning is underway for the upcoming Black Transgender Listening Session on July 9, 2025, which will be co-hosted with the Transgender Caucus and the AMAAD Institute. The discussion focused on recruitment strategies, facilitation planning, and logistical coordination to ensure the session effectively centers the voices and experiences of Black transgender individuals.
- Looking ahead, the Caucus identified youth who are justice-involved and non-MSM-identifying men—as a priority population for future listening sessions.
- Members highlighted various Juneteenth celebrations and community events occurring over the holiday weekend. Participants shared what Juneteenth meant to them. Plans for broader solidarity and awareness-building efforts were brainstormed for future implementation, teasing a social media campaign lifting Black voices through storytelling.
- Black Voices for HIV Health and Wellness community-led story telling campaign has launched! More details HERE.
- The next Caucus virtual meeting will be held on July 17, 2025 meeting at 4PM.

Action needed from full body:

➢ The Caucus calls for sustained participation to keep Black voices firmly represented in Commission deliberations and decisions; anyone interested in joining or learning more about the Black Caucus can click HERE.

8. Consumer Caucus

The Consumer Caucus last met on June 12, 2025; link to the meeting packet can be found HERE

Key outcomes/results from the meeting:

- The Caucus reviewed the 2025 workplan and confirmed that the July 10, 2025, meeting will be dedicated to a consumer and provider listening session on navigating the Ryan White Program and Medi-Cal. Representatives from LA Care, HealthNet, and RWP Benefits Specialty Services have been invited to participate.
- The Caucus also discussed potential topics for the September meeting, including the possibility of canceling it to support the HIV and Aging Event on September 19, hosted by the Aging Caucus. A decision will be made in the coming months.
- Most of the meeting focused on reviewing the stipend policy for unaffiliated consumer members. A facilitation guide was shared to help ground the discussion. The Caucus will continue this discussion at an upcoming meeting and independently provide feedback to COH staff Dawn Mc Clendon, who will compile responses and share with the Co-Chairs. Final recommendations will be developed following approval of proposed bylaws revisions, which include the potential for a stipend increase up to $500/month for unaffiliated consumers members.
- The next Consumer Caucus meeting will be on July 10, 2025 and will host the listening session on navigating the RWP and Medi-Cal.

Action needed from full body:

- Engage in Commission and Committee meetings by offering consumer perspectives, sharing feedback, and staying informed on key issues impacting HIV services.

9. Transgender Caucus

The Transgender Caucus last met on Tuesday, May 27, 2025; link to the meeting packet can be found HERE.

Key outcomes/results from the meeting:

- The Transgender Caucus cancelled their June meeting to allow members the opportunity to participate in Pride month events.
- The Transgender Caucus discussed planning details for the June 4 Transgender Women Listening Session and the July 9 Black Transgender Women Listening Sessions taking place at the AMAAD Institute. These events are collaborations with the Women's Caucus and the Black Caucus.
- The next virtual meeting for the Transgender Caucus will be on Tuesday July 22, 2025, via WebEx; click HERE to register for the meeting.

Action needed from full body:

- Review the Transgender Women Listening Session Summary report which outlines key findings and insights from the June 4, 2025, Transgender Women Listening Session. The document can be found on HERE.

10. Women's Caucus

Link to the May Women's Caucus meeting packet can be found HERE.

Key outcomes/results from the meeting:

- The Women's Caucus last met on May 19. During the meeting, the group finalized the discussion guide and questionnaire for their listening sessions aimed at understanding the sexual health needs of women to help shape local women-centered programming.
- All planned listening sessions have been completed.
    - The listening session for transgender women was held virtually on June 4 in partnership with the Transgender Caucus.
    - The listening session for Spanish-speaking women was held on June 16 in partnership with the East Los Angeles Women's Center and Maternal, Child and Adolescent Clinic at LA General. Despite the profound fear of ICE raids and detentions in predominantly Latino/immigrant communities in East LA, 4 brave and courageous women risked their safety to attend the listening session in person.
    - The final listening session, held in South LA took place on June 30 in partnership with Charles Drew University with 4 women in attendance.
    - The small groups highlighted the even more critical need for support and belonging during these times of uncertainties and oppression.

- The July 21 Women's Caucus meeting is cancelled. The next virtual Women's Caucus meeting will be on Monday, September 15 from 2pm-3pm via Webex.

Action needed from full body:

- Continue to promote the WC within your networks and encourage clients/consumers to participate in Women's Caucus meetings and events.

11. Housing Task Force (HTF)

Link to the 6/27/25 meeting packet can be found HERE.

Key outcomes/results from the meeting:

- Met on 6/27/25 and finalized the housing survey. The survey has been disseminated to providers and once the data collection period has finished (July-August), the HTF will review the data and develop a summary report to help inform the COH's PSRA efforts, integrated plan, service standards and service coordination functions.

Action needed from full body:

- Agencies who provide housing services are encouraged to contact COH staff to assist with disseminating the survey to clients.

Assessment of the Efficiency of the Administrative Mechanism (AEAM)

Ryan White Program Year 33 & 34
(March 1, 2023-February 29, 2024 and
March 1, 2024- February 28, 2025)

Final for COH Approval on July 10, 2025 MOTION #4

LOS ANGELES COUNTY
COMMISSION ON HIV

Assessment of the Administrative Mechanism Ryan White Program Year 33 & 34 (March 1, 2023-February 29, 2024 and March 1, 2024-February 28, 2025)

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I. Introduction and Purpose of Report

As a Ryan White Part A planning council, the Los Angeles County Commission on HIV ("the Commission") is required by Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) to conduct an "Assessment of the Efficiency of the Administrative Mechanism" (AEAM) annually. The AEAM is meant to evaluate the speed and efficiency with which Ryan White Program funding is allocated and disbursed for HIV services in Los Angeles County. The Operations Committee of the Commission led the development, implementation, and analysis of the AEAM for Ryan White Program Years 33 (March 1, 2023-February 29, 2024) and 34 (March 1, 2024-February 28, 2025). The purpose of this report is to present the findings of this assessment.

II. Assessment Methodology

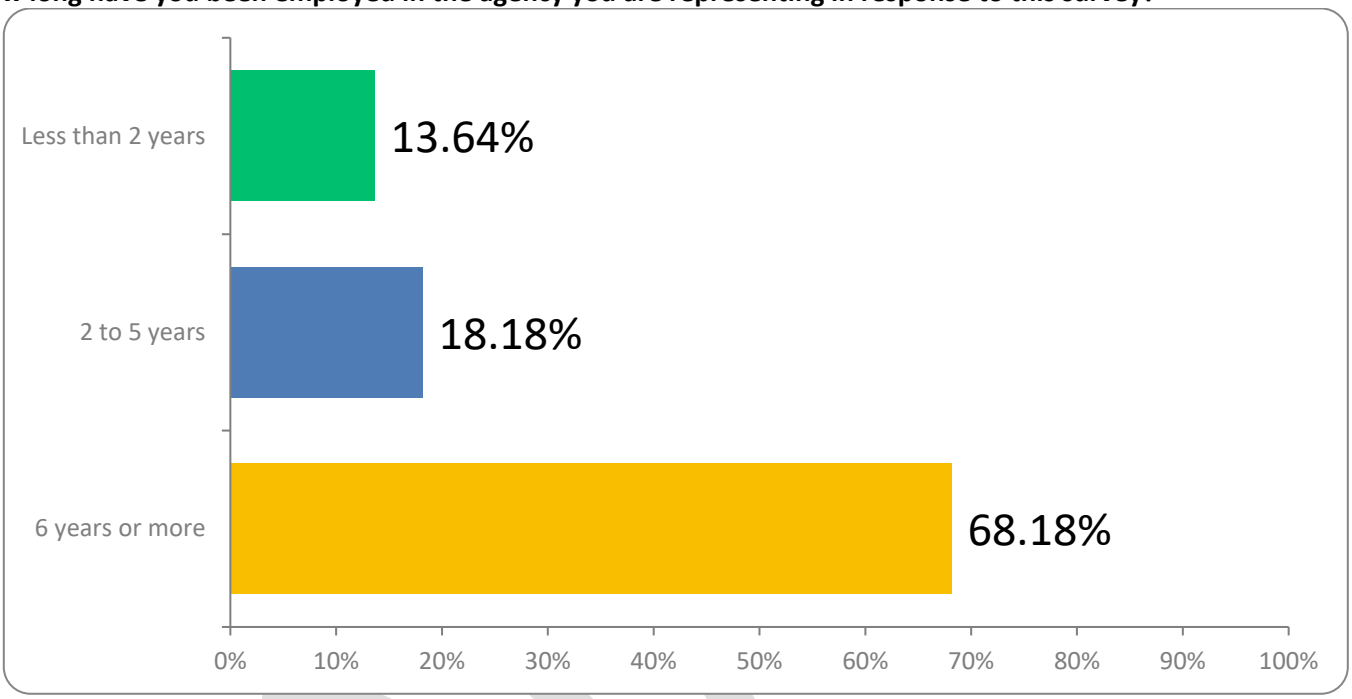
The AEAM covers 1) feedback from contracted agencies on the efficiency of Los Angeles County's administrative mechanisms (such as contracts, procurement, solicitations) to rapidly disburse funds to support HIV services in the community; and 2) survey and key informant interviews with key recipient staff to integrate their insights regarding the County's solicitations, contracting, and invoicing processes.

Online Survey for Contracted Providers:
Twenty-eight County-contracted HIV care providers were invited to participate in the AEAM survey between January 22 to February 28, 2025. Twenty agencies completed the survey. Agencies were asked to provide one response per agency. A raffle for a $100 gift card was used to incentivize provider responses.

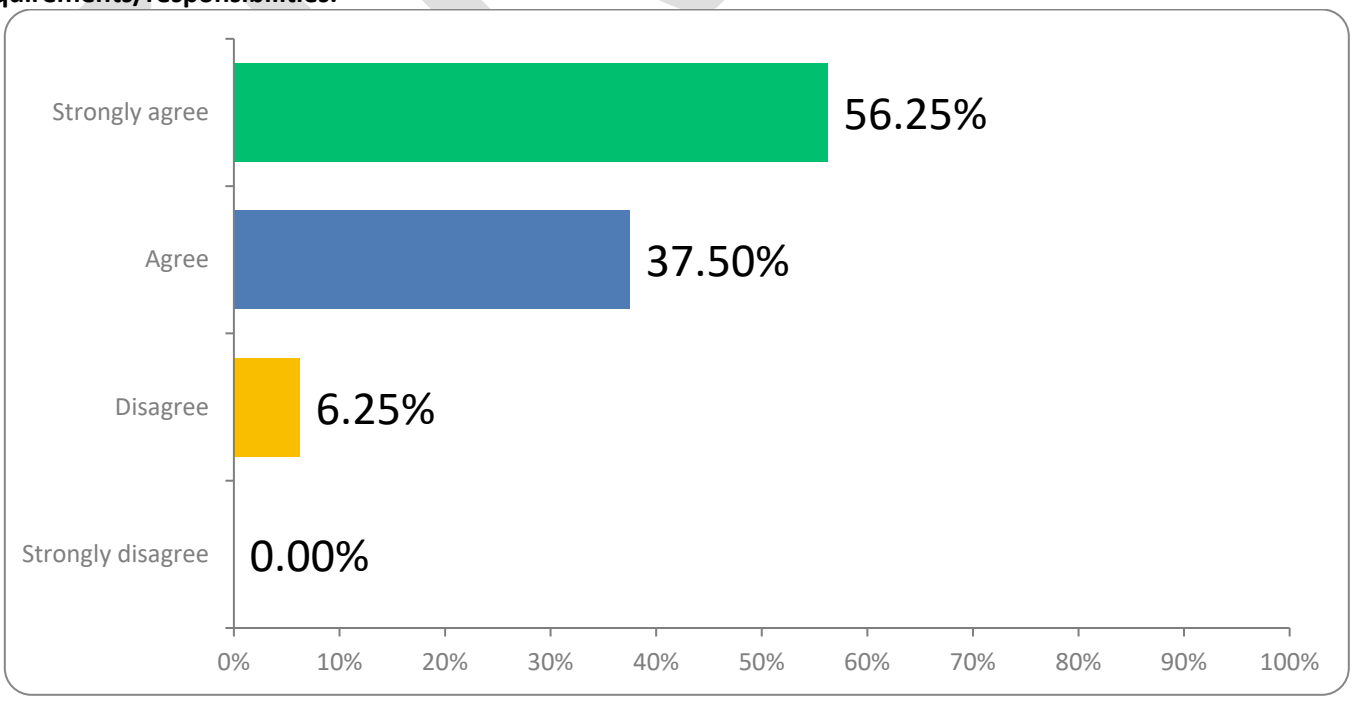
Limitations: Readers should not make broad interpretations with the results of the AEAM but rather, use the information as a record of perceptions and responses from those individuals and agencies who completed the survey.

III. Contracted Providers Responses

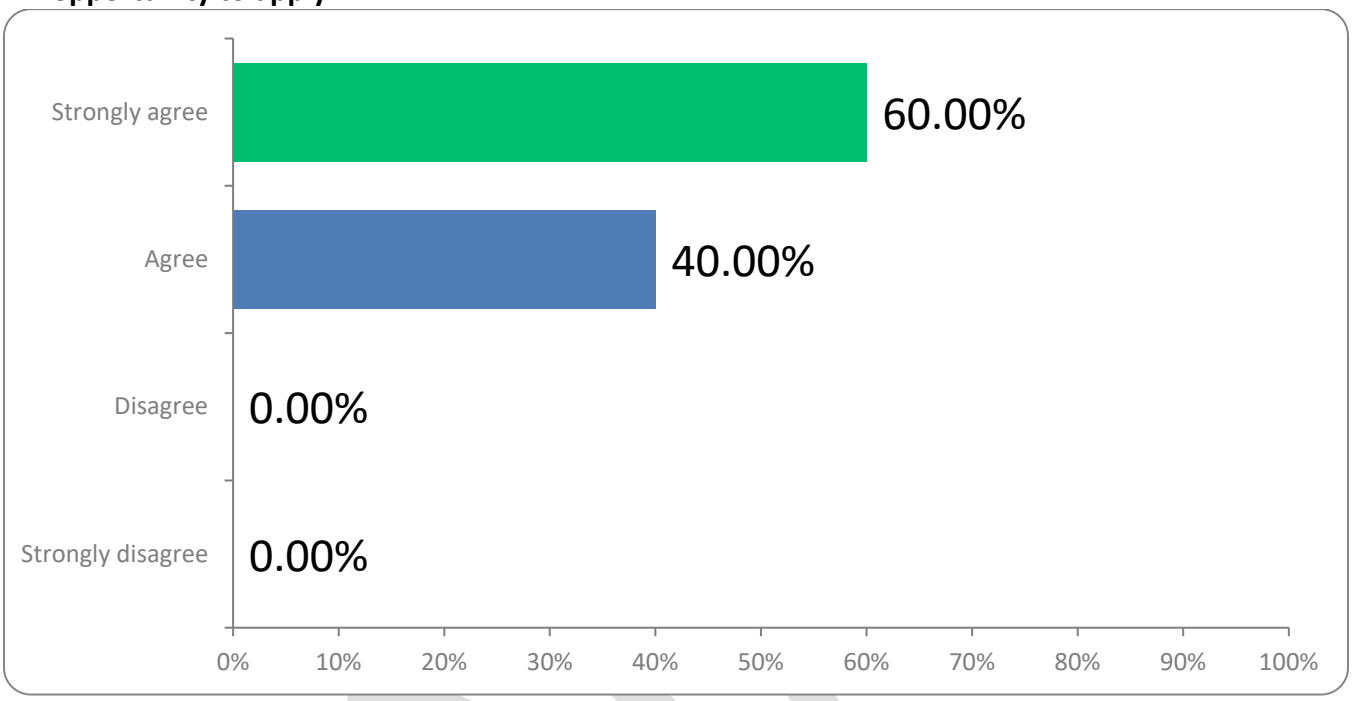
1. How long have you been employed in the agency you are representing in response to this survey?



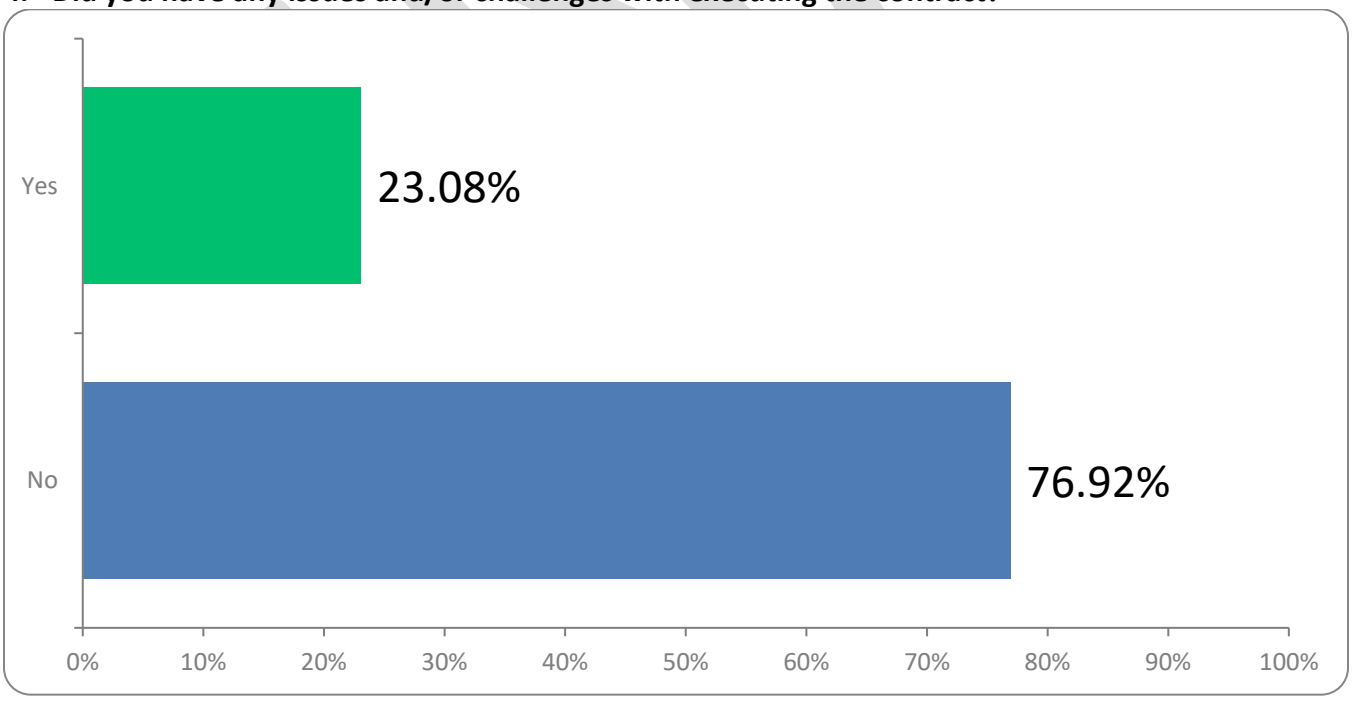
2. Please state the degree to which you agree with the following statement: The DHSP RFP provided clear instructions, outlined all policies and procedures of the procurement process, and expectations of work requirements/responsibilities.



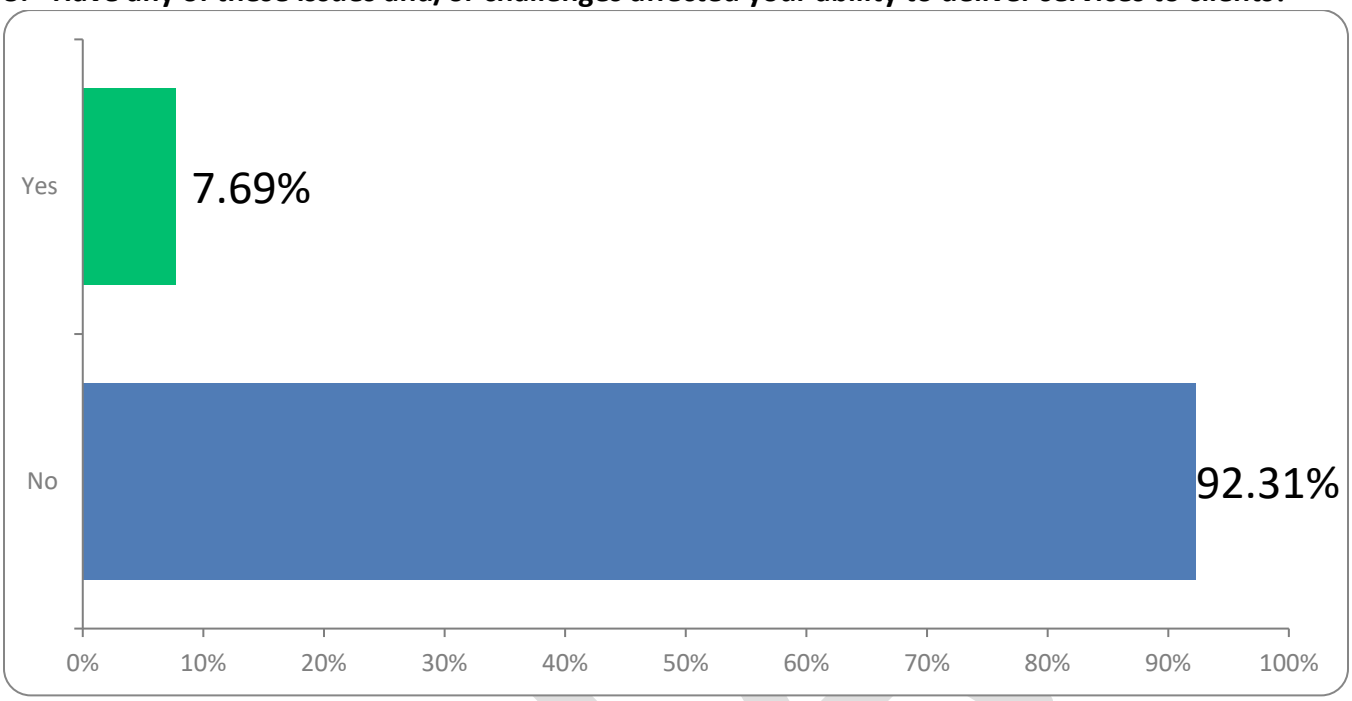
3. **Please state the degree to which you agree with the following statement: The DHSP competitive RFP procurement process is fair and all potential service providers are given a fair and equitable opportunity to apply.**



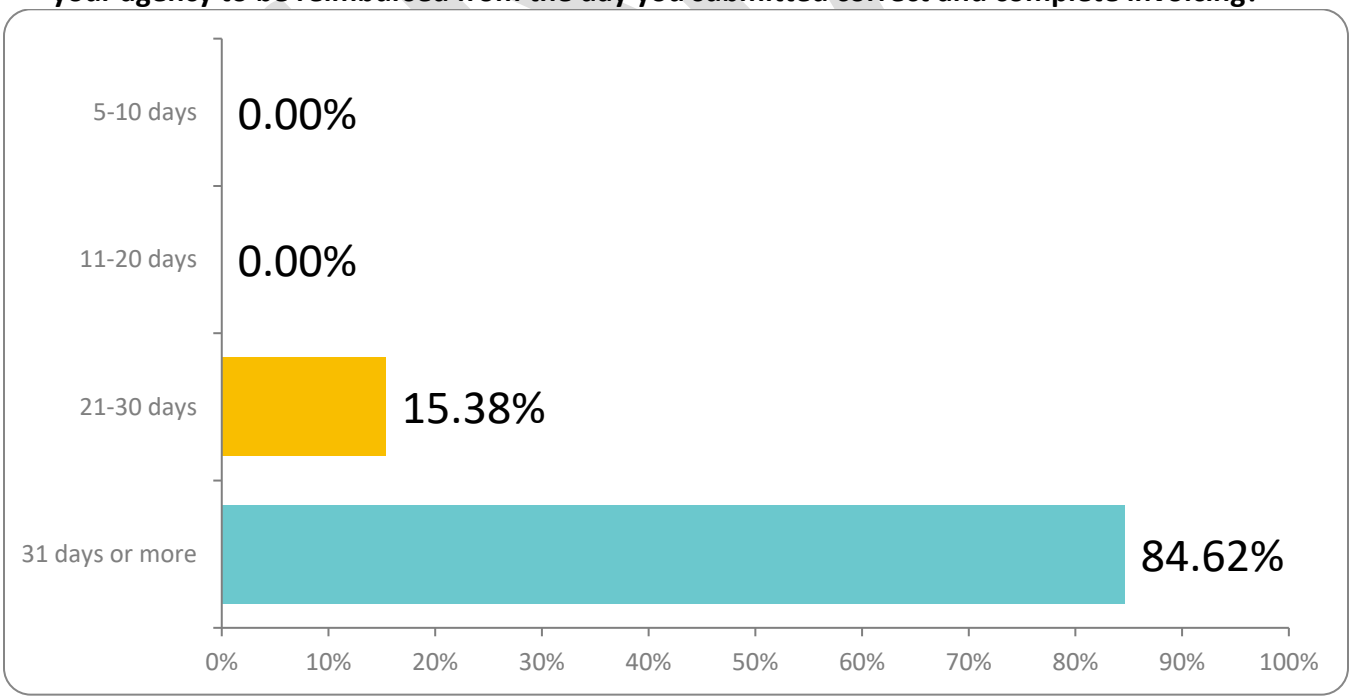
4. **Did you have any issues and/or challenges with executing the contract?**



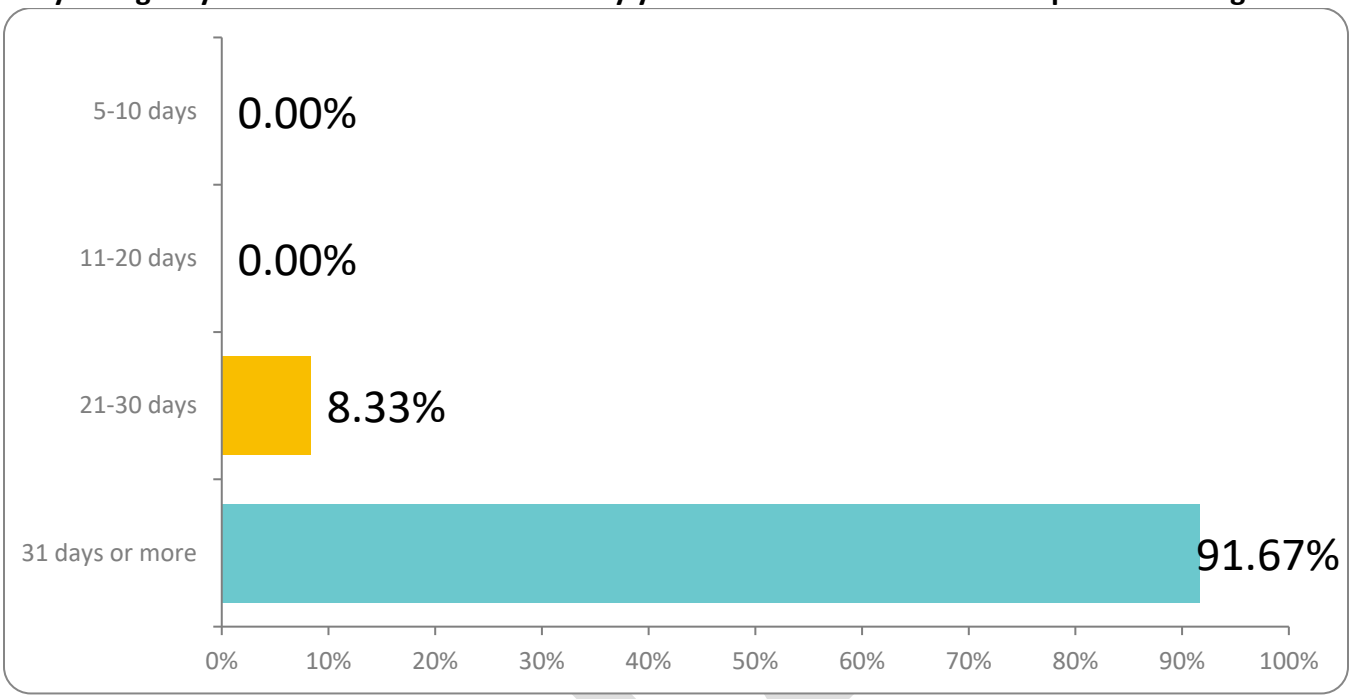
5. **Have any of these issues and/or challenges affected your ability to deliver services to clients?**



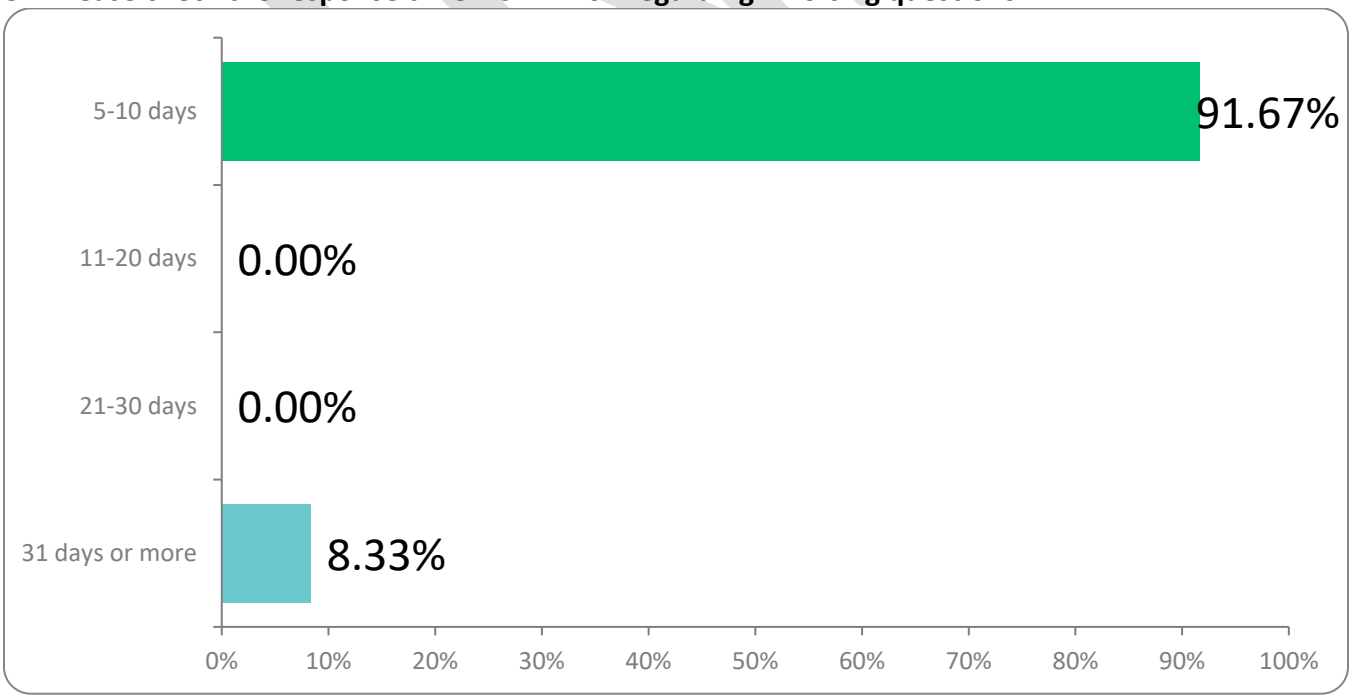
6. **During PY 33 (March 1, 2023 - February 29, 2024), how many days, on average, did it take for your agency to be reimbursed from the day you submitted correct and complete invoicing?**



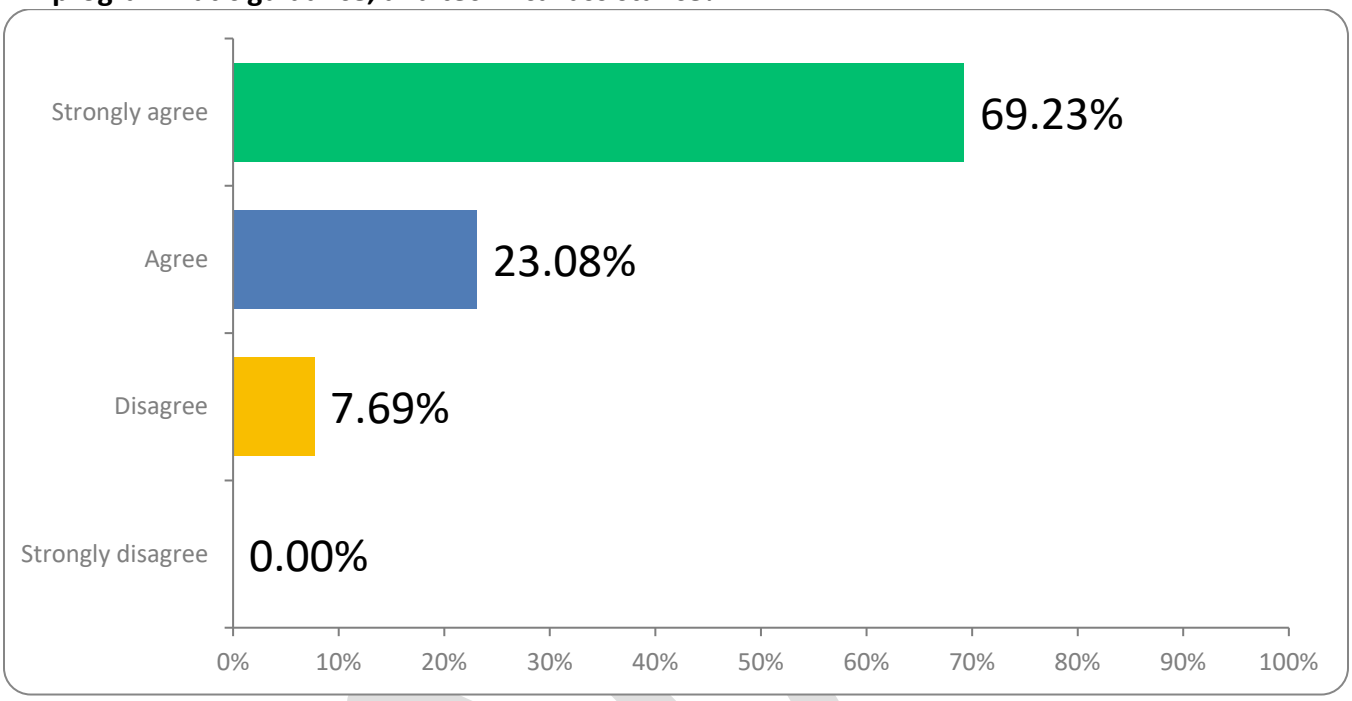
7. **During PY 34 (March 1, 2024 – February 28, 2025), how many days, on average, did it take for your agency to be reimbursed from the day you submitted correct and complete invoicing?**



8. **Please check the response time from DHSP regarding invoicing questions.**

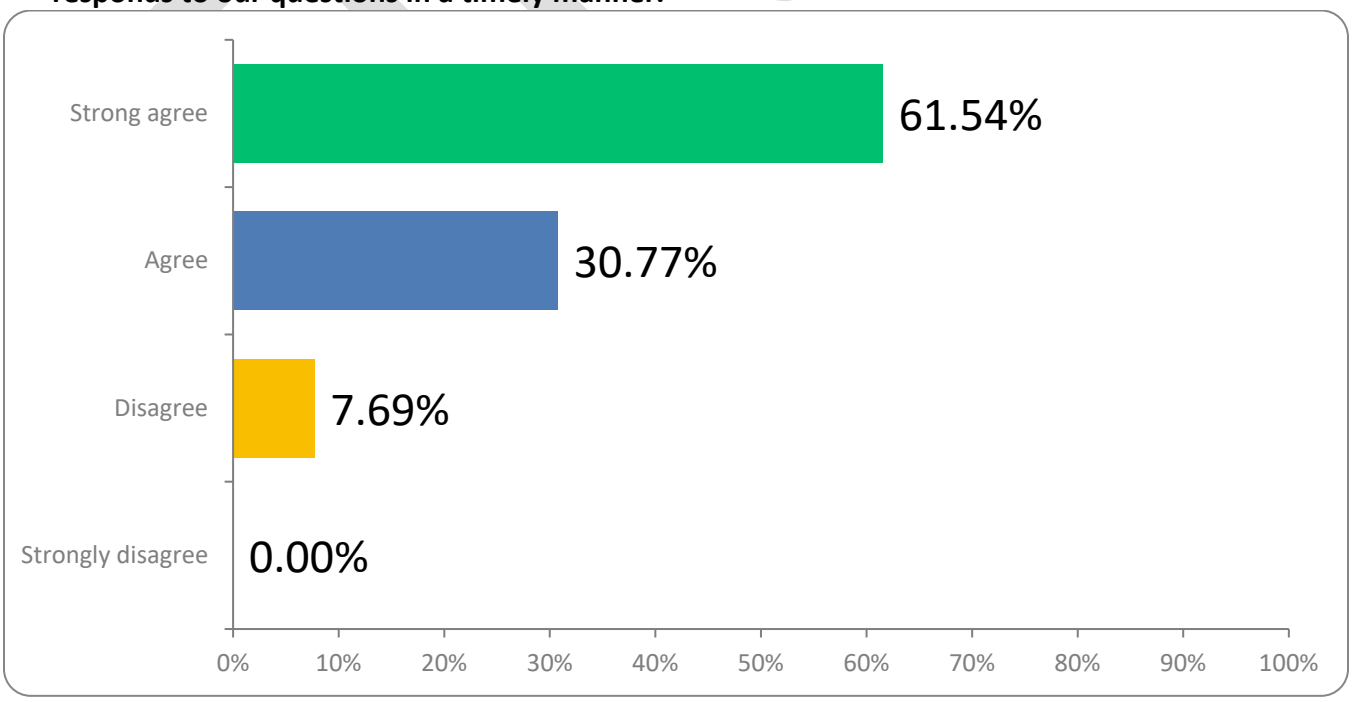


9. **Please state the degree to which you agree with the following statement: Our Contract Monitor provides clear and consistent responses to our questions and request for information, programmatic guidance, and technical assistance?**

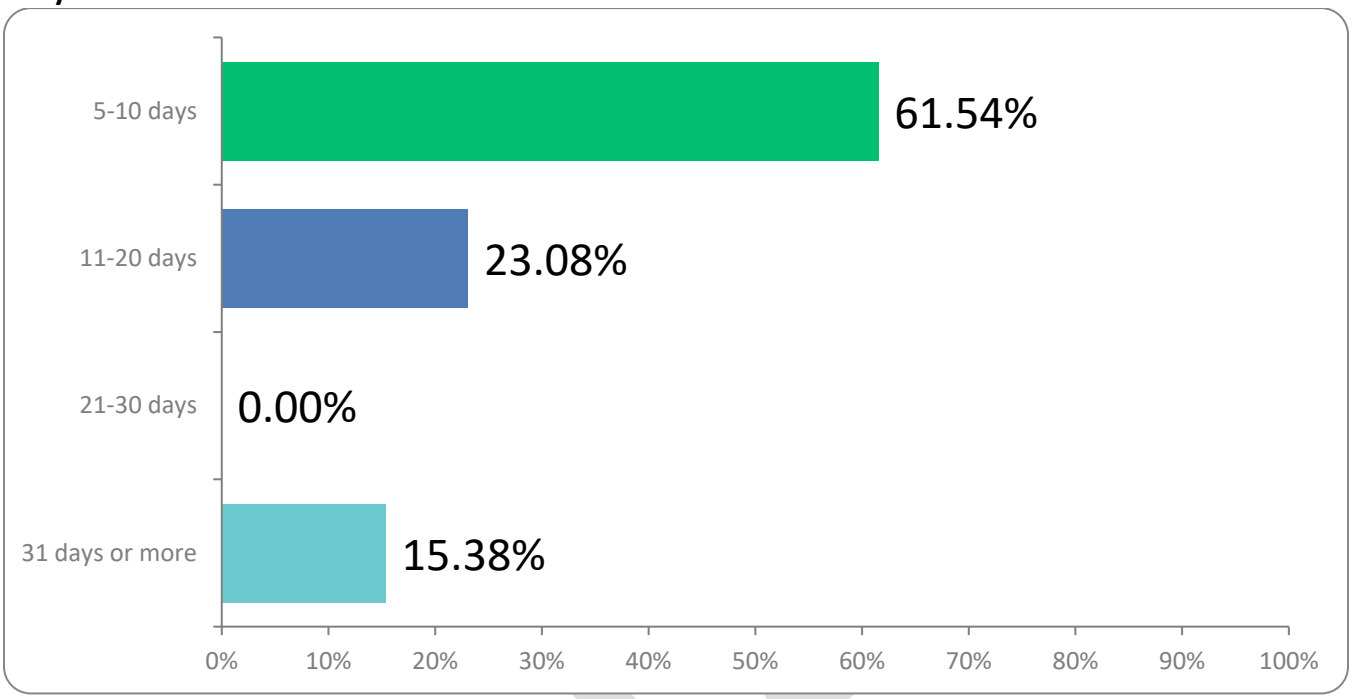


Other: Guidance is heavily dependent on the program manager.

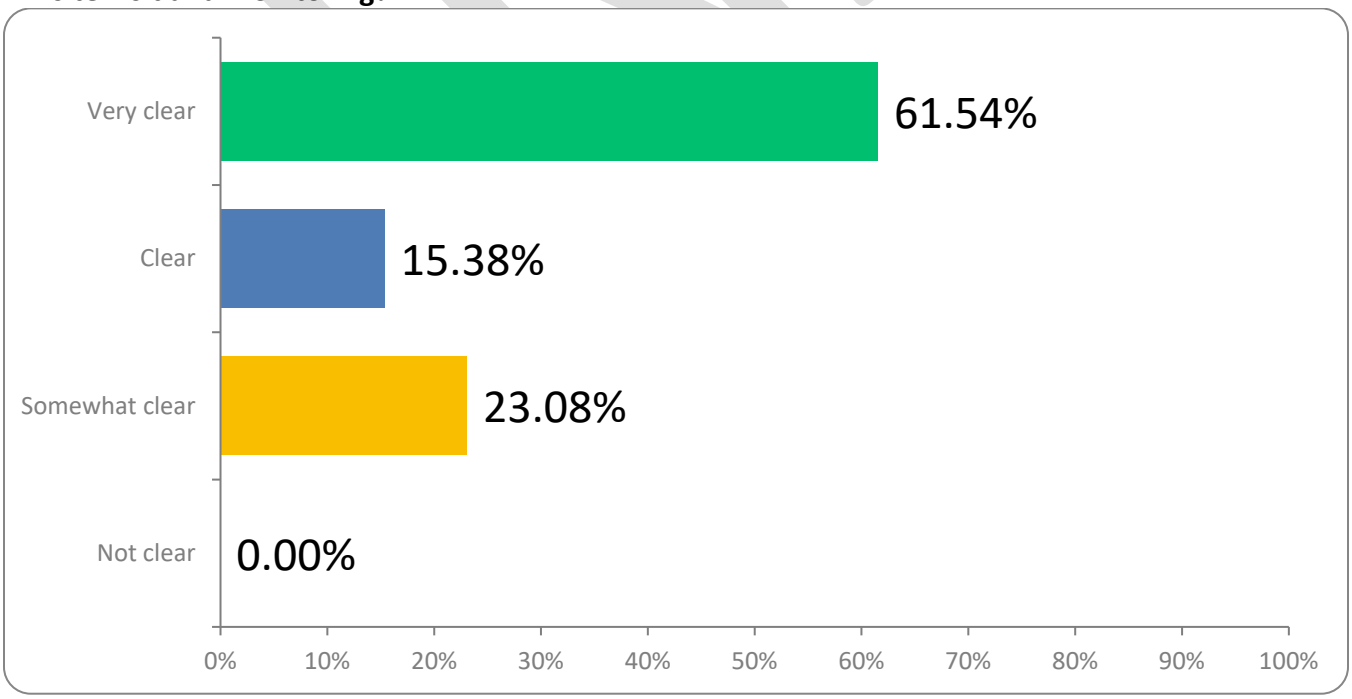
10. **Please state the degree to which you agree with the following statement: Our Contract Monitor responds to our questions in a timely manner.**



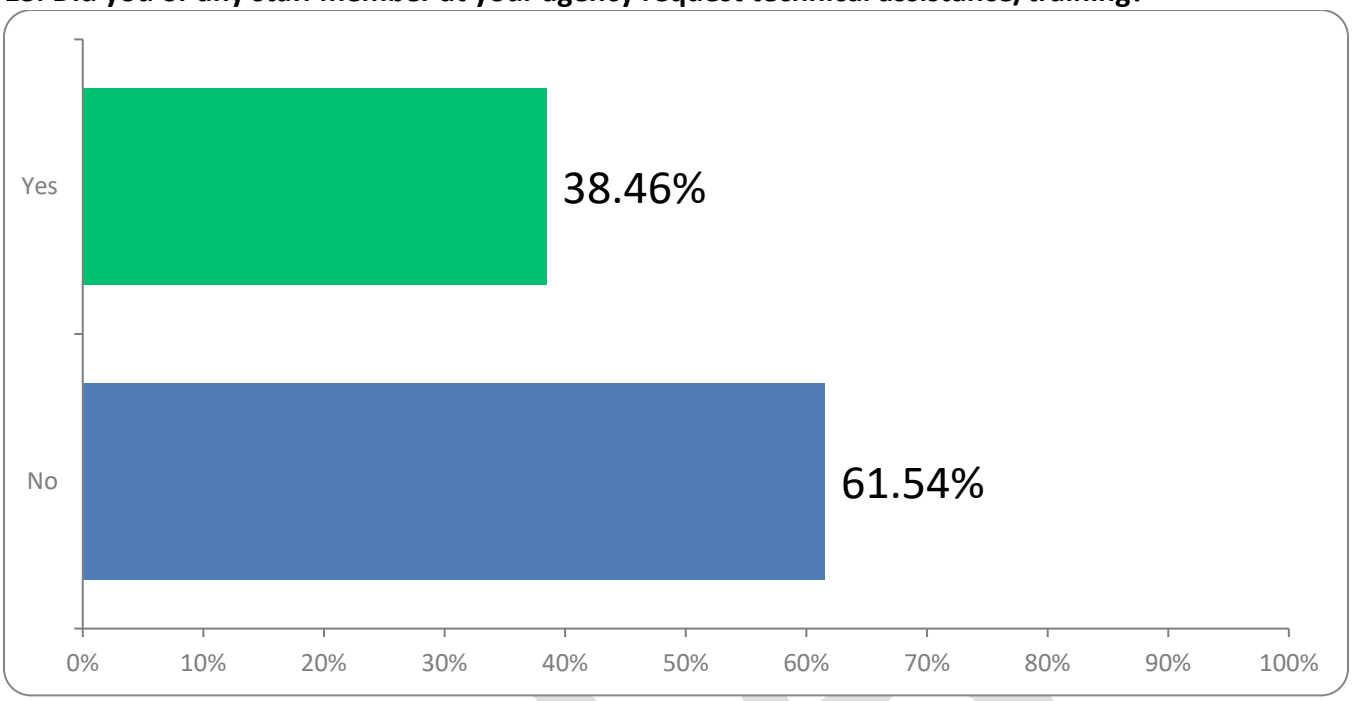
11. Please select the average response time for reprogramming/budget modifications request from your Contract Monitor.



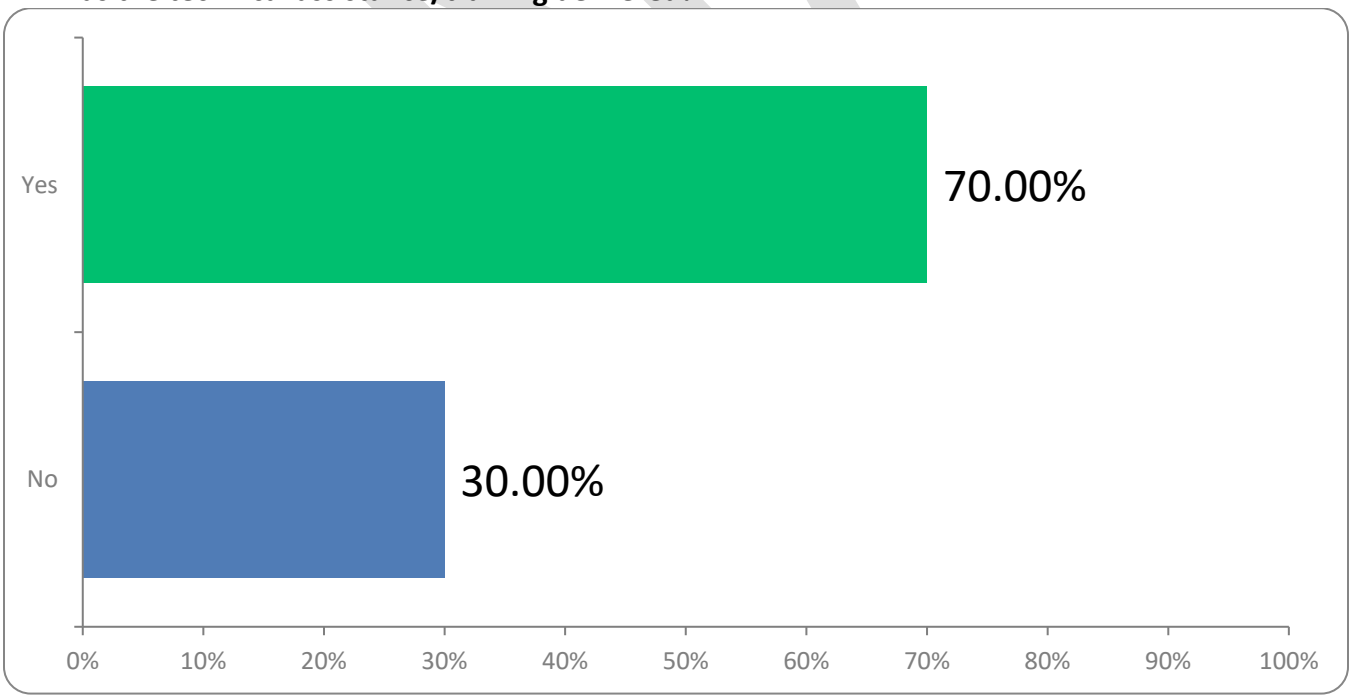
12. In terms of the process for program monitoring, are you clear on the expectations prior to the site visit and monitoring?



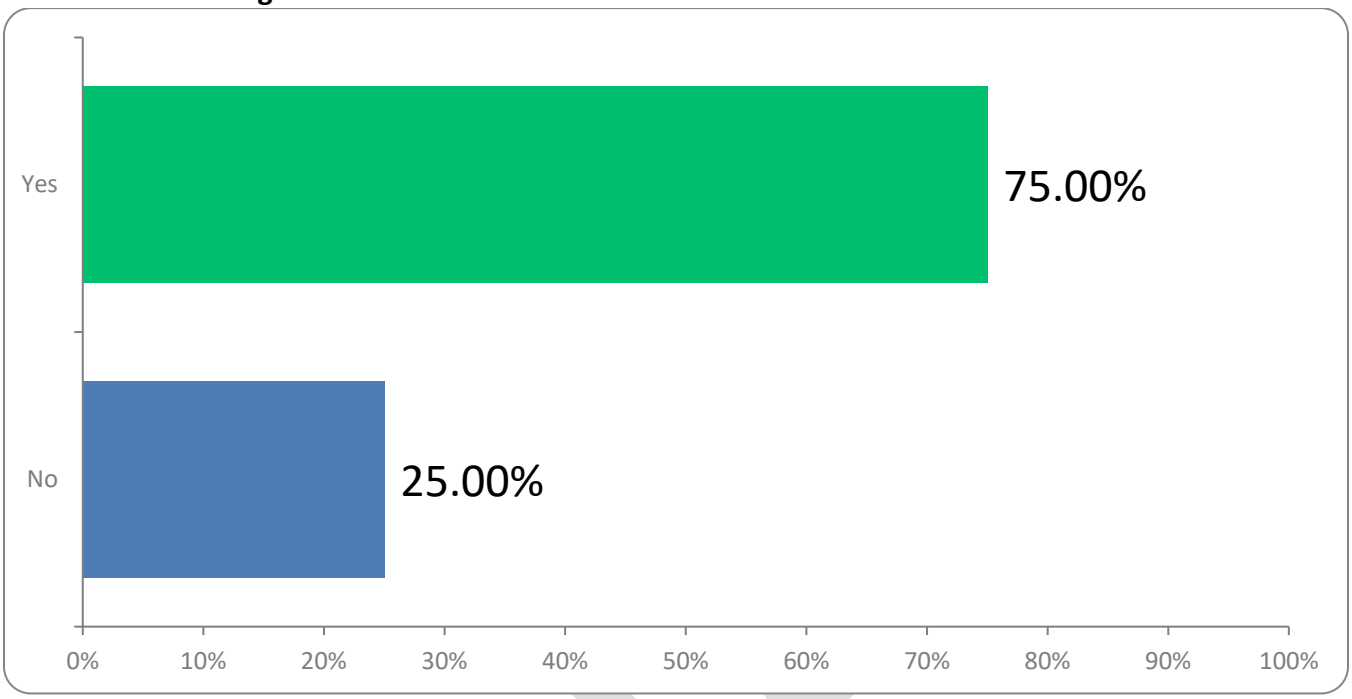
13. Did you or any staff member at your agency request technical assistance/training?



14. Was the technical assistance/training delivered?



15. Did the technical assistance/training meet your needs in helping you (or your agency) effectively address challenges?



Summary of Responses to Open-Ended Questions: *(some providers skipped the question)*

17. List the most recent Request for Proposals (RFPs) from DHSP that your agency applied for? Please specific RFP number, service category and submission date.

1. RFP NO. 2024 – 014: Comprehensive HIV and STD Prevention Services in Los Angeles County Date Submitted: 1/24/2025; Service Categories: Non-Clinic-Based Prevention Services, High Impact Prevention Programs (HIPP)
   RFP NO. 2024 – 010: Transportation Services for Eligible Ryan White Program Clients in Los Angeles County. Submitted: 10/28/2024
2. Core HIV Medical Services RFP 2024-00, Submitted 10/15/24 Comprehensive HIV and STD Prevention Services RFP 2024-014, Category 1 and Category 3, Submitted 1/27/25
3. Core HIV Medical Services for Persons Living with HIV RFP# 2024-008; applied for categories 1 (Ambulatory Outpatient Medical Services), 2 (Medical Care Coordination Services), and 3 (Patient Support Services); submitted 10/15/2024
4. Core HIV Medical Services (RFP #2024-008), Transportation Services RFA #2024-010, Comprehensive HIV AND STD Prevention Services in LA County RFP NO. 2024-014
5. Comprehensive HIV and STD Prevention Services (RFP 2024-014)
6. MCC/PSS: RFP 2024-008 due 10/15/24 HIV Testing/HIPP: RFP 2024-014 due 1/27/25
7. RFP NO. 2024-008
8. Our most recent contract is an amendment/continuation of an existing contract. The FAIN identifier is H8900016. We obtained the original contract through taking over an existing contract with a collaborative partner who was unable to provide services.

9. Core HIV Medical Services for Persons Living with HIV, RFP# 2024-008; applied for categories 1 (Ambulatory Outpatient Medical Services), 2 (Medical Care Coordination Services), and 3 (Patient Support Services); submitted 10/15/2024 Transportation Services for Eligible Ryan White Program Clients in Los Angeles County, RFA# 2024-010; submitted 10/29/2024
10. 10/15/2024 - RFP #2024-008 - Core HIV Medical Services for Persons Living with HIV 10/28/2024 - RFA #2024-010 - Transportation Services for Eligible RWP Clients in LAC
11. COMPREHENSIVE HIV AND STD PREVENTION SERVICES IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY RFP NO. 2024-014
12. None
13. 2024-008 AOM, MCC, PSS, 10/15/24 2024-014, Category 1 and 3, 1/27/25
14. Transportation Services for Eligible RW Program Clients in LA County #2024-010, 10/25/2025
15. RFP NO. 2024-008. CORE HIV MEDICAL SERVICES FOR PERSONS LIVING WITH HIV, SUBMITTED ON OCTOBER 11, 2024

18. When was your contract fully executed for PY 33 (March 1, 2023 - February 29, 2024)? *(some providers skipped the question)*

1. 03/01/2023
2. 12/28/2023
3. 04/05/2024
4. 03/01/2023
5. 03/26/2023
6. 07/19/2019
7. 07/11/2023
8. 01/16/2024
9. 05/10/2023
10. 03/08/2023
11. 04/24/2024

19. When was your contract fully executed for PY 34 (March 1, 2024 – February 28, 2025)? *(some providers skipped the question)*

1. 01/01/2024
2. 07/15/2024
3. 07/18/2024
4. 03/01/2024
5. 08/12/2024
6. 06/05/2024
7. 08/06/2024
8. 01/17/2024
9. 08/08/2024
10. 07/17/2024

20. Describe issues and/or challenges with executing the contracts, including factors within your respective agency. *(some providers skipped the question)*

1. NA
2. Different requirements needed based on the Program Manager
3. N/A
4. We are waiting for the contract. Budgets have been submitted and we are waiting on approvals.
5. The budgeting process.
6. N/A
7. There is typically a long wait time until our agency receives contracts from DHSP after budget/contract negotiations are submitted. Once a contract is received, it takes about 2-4 weeks for our agency to route for signatures, as there is a multi-layer review process internally.
8. getting the budget approved was the biggest hurdle.
9. Barriers within our agency.
10. The internal process within the city is lengthy and time consuming, as are DHSP processes.
11. NA

21. Please describe how these challenges were handled. (any issues and/or challenges with executing the contract) *(some providers skipped the question)*

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2. Different requirements needed based on the Program Manager
3. N/A
4. We are waiting for the contract. Budgets have been submitted and we are waiting on approvals.
5. The budgeting process.
6. N/A
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10. The internal process within the city is lengthy and time consuming, as are DHSP processes.
11. NA

22. Please describe how these challenges were handled. (issues and/or challenges affected your ability to deliver services to clients?) *(some providers skipped the question)*

1. NA
2. N/A
3. We are not going to stop services because of a missing contract.
4. Hard work and communication with county program staff.
5. N/A
6. Increased communication frequency.

7. N/A

23. Please describe any factors contributing to the delay in reimbursements, including factors within your respective agency. *(some providers skipped the question)*

1. Delay in reimbursement was due to delay in contract execution.
2. We don't know why there is a delay.
3. Slow processing time
4. Our budget modification approval took more than 3 months.
5. No factors within our agency that contribute to the delay in reimbursements. Once invoices are submitted, it typically takes 30 or more days to receive reimbursements.
6. n/a
7. Agency internal issues related to delays in submission of invoicing
8. Staffing shortages and recruiting delays.
9. NONE

24. Please share any other comments you have below: *(some providers skipped the question)*

1. It is not consistent program to program. There are also discrepancies between fiscal monitoring by the county and what is allowed in the budgets.
2. For most aspects of our contract, we receive timely responses. However, the budget modification process generally takes 31 or more days, and we have to reach out repeatedly to receive a response. Regarding monitoring and site visits, we have four separate monitoring visits that could be done at once but are conducted by separate DHSP departments that do not communicate with each other. This is ultimately inefficient and more time consuming.
3. Often the monitoring report does not match the comments made during the monitoring close out.
4. DHSP program advisors are consistently responding in a timely manner.
5. DHSP DETAILED AUDIT TOOL SHOULD BE PROVIDED TO AGENCIES EVERY YEAR.
6. We developed an online portal to increase efficiency in client services. The process for DHSP to approve this portal took a significant amount of time, which interfered with our ability to serve clients in a timely manner.
7. Both HTS and Biomedical RedCap had system issues throughout 2024. HTS Prevention RedCap reporting and access for staff are still an issue. In addition, due to changes in setting up reporting functions in RedCap, our site was unable to run internal reports to enter correct data into the monthly narrative report.
8. NA

IV. Recipient Surveys Responses and Key Informant Interviews

Summary of Responses from DHSP (Recipient):

The local Recipient of Ryan White Part A funding in Los Angeles County is the Division of HIV and STD Programs (DHSP), Department of Public Health. As part of the AEAM, two senior managers in charge of managing the RFP and contracting processes from DHSP participated in the key informant interviews. In addition, the Commission developed a survey specifically for DHSP, to harness a comprehensive review and understanding of the recipient's processes regarding solicitations, contracts execution, and payments to subrecipients. The Recipient's responses are summarized below:

#	Question	Recipient Response
PART 1: REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS/SOLICITATIONS:		
1	**How many Requests for Proposals (RFPs) were released for the PY 33 Ryan White Program (March 1, 2023 to February 29, 2024)?**	2
2	**If RFPs were released in PY 33 (March 1, 2023 to February 29, 2024), select the service categories.**	Home-based Case Management Work Order Solicitation (Case management- Home Based Services via Supportive and/or Housing Services Master Agreement (SHSMA)) Childcare Services for Ryan White Program Eligible Clients in LAC (RFA)
3	**How many proposals were received for each of the service category selected in Question #2.**	Case management- Home Based – 7 proposals received. Childcare Services – 1 proposal received, but did not pass Minimum Mandatory Requirements (MMR) Review.
4	**Of the proposals received in PY 33 (March 1, 2023 to February 29, 2024), how many were new service providers?**	4 Please note that ALL 4 new service providers mentioned above in question 4 were NOT funded/awarded contracts. *These 3 providers indicated prior contracts with DHS, and regional centers, but were new to DPH/DHSP.*

5	**Of these proposals, how many service providers were awarded contracts for Ryan White program funds?**	4
6	**How many Requests for Proposals (RFPs) were released for the PY 34 (March 1, 2024 to February 28, 2025) Ryan White Program?**	4
7	**If RFPs were released in PY 34 (March 1, 2024 to February 28, 2025), select the service categories.**	Ambulatory Outpatient Medical (AOM) Medical Specialty Services Transportation Other (please specify) Patient Support Services (PSS)
8	**How many proposals were received for each of the service category selected in Question #7.**	Core HIV Medical Services comprised of AOM, MCC, and PSS. A total of 20 proposals were submitted for the Core HIV Medical Services RFP, with 18 submissions in each respective category. Ambulatory Outpatient Medical (AOM) – 18 proposals received. Medical Specialty Services (Same as Medical Care Coordination) MCC – 18 proposals received. Patient Support Services (PSS) – 18 proposals received. Transportation services – 21 applications received.

9	**Of the proposals received in PY 34 (March 1, 2024 to February 28, 2025), how many were new service providers?**	2 There were 2 new service providers to DHSP. <u>Transportation Services:</u> There were 2 new service providers who applied for Transportation services, but did not pass MMR Review.
10	**Of these proposals, how many service providers were awarded contracts for Ryan White program funds?**	39 service providers were awarded. Core HIV Medical Services – 20 (all proposals) were awarded contracts. Transportation Services – 19 out of the 21 applications received were awarded contracts.
PART II: EXECUTING CONTRACTS WITH SERVICE PROVIDERS:		
11	**How many contracts were fully executed in PY33 (March 1, 2023 to February 29, 2024)?**	A total of 64 *(renewal amendments to extend the term of the contracts with the same contract period:* *Benefits specialty services (BSS)* *Medical specialty services (MSS)* *Residential* *Medical care coordination (MCC)* *Substance use disorder transitional housing (SUDTH)* *Transitional case management (TCM)*

		Legal *Transportation*
12	**How many contracts were fully executed in PY34 (March 1, 2024 to February 28, 2025)?**	Total of 75 (renewal amendments to extend the term of contracts with same contract period (Mental health, AOM, MCC, Oral, Legal, Data mgmt., BSS, Residential SUDTH, and MSS)
13	**In general, what is the average timeframe for executing service agreements?**	46-60 days (this depends greatly upon the point determined to be the start of the process)
PART III PAYMENT: Service Provider Reporting and Invoicing Process		
14	**During PY 33 (March 1, 2023 to February 29, 2024), what was the average amount of time in days between receipt of a complete monthly report and invoice from a service provider and the issuance of a payment?**	15-30 days
15	**During PY 34 (March 1, 2024 to February 28, 2025), what has been the average amount of time in days between receipt of a complete monthly report and invoice from a service provider and the issuance of a payment?****	15-30 days It varies from agency to agency. Some agencies submit their invoices and monthly reports on time, aligning with their contract amount and approved budget. Some don't even submit their invoices in a timely manner and require extensive follow-up by finance staff and the Program Manager. However, DHSP agencies have 30 days to bill, and DHSP finance has 30 days to process once it receives the

		invoice and monthly report. It would be safe to assume that about 15 – 30 days.

KEY INFORMANT INTERVIEW RESPONSES

OVERVIEW OF THE SOLICITATIONS/REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS PROCESS AT DPH/DHSP

Based on key informant interviews with 2 DHSP senior staff and review of Request for Proposals (RFP) documents publicly available on the DPH Contracts and Grants Division, below is a summary of the key elements and process related to the solicitations and contracting procedures at the DHSP/DPH.

SOLICITATIONS PROCESS:

- The solicitations process is designed to ensure County programs do not enter into contractual agreements without a full, unbiased review and that community-based organizations (CBOs) receiving contracts meet requirements and are fully accountable to the County and federal grant requirements.
- DHSP staff begins planning and developing RFPs at least 12 months in advance to ensure continuity of care and to avoid service interruptions. There is extensive review from County Counsel to ensure that RFPs and contract documents meet the County's legal review and requirements.
- Proposal evaluation is in phases: first, to ensure they meet mandatory minimum requirements; second, and review panel convened by Contracts and Grants (C&G), DPH; third, final funding recommendations; fourth, departmental reviews; fifth, contracts go to the Board for approval. Once approved, contract negotiations occur with the CBOs, then a Board Letter is submitted for contract approval. Once approved, the CBOs sign the contracts and then they can be executed.
- DPH C&G is charged with overseeing the contracting process and solicitations for DPH overall but, for DHSP, C&G manages solicitation while DHSP manages programmatic content, contract negotiations, and contract monitoring.
- C&G's role includes responding to questions on a solicitation and releases an addendum that may clarify or change some solicitation language and answer specific questions. C&G, in collaboration with DHSP, will host a proposer's conference.
- Proposers must meet the County's minimum mandatory requirements (MMRs) as well as appear to be able to sustain services for 90 days without County funds to demonstrate financial stability. Proposers passing those tests go on to further evaluation.
- RFP reviewers are typically subject matter experts and resource partners within the County. DHSP is responsible for identifying unbiased, non-conflicted evaluators for review panels. Identifying external reviewers outside of the County is challenging due to several factors. For instance, serving on review panels requires significant time for no pay and evaluators must sign a statement of no conflict of interest so local providers are often ineligible. In addition, external reviewers may not be fully aware of the complexity of the needs and service landscape of Los Angeles County.
- Application reviewers/evaluators receive an orientation prior to receiving the proposals. The

orientation entails a review of how to use a common evaluation tool, their roles and responsibilities, the purpose and aim of the RFP. The evaluators conduct their individual reviews followed by a group discussion of their ratings and feedback. An average score for each proposal is derived from the discussions.

- Contractors are selected and funding recommendations are developed based on evaluation scores as well as funding requirements, geographic distribution of services and targeted populations defined in the solicitation, and availability of funding. Funding amount requested typically exceed available resources. Proposers may request a debriefing after the recommendations to review their proposals. They may appeal decisions.

OVERVIEW OF THE CONTRACTS EXECUTION PROCESS AT DPH/DHSP

- Once an agency has been identified as a successful bidder, they receive a letter from C&G notifying them of their selection and that a meeting with DHSP to initiate contract negotiations would be forthcoming within 2-3 days.
- DHSP provides instructions on how and where to submit budgets and scopes of work and other documents required to complete the contract. A dedicated email address is used to facilitate the submission of required contractual documents. Contractors are given at least a month to complete and submit all required documents. DHSP strives to accommodate requests for extensions from agencies which impacts the timeline for executing the contract.
- Once all contractual documents are received, DHSP reviews the documents for completeness and alignment of budgets with the scope of work and the goals and objectives of the RFP. The review process entails 3 levels of review involving the program manager, supervisor, and the Chief of Contracted Community Services (CCS). Follow-up meetings are then scheduled with the agency to secure additional documents, as needed, and discuss budget requests to ensure accuracy and optimal use of grant funds to meet service delivery requirements and standards. Agencies are given about a week to respond to questions and submit additional information as directed by DHSP.
- Once all documents are received by DHSP, their finance team will conduct additional review. The thorough programmatic and fiscal review seeks to ensure that budgets and scopes of work contain appropriate funding, staffing and service delivery mechanisms.
- The final stage of the contracting process involves securing authorized signatures from the agency and DHSP. The length of time varies depending on the agency's approval process, as some agencies may need to secure approval from their Board of Directors and City Councils. Academic institutions tend to have a longer internal approval procedures and chain of command. On average, most contracts are signed and executed within a month. Depending on if the agency requested extensions or was delayed in submitting required documentations, the process may take up to 4 months. In the case of academic institutions, the process has taken up to 1 year in the past.

Efforts by DHP to Encourage Providers to Apply for Ryan White Part A Funds

- The DPH C&G Division disseminates announcements for RFPs on behalf of the entire Department. C&G maintains a listserv of agencies registered to receive notices on funding

opportunities for DPH. In addition, funding notices are also released via the County's Internal Services Department (ISD) which maintains a database of agencies that have registered to declare their interest in doing business with the County. RFPs are posted on the DHSP website with a corresponding link to the C&G website for the full details about the RFP. Combined, these distribution listings reach a broad array of agencies and organizations of varying sizes and service areas of focus or expertise.

Key Factors that Contribute to Delays in Executing Agreements

- As described in the contract execution process earlier, delays in the process typically involve time needed by agencies to submit accurate documents and information required by the County and DHSP and the processes internal to the agencies related to securing authorized signatures for the contracts.
- The recipient noted that some agencies are able to return a signed within the same day which helps with expediting the execution of the contract.

Contract Terminations

- DHSP key informants indicated that no contracts were terminated during PY 33 and 34. One agency, a language service provider, elected to end their contract with the County due low utilization from service providers and clients.

Monthly Report Review and Invoice Payment Process

- The monthly invoicing instructions and forms are available on the DHSP website. Monthly invoices are due no later than 30 days after the end of each month. Invoices must be accompanied by all required program (narrative) reports and data in order for DHSP to process payment. DHSP staff will reach out to contractors if required forms are missing, inaccurate, or incomplete. Once DHSP receives an accurate invoice along with the monthly narrative program report, DHSP's timeframe is to pay the agency within 30 days.

Factors that may Contribute to Delays in Payments to Service Providers

- DHSP key informants noted that the common factor that affects timely payments is failure to submit accurate invoices and narrative reports on time. Agencies are instructed to correct invoices if DHSP finds discrepancies between the approved budget and allowed expenses, which affects the 30-day turnaround time for payment. Budget modification requests pending DHSP approval may also affect the timely submission of invoices to DHSP. With regard to budget modification requests, DHSP strives to approve the request within a month, however, it may take up to 3 months depending on the review and questions from DHSP.

Technical Assistance or Training Provided to Service Providers Aimed at Improving Knowledge and Skills Related to Invoicing and Monthly Reporting Requirements

- DHSP covers these areas during the successful bidders conference. DHSP provides ongoing technical assistance to agencies on an individual basis and as a collective. Additional trainings are provided when new staff are onboarded to ensure that scopes of work, approved budget and contractual requirements are understood and followed by the agency. DHSP routinely receives and responds to questions and request for guidance on how to develop a budget,

budget modification and invoicing.
- Other types of training and technical assistance provided by DHSP include how to use CaseWatch, or other systems for data collection and HIV educational and skills building.

Improvements or Successes Related to Administrative Mechanisms:

- DHSP's effort to contract with a third-party administrator (TPA) has been a significant improvement in their ability to expedite contracts for smaller grants under the Ending the HIV Epidemic initiative. The TPA model may be used for some Ryan White categories, perhaps those with smaller contractual amounts, but not for larger service categories with more complex service and contractual requirements. TPAs would be fiscally challenged to float the cost of paying RW contractors for larger service categories. DHSP is seeking to identify another qualified TPA to enhance their administrative capacity to expedite contracts.
- The County's emergency declaration to address homelessness has been useful for utilizing the sole source contracting mechanism to expedite service agreements specifically tied to the homelessness crisis.
- DHSP developed a more streamlined internal process to review contracts and invoices, decreasing the amount and frequency of back-and-forth communication between DHSP and agencies. Additionally, DHSP has established a more efficient internal communication and coordination process with the finance unit to understand programmatic requirements and minimize separate and often repetitive layers of review between finance and programmatic staff.
- The DPH C&G unit provides enhanced infrastructure and capacity support for DHSP to release and manage several RFPs in a single year.

V. Key Themes

PROVIDER PERSPECTIVES

The County's Request for Proposals (RFP) Process is Clear

Providers indicated high marks regarding DHSP's RFP process, ranging from over 93% to 100% of providers agreeing or strongly agreeing with the clarity, fairness, and competitiveness of the RFP process.

Contract Execution Timeframe is Influenced by Agency Procedures

Almost 77% of responses indicated that they did not have issues and or challenges with executing contracts. Some agencies noted that delays were due to their agency's internal approval processes adding to the overall timeframe for contract execution. Furthermore, agencies noted that the budgeting process and rounds of reviews and approvals also contribute to the delay in executing

contracts.

Average Timeframe for Payment is 31+ Days
During PY 33, respondents almost 85% indicated that on average, it took 31 or more days for their agency to be reimbursed from the day they submitted a correct and complete invoice. For PY 34, the response was almost 92%. Delays in reimbursements could be impacted by staffing shortages and submission of incorrect or incomplete invoices which must be submitted with a program narrative report.

Prompt Responses to Invoicing Questions
With regard to response time from DHSP on invoicing questions, almost 92% of respondents indicated receiving a response with 5 to 10 days. Additionally, 23% and 69% percent "agreed" or "strongly agreed" that their contract monitor provides clear and consistent responses to questions and request for information, programmatic guidance, and technical assistance.

Mixed Reactions around Communication of Expectations Prior to Site Visits and Program Monitoring
While some of the responses noted that program managers conveyed expectations clearly prior to site visits, there were also comments that alluded to the need for clearer communication of expectations for program monitoring prior to the site visit and better explanation for changes in expectations from year to year. In terms of the process for program monitoring, responses were varied: 23% somewhat clear, 15% clear, and 61% very clear.

Contractors Receive Regular Feedback on Performance and Technical Assistance (TA) on Barriers and Challenges
In general, the majority of the comments, appear to show that DHSP regularly provides feedback on contractor performance and that the feedback is helpful in improving program policies, procedures, and assisting the agencies meet their contractual goals. 75% of the respondents indicated that the TA and training they received met their needs and helped their agencies address challenges.

RECIPIENT PERSPECTIVES

The Recipient conduct broad provider outreach and information dissemination efforts to promote RFPs.

- DHSP and DPH uses a broad distribution list to disseminate RFPs and funding announcements, reaching a wide variety of agencies of diverse size, organizational capacity, and service area expertise.

The Recipient continues to enact procedures aimed at improving their review and approval process.

- DHSP continues to make positive improvements in managing solicitations, executing contracts, and processing payments to agencies through improved internal processes, communications with agencies, and ongoing general and customized training for agency staff.

The Recipient leverages the County's administrative infrastructure.

- DHSP has a well-established process, infrastructure and partnership with DPH C&G and County Counsel that help to facilitate the solicitations process.

The Recipient engages providers by seeking their input in shaping RFPs.

- DHSP seeks provider input regarding service needs and ideas for improving programs to help develop RFPs.

VI. Recommendations:

This AEAM highlighted key suggestions for improvement based on provider and recipient survey responses and interviews:

- Continue to improve payment turnaround cycles within 30 days.
- Expedite or shorten the length of time it takes to execute a contract or approve a budget modification.
- Ensure uniformity in the information communicated by program and fiscal managers to contracted agencies, particularly for site visits and audits.
- Strengthen TA and training for programmatic and fiscal staff within DHSP and for contracted providers to ensure consistency of information, particularly for agencies that face staffing challenges (i.e., recruitment, retention, turnover).

The general comments collected from this AEAM reflect the recurring themes from previous assessments such as consistency of information received from DHSP, setting clear expectations for audits/site visits; and invoice payment turnaround time.

DHSP continues to explore additional mechanisms to more quickly fund HIV services in Los Angeles County. For example, DHSP's experience with using a third-party administrator, Heluna Health, to issue HIV prevention RFPs, serves as a model for expediting some of the Ryan White service contracts. Despite the bureaucratic challenges associated with a large municipal government the size of Los Angeles County, DHSP continues to improve various administrative mechanisms to ensure that life-saving services reach people living with HIV in a timely and efficient manner.

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Public Comment Period for Draft Transitional Case Management: Justice Involved Individuals Service Standards

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The Los Angeles County Commission on HIV (COH) announces an opportunity for the public to submit comments for the draft **Transitional Case Management (TCM): Justice-Involved Individuals** service standards revised by the Standards and Best Practices Committee. Comments from consumers, providers, HIV prevention and care stakeholders, and the public are welcome.

A draft of the document is posted to the COH website and can be found at: https://hiv.lacounty.gov/service-standards. Comments can be submitted via email to HIVCOMM@LACHIV.ORG.

After reading the document, consider responding to the following questions when providing public comment:

1. Are the TCM service standards reasonable and achievable for providers? Why or why not?
2. Do the TCM service standards meet consumer needs? Why or why not? Give examples of what is working/not working.
3. Is there anything missing from the TCM service standards related to HIV prevention and care?
4. Do you have any additional comments related to the TCM service standards and/or TCM services?

Public comments are due to HIVCOMM@LACHIV.ORG by Monday July 28, 2025.

TRANSITIONAL CASE MANAGEMENT SERVICES

(Draft as of 06/18/25)

Contents

IMPORTANT: The service standards for Justice-involved individuals, Transitional Case Management Services adhere to requirements and restrictions from the federal agency, Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA). The key documents used in developing standards are as follows:

Human Resource Services Administration (HRSA) HIV/AIDS Bureau (HAB) Policy Clarification Notice (PCN) # 16-02 (Revised 10/22/18): Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program Services: Eligible Individuals & Allowable Uses of Funds

HRSA HAB Policy Clarification Notice (PCN) # 18-02: The use of Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program Funds for Core Medical Services and Support Services for People Living with HIV Who Are Incarcerated and Justice Involved

HRSA HAB, Division of Metropolitan HIV/AIDS Programs: National Monitoring Standards for Ryan White Part A Grantees: Program – Part A

Service Standards: Ryan White HIV/AIDS Programs

Introduction

Service standards outline the elements and expectations a Ryan White service provider follows when implementing a specific service category. The purpose of the service standards is to ensure that all Ryan White service providers offer the same fundamental components of the given service category across a service area. Service standards establish the minimal level of service or care that a Ryan White funded agency or provider may offer in Los Angeles County.

Service Description

Transitional Case Management (TCM) is the provision of a range of client-centered activities focused on improving access to and retention in needed core medical and support services for special populations living with HIV/AIDS to mitigate and eliminate barriers to HIV care services.

- Intake and assessment of available resources and needs
- Periodic reassessments of status and needs
- Development and implementation of Individual Release Plans
- Appropriate linked referrals to housing, community case management, medical/physical healthcare, mental health, dental health, and substance use disorder treatment
- Coordination of services that facilitate retention in care, achieve viral suppression, and maintain overall health and wellness
- Access to HIV and STI information, education, partner services, and behavioral and biomedical interventions such as Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP) and Doxycycline Post-Exposure Prophylaxis (Doxy PEP) to prevent acquisition and transmission of HIV/STIs to prevent acquisition and transmission of HIV/STIs), and risk reduction
- Active, ongoing monitoring and follow-up
- Ongoing assessment of the client's needs and personal support systems

HRSA Guidance for Non-Medical Case Management

Description:
Non-Medical Case Management Services (NMCM) provide guidance and assistance in accessing medical, social, community, legal, financial, and other needed services. NMCM services may also include assisting eligible clients to obtain access to other public and private programs for which they may be eligible, such as Medicare, Medicare Part D, State Pharmacy Assistance Programs, Pharmaceutical Manufacturer's Patient Assistance Programs, other state or local health care and supportive services, or health insurance Marketplace plans. This service category includes several methods of communication including face-to-face, phone contact, and any other forms of communication deemed appropriate by the RWHAP Part recipient. Key activities include:

- Initial Assessment of service needs
- Development of a comprehensive, individualized care plan
- Continuous client monitoring to assess the efficacy of the care plan

- Re-evaluation of the care plan at least every 6 months with adaptations as necessary
- Ongoing assessment of the client's and other key family member's needs and personal support systems

Program Guidance:
Non-Medical Case Management Services have as their objective providing guidance and assistance in improving access to needed services whereas Medical Case Management services have as their objective improving health care outcomes.

General Eligibility Requirements for Ryan White Services

- Be diagnosed with HIV or AIDS with verifiable documentation.
- Be a resident of Los Angeles County
- Have an income at or below 500% of Federal Poverty Level.
- Provide documentation to verify eligibility, including HIV diagnosis, income level, and residency.

Given the barriers with attaining documentation, contractors are expected to follow the Los Angeles County, Department of Public Health, Division of HIV and STD Programs (DHSP) guidance for using self-attestation forms for documentation eligibility for Ryan White services.

Transitional Case Management for Justice-Involved Individuals

The goal of TCM for Justice-Involved individuals is to improve HIV health outcomes among justice-involved people living with HIV/AIDS by supporting post-release linkage and engagement in HIV care. The objectives of TCM for Justice-Involved individuals include:

- Identify and address barriers to care
- Assist with health and social service system navigation
- Provide health education and risk reduction counseling
- Refer and link to culturally competent HIV medical providers
- Support reentry through community or jail-based resources

SERVICE STANDARDS

All contractors must meet the Universal Service Standards approved by the COH in addition to the following TCM service standards. The Universal Service Standards can be accessed at: https://hiv.lacounty.gov/service-standards

OUTREACH

Programs providing Transitional Case Management (TCM) for justice-involved individuals services will conduct outreach to educate potential clients, HIV and STI services providers and other supportive service organizations about the availability and benefits of transitional management services for justice-involved persons living with HIV/AIDS within the Los Angeles County Jail system. Promotion and outreach will include the provision of information sessions to incarcerated people living with HIV/AIDS that facilitate enrollment into incarcerated TCM programs. Programs will collaborate with HIV primary health care and

support services providers, as well as HIV and STI testing sites.

OUTREACH	
STANDARD	**DOCUMENTATION**
Transitional Case Management programs will conduct outreach to potential clients and providers.	Outreach plan on file at provider agency
Transitional Case Management programs will provide information sessions to incarcerated people living with HIV/AIDS.	Record of information sessions at provider agency. Copies of flyers and materials used. Record of referrals provided to clients.
Transitional Case Management programs establish appointments (whenever possible) prior to release date.	Record of appointment date.

COMPREHENSIVE ASSESSMENT

Comprehensive assessment/reassessment is completed in a cooperative, interactive, face-to-face interview process. Assessment/reassessment identifies and evaluates a client's medical, physical, psychosocial, environmental and financial strengths, needs and resources.

Comprehensive assessment is conducted to determine the:

- Client's needs for treatment and support services
- Client's current capacity to meet those needs
- Ability of the client's social support network to help meet client need(s)
- Extent to which other agencies are involved in client's care
- Areas in which the client requires assistance in securing services
- Client's medical home post-release and linkage to Medical Care Coordination (MCC) program prior to release to ensure continuity of care

COMPREHENSIVE ASSESSMENT	
STANDARD	**DOCUMENTATION**
Completed and enter comprehensive assessments into DHSP's data management system within 15 days of the initiation of services. Perform reassessments at least once per year or when a client's needs change or they have re-entered a case management program.	Comprehensive assessment or reassessment on file in client chart to include: • Date • Signature and title of staff person Client strengths, needs and available resources in: • Medical/physical healthcare • Medications and Adherence issues • Housing and living situation • Resources and referrals • Assessment of barriers to care including gender-affirming care • Lega issues/incarceration history • Social support system

INDIVIDUAL RELEASE PLAN (IRP)

An Individual Release Plan (IRP) determines the case management goals for a client and is developed in conjunction with the client and case manager within two weeks of the conclusion of the comprehensive assessment or reassessment. An IRP is a tool that enables the case manager to assist the client in systematically addressing barriers to HIV medical care by developing a concrete strategy to improve access and engagement in medical and other support services. All goals shall be determined by utilizing information gathered during assessment and subsequent reassessments.

INDIVIDUAL RELEASE PLAN	
STANDARD	**DOCUMENTATION**
Individual Release Plans (IRPs) will be developed in conjunction with the client within two weeks of completing the assessment or reassessment. IRPs will be updated on an ongoing basis.	IRP on file in client chart to include: • Name of client and case manager • Date and signature of case manager and client • Date and description of client goals and desired outcomes • Action steps to be taken by client, case manager and others • Customized services offered to client to facilitate success in meeting goals, such as referrals to peer navigators and other social or health services • Goal timeframes • Disposition of each goal as it is met, changed, or determined to be unattainable

IMPLEMENTATION, MONITORING, AND FOLLOW-UP OF IRP

Implementation, monitoring, and follow-up involved ongoing contract and interventions with (or on behalf of) the client to ensure that IRP goals are addressed, and that the client is linked to and appropriately accesses and maintains primary health care and community-based supportive services identified on the IRP. These activities ensure that referrals are completed, and services are obtained in a timely, coordinated fashion.

IMPLEMENTATION, MONITORING, AND FOLLOW-UP OF IRP	
STANDARD	**DOCUMENTATION**
Case managers will: • Provide referrals, advocacy, and interventions based on the intake, assessment, and IRP • Monitor changes in the client's condition • Update/revise the IRP • Provide interventions and linked referrals • Ensure coordination of care	Signed, dated progress notes on file that detail, at minimum, the following: • Description of client contacts and actions taken • Date and type of contact • Description of what occurred • Changes in the client's condition or circumstances • Progress made toward IRP goals

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STAFFING REQUIREMENTS AND QUALIFICATIONS

At minimum, all TCM staff will be able to provide linguistically and culturally appropriate care to people living with HIV/AIDS and complete documentation as required by their positions. Case management staff will complete an agency-based orientation and be trained and oriented regarding client confidentiality and HIPAA regulations before providing services. See "Personnel and Cultural Linguistic Competence" section on the Universal Service Standards.

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Appendix 1: Recommended Training Topics

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- HIV Disclosure and Partner Services
- Trauma-informed Care
- Person First Language
- Mental health and HIV/AIDS
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- Stigma and discrimination and HIV/AIDS
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- Motivational interviewing
- Knowledge of available housing, food, and other basic need support services

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TRANSITIONAL CASE MANAGEMENT SERVICES: OLDER ADULTS 50+

(Draft as of 06/18/25)

Contents

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Service Standards: Ryan White HIV/AIDS Programs

Purpose

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Service Description

Transitional Case Management (TCM) is the provision of a range of client-centered activities focused on improving access to and retention in needed core medical and support services for special populations living with HIV/AIDS to mitigate and eliminate barriers to HIV care services.

- Intake and assessment of available resources and needs
- Periodic reassessments of status and needs
- Appropriate linked referrals to housing, community case management, medical/physical healthcare, mental health, dental health, and substance use disorder treatment
- Coordination of services that facilitate retention in care, achieve viral suppression, and maintain overall health and wellness
- Access to HIV and STI information, education, partner services, and behavioral and biomedical interventions such as Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP) and Doxycycline Post-Exposure Prophylaxis (Doxy PEP) to prevent acquisition and transmission of HIV/STIs to prevent acquisition and transmission of HIV/STIs), and risk reduction
- Active, ongoing monitoring and follow-up
- Ongoing assessment of the client's needs and personal support systems

HRSA Guidance for Non-Medical Case Management

Description:
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Program Guidance:
Non-Medical Case Management Services have as their objective providing guidance and assistance in improving access to needed services whereas Medical Case Management services have as their objective improving health care outcomes.

General Eligibility Requirements for Ryan White Services

- Be diagnosed with HIV or AIDS with verifiable documentation.
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Given the barriers with attaining documentation, contractors are expected to follow the Los Angeles County, Department of Public Health, Division of HIV and STD Programs (DHSP) guidance for using self-attestation forms for documentation eligibility for Ryan White services.

Transitional Case Management for Older Adults 50+

PURPOSE
Coordinate transition between systems of care for older adults 50+ living with HIV/AIDS.

SERVICE COMPONENTS

Comprehensive Assessment: identifies and reevaluates a client's medical, physical, psychosocial, environmental and other health and social service needs. To ensure optimal transitional care plans for older adults living with HIV who may be eligible for other payor sources outside of or in tandem with Ryan White-funded services, comprehensive assessments and screenings should be performed when the client approaches their 50th birthday.

Assessments may include: (assessments conducted under other RW medical services such as AOM or MCC may be used as a base to avoid duplicative assessments and burden on the client and provider).

1. Comprehensive benefits analysis and financial security
2. Clients 55 years and older should be assessed for eligibility for Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE)
3. Mental health
4. Hearing
5. Neurocognitive disorders/cognitive function
6. Functional status
7. Frailty/falls and gait
8. Social support and levels of interactions, including access to care giving support and related services.
9. Vision
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11. Hearing
12. Osteoporosis/bone density
13. Cancers
14. Muscle loss and atrophy
15. Nutritional needs
16. Housing status
17. Immunizations
18. Polypharmacy/drug interactions
19. HIV-specific routine tests
20. Cardiovascular disease
21. Smoking-related complications
22. Renal disease
23. Coinfections
24. Hormone deficiency

25. Peripherical neuropathology
26. Sexual health
27. Advance care planning
28. Occupational and physical therapy

**these assessments and screenings are derived from the Aging Task Force Recommendations.*

Care Planning

Once the comprehensive assessment is completed, a standing care plan should be developed in collaboration with the client that the patient may use to communicate their care needs to providers who may be operating under different healthcare systems. Care plans should at a minimum include the client's health goals, medication adherence and continuity, eligibility for services, and an HIV care provider contact to assist with communicating care needs during periods of transitions into another health system (such as Medi-Cal, Medicare), or non-HIV specialist providers.

Resource Navigation

Resource navigation seeks to assist clients with understanding and accessing information about resources available to them and their caregivers. At a minimum, case managers should:

1. Work with the client and show them what benefits they may be eligible for using Benefitscheckup.org.
2. Connect them to a Benefits Specialty Services (BSS) to access and enroll in public and/or private health and disability programs.
3. Educate and assist client in navigating enrollment and application processes.

Follow-up Support: Ongoing contact and intervention with (or on behalf of) the client to ensure that care plan goals and resource needs are addressed, and that the client is linked to and appropriately accesses and maintains primary health care and community-based supportive services identifies on the care plan.

TCM Older Adults Service Components	
STANDARD	**DOCUMENTATION**
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Resource Navigation	Documentation of joint effort with client to identify programs they may be eligible for via Benefitscheckup.org, BSS, and assistance with enrollment/application process.
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Transitional Case Management for Youth

For the purposes of these standards, "youth" is defined as adolescents and young adults aged 13-29 years old living with HIV/AIDS, including homeless, runaways, and emancipating/emancipated youth at risk for HIV/STIs. Transitional Case Management (TCM) for youth is a client-centered activity that coordinates services designed to promote access to and utilization of HIV care by identifying and linking youth living with HIV/AIDS to HIV medical and supportive services. The objectives of TCM for youth living with HIV/AIDS include:

- Locating youth not engaged in HIV care
- Identifying and addressing client barriers to care (e.g. homelessness, substance use, and emotional distress)
- Reducing homelessness
- Reducing substance use
- Improving the health status of transitional youth
- Easing a youth's transition from living on the streets or in foster care to community care
- Increasing access to education
- Increasing self-efficacy and self-sufficiency
- Facilitating access and adherence to primary health care
- Ensuring access to appropriate services and to the continuum of care
- Increasing access to HIV information and education
- Developing resources and increasing coordination between providers

SERVICE STANDARDS

All contractors must meet the Universal Service Standards approved by the COH in addition to the following TCM service standards. The Universal Service Standards can be accessed at: https://hiv.lacounty.gov/service-standards

OUTREACH

Outreach activities are defined as targeted activities designed to bring youth living with HIV/AIDS into HIV medical treatment services. This includes effective and culturally relevant methods to located, engage, and motivate youth living with HIV/AIDS in HIV medical services.

OUTREACH	
STANDARD	**DOCUMENTATION**
Transitional case management programs will outreach to potential clients and providers.	Outreach plan on file at provider agency.

COMPREHENSIVE ASSESSMENT AND REASSESSMENT

Comprehensive assessment and reassessment is completed in a cooperative, interactive, face-to-face interview process. Youth-friendly assessment(s) should consider the length of the questionnaire. See appendix 1 for additional information.

Assessment/reassessment identifies and evaluates a client's medical, physical, psychosocial, environmental and financial strengths, needs, and resources.

Comprehensive assessment is conducted to determine the following:

- Client's needs for engaging in HIV medical care and treatment, and supportive services
- Client's current capacity to meet those needs
- Ability of the client's social support network to help client gain access to, engage in, and maintain adherence to HIV care and treatment
- Extent to which other agencies are involved in client's care
- Areas in which the client requires assistance in securing services
- Readiness for transition to adult/mainstream case management services. Youth may remain in TCM for youth services until age 29. Appropriateness of continued transitional case management services will be assessed annually, and clients shall be transitioned into non-youth specific HIV care as appropriate but not later than age 30. Planing will be made for eventual transition to adult/non-youth specific case management at least by the client's 30th birthday.
- Eligibility for the Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health (DMH) Transition Age Youth Services, Adult Services Full-Service Partnership Program, and other DMH and Los Angeles County-funded programs to ensure continuing support while the client is in receiving TCM for youth services or once the client has completed or aged out of TCM youth services.

COMPREHENSIVE ASSESSMENT AND REASSESSMENT

STANDARD	DOCUMENTATION
Complete and enter comprehensive assessments into DHSP's data management system within 30 days of the initiation of services. Perform reassessments at least once per year or as needed.	Comprehensive assessment or reassessment on file in client chart to include: • Date • Signature and title of staff person Client strengths, needs and available resources in: • Medical/physical healthcare • Medications and Adherence issues • Mental Health • Substance use and substance use treatment • Nutrition/Food • Housing and living situation • Family and dependent care issues • Access to gender-affirming care • DCFS and other agency involvement • Transportation • Language/Literacy skills • Religious/Spiritual support • Social support system • Relationship history • Domestic violence/Intimate Partner Violence (IPV) • History of physical or emotional trauma • Financial resources • Employment and Education • Legal issues/incarceration history • Risk behaviors • HIV/STI prevention issues • Harm reduction services and support • Environmental factors • Resources and referrals • Assessment of readiness for transition to adult services.

INDVIDUAL SERVICE PLAN (ISP)

An Individual Service Plan (ISP) determines the case management goals for a client and is developed in conjunction with the client and case manager within two weeks of the completion of the comprehensive assessment or reassessment. A service plan is a tool that enables the case manager to assist the client in systematically addressing barriers to HIV medical care by developing a concrete strategy to improve access and engagement to needed medical and other support services. All goals shall be determined by utilizing information gathered during assessment and subsequent reassessments.

INDIVIDUAL SERVICE PLAN	
STANDARD	**DOCUMENTATION**
ISPs will be developed in conjunction with the client within two weeks of completing the assessment or reassessment.	ISP on file in client chart to include: • Name of client and case manager • Date and signature of case manager and client • Date and description of client goals and desired outcomes • Action steps to be taken by client, case manager and others • Goal timeframes • Disposition of each goal as it is met, changed or determined to be unattainable

BRIEF INTERVENTIONS

Brief intervention sessions actively facilitate a client's entry into HIV medical care through the resolution of barriers to primary HIV-specific healthcare. The interventions focus on specific barriers identified through a client assessment and assist the client in successfully addressing those barriers to HIV care. Case managers must prepare clients for the transition into non-youth specific HIV medical services and a lifetime of managing HIV/AIDS. This includes empowering youth with information and skills necessary to increase their readiness to engage in non-youth specific HIV medical care.

BRIEF INTERVENTIONS	
STANDARD	**DOCUMENTATION**
Case managers will: • Provide interventions and linked referrals • Risk Reduction Counseling: Provide risk reduction/harm reduction sessions for clients that are actively engaging in behaviors that put them at risk for transmitting HIV and acquiring other STIs. • Linkage to HIV Medical Care: To assist the client with access to and engagement in primary HIV-specific health care by linking them to an HIV medical clinic • Disclosure and Partner Notification: Addressing disclosure and partner notification for clients who have not disclosed their HIV status to partner(s) or family member(s). • Help clients resolve barriers	Signed, dated progress notes on file that detail, at minimum: • Description of client contracts and actions taken • Date and type of contact • Description of what occurred • Changes in the client's condition or circumstances • Progress made toward goals • Barriers to ISPs and actions taken to resolve them • Linked referrals and interventions and status/results • Barriers to referrals and interventions/actions taken • Time spent with, or on behalf of, client • Case manager's signature and title • Detailed transition plan to adult services with specific linkage to health, medical, and social services.

IMPLEMENTATION, MONITORING, AND FOLLOW-UP OF ISP

Implementation, Monitoring, and Follow-up of Isp involve ongoing contact and interventions with (or on behalf of) the client to ensure that ISP goals are addressed, and that the client is linked to and appropriately accesses and maintains primary healthcare and community-based supportive services identified on the ISP. These activities ensure that referrals are completed, and services are obtained in a timely, coordinated fashion.

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• Upon transition case, communicate to client the availability of case manager for occasional support and role as a resource to maintain stability for client.	

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All staff will be given orientation prior to providing services.	Record of orientation in employee file at provider agency.
Case management staff will complete DHSP's required case management certifications/training within three months of being hired.	Documentation of certification completion maintained in employee file.
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Appendix 1: Recommended Training Topics and Additional Resources

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- The role of substances in HIV and STI prevention and progression
- Substance use harm reduction models and strategies
- Sexual identification, gender issues, and provision of trans-friendly services
- Cultural competence
- Correctional issues
- Youth development issues
- Risk reduction and partner notification
- Current medical treatment and updates
- Mental health issues for people living with HIV
- Confidentiality and disclosure
- Behavior change strategies
- Stigma and discrimination
- Community resources including public/private benefits
- Grief and loss

Providers for TCM: Youth services should refer to the "Best Practices for Youth-Friendly Clinical Services," developed by Advocates for Youth, a national organization that advocates for policies and champions programs that recognize young people's rights to honest sexual health information.

Providers are highly encouraged to use or adapt youth-friendly assessment tools such as the HEADSS assessment for adolescents (Home and Environment; Education and Employment; Activities; Drugs; Sexuality; Suicide; Depression).

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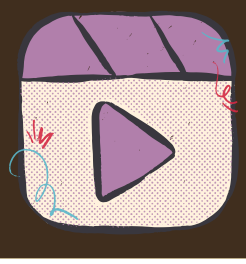
Black Voices for HIV Health & Wellness is a community-led storytelling campaign led by the **Los Angeles County Commission on HIV Black Caucus** that honors the real-life experiences of Black people living with, working in the field of, and caring for those impacted by HIV in Los Angeles County. Whether you're a consumer, provider, advocate, or ally—**your story matters.**

At a time when HIV funding and services are being threatened across the country, our Black communities are at greater risk of being left behind. That's why now, more than ever, **we must speak up**.

By **sharing our truths** through **short videos**, **written reflections**, and **creative expressions**, we shine a light on the continued need for **accessible, affirming, and culturally responsive HIV services**. Together, we'll raise awareness, inspire action, and remind the world that behind every number is a name, a face, and a story that deserves to be heard—and protected.



Short videos (up to 2 minutes)

Written testimonials (250 words or less)

Artwork or creative content that reflects your experience

All submissions will be reviewed and may be featured on our social media and advocacy platforms as part of our campaign to center Black voices and push for the resources we deserve. Let's raise our voices—together. Send your submissions along with your social media handle(s) or any questions to hivcomm@lachiv.org.

HOUSING SURVEY

ALL RESPONSE ARE CONFIDENTIAL.
COMPLETED SURVEYS WILL BE ENTERED IN RAFFLE FOR A $100 VISA GIFT CARRD

SCAN QR CODE TO ANSWER THE SURVEY

questions, assistance or request paper copy of the survey: 213- 618-6164 or hivcomm@lachiv.org

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COMMISSION ON HIV

We're Listening

share your concerns with us.

HIV + STD Services Customer Support Line

(800) 260-8787

Why should I call?

The Customer Support Line can assist you with accessing HIV or STD services and addressing concerns about the quality of services you have received.

Will I be denied services for reporting a problem?

No. You will not be denied services. Your name and personal information can be kept confidential.

Can I call anonymously?

Yes.

Can I contact you through other ways?

Yes.

By Email:
dhspsupport@ph.lacounty.gov

On the web:
http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/dhsp/QuestionServices.htm

County of Los Angeles Public Health
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Estamos Escuchando

Comparta sus inquietudes con nosotros.

Servicios de VIH + ETS
Línea de Atención al Cliente

(800) 260-8787

¿Por qué debería llamar?

La Línea de Atención al Cliente puede ayudarlo a acceder a los servicios de VIH o ETS y abordar las inquietudes sobre la calidad de los servicios que ha recibido.

¿Se me negarán los servicios por informar de un problema?

No. No se le negarán los servicios. Su nombre e información personal pueden mantenerse confidenciales.

¿Puedo llamar de forma anónima?

Si.

¿Puedo ponerme en contacto con usted a través de otras formas?

Si.

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