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# Consumer Caucus Virtual Meeting

*If you are a person living with or at risk of HIV, we invite you to be a part of a unified effort to help improve HIV prevention & care service delivery in Los Angeles County*

**Thursday, August 11, 2022  
3:00-5:00pm (PST)**

Agenda and meeting materials will be posted on  
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Apply to become a Commissioner at:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2022CommissiononHIVMemberApplication>

For application assistance call (213) 738-2816 or email [hivcomm@lachiv.org](mailto:hivcomm@lachiv.org)



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## **CONSUMER CAUCUS (CC)**

### **VIRTUAL MEETING AGENDA**

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| 1. CO-CHAIR WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS  | 3:00PM – 3:05PM |
| 2. COH MEETING DEBRIEF   | 3:05PM – 3:15PM |
| 3. ED/STAFF REPORT   | 3:15PM – 3:25PM |
| a. 2022-2026 Comprehensive HIV Plan Updates  |                 |
| b. LA County Department of Health Services (DHS) & Ryan White Program (RWP) Funding Updates  |                 |
| c. Board of Supervisors (BOS) Response to COH STD Letter Updates   |                 |
| 4. CO CHAIR REPORT   | 3:25PM – 3:55PM |
| a. 74 <sup>th</sup> Presidential Advisory Council on HIV/AIDS (PACHA) Meeting: “PACHA-to-the-People” September 19-20, 2022   |                 |
| b. 2022 Work Plan Review & Follow Up   |                 |
| 5. MEMBER REPORTS ( <i>Opportunity for COH Caucus members to provide updates from their assigned COH Committees <b>and</b> related conferences/events attended to better coordinate activities and harness feedback from a consumer perspective.</i> ) |                 |
| 6. DISCUSSION  | 3:55PM – 4:35PM |
| a. Hep C Presentation Planning for September Caucus Meeting  |                 |
| 7. AGENDA DEVELOPMENT FOR NEXT MEETING   | 4:35PM – 4:45PM |
| 8. PUBLIC COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS   | 4:45PM – 5:00PM |
| 9. ADJOURNMENT   | 5:00PM          |



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### CODE OF CONDUCT

We welcome commissioners, guests, and the public into a space where people of all opinions and backgrounds are able to contribute. We create a safe environment that celebrates differences while striving for consensus and is characterized by consistent, professional, and respectful behavior. Our common enemies are HIV and STDs. We strive to be introspective and understand and clarify our assumptions, while appreciating the complex intersectionality of the lives we live. We challenge ourselves to be self-reflective and committed to an ongoing understanding. 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 strive for consensus and compassion in all our interactions.**
- 2) We respect others' time by starting and ending meetings on time, being punctual, and staying present.**
- 3) We listen, don't repeat what has already been stated, avoid interrupting others, and allow others to be heard.**
- 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) We give and accept respectful and constructive feedback.**
- 7) We keep all issues on the table (no "hidden agendas"), avoid monopolizing discussions and minimize side conversations.**
- 8) We have no place in our deliberations for homophobic, racist, sexist, and other discriminatory statements and "-isms" (including misogyny, transphobia, ableism, and ageism).**
- 9) We give ourselves permission to learn from our mistakes.**

Approved (11/12/1998); Revised (2/10/2005; 9/6/2005); **Revised (4/11/19; 3/3/22)**





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**CONSUMER CAUCUS**  
**Thursday, July 14, 2022 | 3:00pm to 5:00pm**  
***“Improving Housing Opportunities for People Living with HIV (PLWH)”***

**VIRTUAL SPECIAL MEETING SUMMARY**

Meeting packet is available at: <https://hiv.lacounty.gov/meetings/>

*\*Contact staff for verification of attendance*

**1. WELCOME + INTRODUCTIONS + CHECK IN**

Co-Chairs Alasdair Burton, Ish Herrera, and Damone Thomas welcomed attendees and led introductions.

**2. “SETTING THE STAGE”**

Cheryl Barrit provided background by acknowledging the ongoing concerns shared by consumers regarding challenges accessing and navigating the HOPWA program, and that their advocacy is what provided this platform in bringing all partners together to improve access to and quality housing services for PLWH.

C. Barrit reviewed the meeting objective and grounded the discussion by reminding the group of the Code of Conduct.

**3. HOPWA Program**

Chuy Orozco, City of Los Angeles HOPWA Coordinator, began his presentation by thanking the Caucus for providing a space for community engagement as HOPWA currently does not have a public input mechanism.

C. Orozco provided an overview of the HOPWA program and provided insight on how the HOPWA program compliments/works with the Ryan White Program. He shared that HOPWA is the only program that is administered Countywide but is managed by the City of Los Angeles and leans heavily on its regional partners for provider services.

Additionally, C. Orozco reported that HUD’s new formulary targets available resources more closely to those communities that have a higher burden of the housing needs of people living with HIV/AIDS, allowing certain jurisdictions to receive more funding including LA County. C. Orozco noted that the HOPWA program will focus much of its efforts on those who are chronically homeless, increasing staff capacity, and increasing engagement among hard-to-reach communities, i.e., transgender community. C. Orozco also announced that agencies Alliance for Housing and Healing and APLA were awarded HOPWA grants and will work in collaboration to provide HOPWA-

related services. C. Orozco also shared that he is working to leverage HOPWA's legal services with the RWP legal services to provide a more comprehensive and accessible legal resource for PLWH.

Lastly, C. Orozco expressed the need for more community engagement to bridge the gap between provider and client, and for feedback on how to better improve the HOPWA program and agreed to present quarterly at the Caucus meetings to provide updates and be available for questions.

**4. DISCUSSION:** The Caucus shared the following concerns and feedback:

- Why aren't private healthcare plans, i.e., Kaiser, aware of the HOPWA and Ryan White Programs to refer to their clients? *C. Orozco to follow up.*
- Housing providers are discriminatory towards the LGBT+ communities and are denying housing to these communities, resulting in a disproportionate impact of housing insecurity among these communities. *C. Orozco commented that HUD is working toward minimizing barriers these communities face in accessing housing services and are developing strategies for engagement for hard-to-reach communities.*
- There needs to be more outreach and promotion of HOPWA program services; many are not aware of all the services the HOPWA program offers.
- There needs to be a grievance mechanism to provide feedback regarding HOPWA providers and services, i.e., delayed response times from providers, lack of provider capacity, and collaboration. *C. Orozco indicated that grievances and feedback regarding HOPWA program services should be forwarded to him at [jesus.d.orozco@lacity.org](mailto:jesus.d.orozco@lacity.org)*
- CHIRP LA does not display up-to-date housing opportunities, only provides 50+ housing opportunities, and the landlords listed have been less than kind. *C. Orozco indicated that he would review the website and update it appropriately with additional resources.*
- Elevate people above data by minimizing the enormous amount of paperwork and red tape keeping the services from reaching the people. A suggestion was made to use the results of a Rapid HIV Test or an HIV prescription bottle as proof of status to mitigate some of the barriers in clients having to secure proof of status from their healthcare provider. *C. Orozco will reach out to HUD and provide a follow-up.*

**5. NEXT STEPS**

C. Orozco received all the feedback and inquiries and committed to attending the Caucus meeting quarterly to provide updates and feedback. He will attend the October Caucus meeting and expressed that he is looking forward to continued engagement with the consumer community.

**6. ADJOURNMENT**

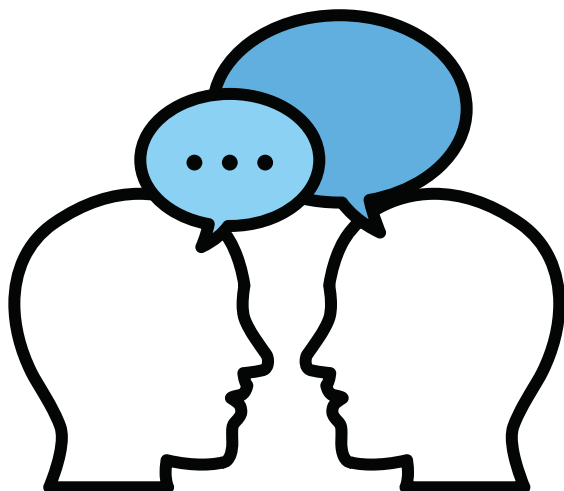


# Los Angeles County Commission on HIV Training Schedule 2022

## Come learn with us!

All trainings are open to the public. Virtual study hours will be available for all commissioners and members of the public who have any questions about the purpose and functions of the Commission on HIV.

*Trainings are mandatory for all Commissioners.*



## **March 29**

### **General Orientation**

#### **Commission on HIV Overview**

3:00 - 4:30 PM - Register [here](#).

## **April 12**

### **Virtual Study Hour**

3:00 - 4:00 PM - Register [here](#).

## **July 21**

### **Ryan White Care Act Legislative Overview**

#### **Membership Structure and Responsibilities**

3:00 - 4:30 PM - Register [here](#).

## **August 17**

### **Virtual Study Hour**

3:00 - 4:00 PM - Register [here](#).

## **September 15**

### **Priority Setting and Resource Allocation Process**

#### **Service Standards Development**

3:00 - 4:30 PM - Register [here](#).

## **October 20**

### **Virtual Study Hour**

3:00 - 4:00 PM - Register [here](#).

## **November 16**

### **Policy Priorities and Legislative Docket**

#### **Development Process**

4:00 - 5:00 PM - Register [here](#).

## **November 17**

### **Co-Chair Roles and Responsibilities (Virtual live)**

4:00 - 5:00 PM - Register [here](#).

## **December 13**

### **Virtual Study Hour**

3:00 - 4:00 PM - Register [here](#).

# WHAT GAY & BISEXUAL MEN NEED TO KNOW ABOUT MONKEYPOX



Cases have been detected among gay and bisexual men but **not exclusively**

## WHAT IS MONKEYPOX?

Monkeypox is a viral infection transmitted through close personal contact, including kissing, sex, and other skin-to-skin contact. Fatality during the current outbreak is estimated to be very low.

## WHAT ARE THE SYMPTOMS?

KEY SYMPTOM



### RASH, BUMPS, OR BLISTERS

These may appear anywhere on the body, including the genitals. This may look similar to syphilis, herpes, or other common skin rashes.

OTHER SYMPTOMS



FEVER &  
HEADACHES



MUSCLE  
ACHES



SWOLLEN  
LYMPH NODES

Symptom onset ranges from 5-21 days

## WHAT YOU CAN DO



### STAY INFORMED

Remain calm. This is a rapidly changing situation. Visit the CDC website for up-to-date guidance.



### CONTACT

If you have symptoms, call (do not visit) your health care provider, and ask about testing.



### ISOLATE

If you have symptoms, stay at home, wear a mask, and cover lesions to protect others.

Updated: June 2022



## ANYONE CAN GET MONKEYPOX

Blaming gay, bisexual, and other men who have sex with men may harm public health efforts and cause providers to miss monkeypox in other communities.

Get the latest updates & downloadable files from  
Gay Sexuality & Social Policy Initiative @ UCLA Luskin  
[gaysexresearch.com](http://gaysexresearch.com)



# LO QUE LOS HOMBRES GAY Y BISEXUALES NECESITAN SABER SOBRE LA VIRUELA DEL MONO



Se han detectado casos entre hombres gay y bisexuales, pero **no exclusivamente**.

## ¿QUÉ ES LA VIRUELA DEL MONO?

La viruela del mono es una infección viral transmitida a través del contacto personal cercano, que incluyen besos, sexo y otro contacto de piel a piel. Se estima que la mortalidad durante el brote actual es muy baja.

## ¿CUÁLES SON LOS SÍNTOMAS?

SÍNTOMAS PRINCIPALES



### ERUPCIONES, ABULTAMIENTOS O AMPOLLAS

Pueden aparecer en cualquier parte del cuerpo, incluyendo los genitales. Esto puede parecer similar a sífilis, herpes u otras erupciones cutáneas comunes.

OTROS SÍNTOMAS



### PIREXIA Y DOLOR DE CABEZA



### DOLOR MUSCULAR



### GLÁNDULAS LINFÁTICAS INFLAMADAS

El inicio de los síntomas oscila entre 5-21 días

## LO QUE PUEDE HACER



### MANTÉNGASE INFORMADO

Mantenga la calma. Esta es una situación que cambia rápidamente. Visite el sitio web de los CDC para obtener orientación actualizada.



### CONTACTE

Si tiene síntomas, llame (no visite) a su proveedor de atención médica y pregunte acerca de las pruebas.



### AÍSLE

Si tiene síntomas, quédese en casa, use una máscara y cubra las lesiones para proteger a los demás.

Actualizada: junio 2022



## CUALQUIER PERSONA PUEDE CONTRAER LA VIRUELA DEL MONO

Al culpar a los hombres gay, bisexuales y otros hombres que tienen sexo con hombres puede dañar los esfuerzos de salud pública y causar que los proveedores de atención médica no detecten la viruela del mono en otras comunidades.

Obtenga las últimas actualizaciones y archivos descargables de  
**Gay Sexuality & Social Policy Initiative @ UCLA Luskin**  
[gaysexresearch.com](http://gaysexresearch.com)





**Community Clinics Offering Monkeypox Vaccinations, July 22, 2022\***

**\*Vaccinations available for clinic's eligible patients**

<b>Agency</b>	<b>Site Name</b>	<b>Street Address</b>	<b>City</b>	<b>State</b>	<b>Zip Code</b>	<b>Phone Number</b>
APLA Health and Wellness	APLA Health - CDU/MLK Medical Campus	1679 E. 120th St.	Los Angeles	CA	90059	323.329.9700
APLA Health and Wellness	APLA Health - Baldwin Hills	3741 S. La Brea Ave.	Los Angeles	CA	90016	213.201.5000
APLA Health and Wellness	APLA Health - Mid-Wilshire	5901 W. Olympic Blvd., #310	Los Angeles	CA	90036	323.215.1725
APLA Health and Wellness	APLA Health - Long Beach	1043 Elm Ave., Suite 302	Long Beach	CA	90813	562.247.7740
Wesley Health Centers (JWCH)	JWCH Bellflower	14371 Clark Ave.	Bellflower	CA	90706	562.867-7999
Wesley Health Centers (JWCH)	JWCH East Hollywood	954 N Vermont Ave.	Los Angeles	CA	90029	562.867-7999
Wesley Health Centers (JWCH)	JWCH Lancaster	45105 10th St. W	Lancaster	CA	93534	562.867-7999
Wesley Health Centers (JWCH)	JWCH Palmdale Central	2151 E. Palmdale Blvd.	Palmdale	CA	93550	562.867-7999
Kaiser Permanente Los Angeles Medical Center	Kaiser SC - Los Angeles Medical Center	4867 W Sunset Blvd	Los Angeles	CA	90027	323.783.4011
Kaiser Permanente South Bay Medical Center	Kaiser SC - South Bay Medical Center	25825 Vermont Ave	Harbor City	CA	90710	310.325.5111
Kaiser Permanente West LA Venice Medical Center	Kaiser SC - WLA Venice MOB	6041 Cadillac Avenue	Los Angeles	CA	90034	1.833.574.2273
Long Beach Comprehensive Health Center	Long Beach Comprehensive Health Center Tom Kay Clinic	1333 Chestnut Ave.	Long Beach	CA	90813	562.753.2300
Los Angeles LGBT Center	Los Angeles LGBT Center - McDonald/Wright-LA LGBT Center	1625 N. Schrader Blvd	Los Angeles	CA	90028	323.993.7400
Los Angeles LGBT Center	Los Angeles LGBT Center - South	2313 W. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.	Los Angeles	CA	90008	323.860.3799

Los Angeles LGBT Center	Los Angeles LGBT Center - Trans Wellness Center	3055 Wilshire Blvd. #360	Los Angeles	CA	90010	323.993.2900
Los Angeles LGBT Center	Los Angeles LGBT Center - WeHo	8745 Santa Monica Blvd. 2nd Floor	West Hollywood	CA	90069	323.993.7500
Men's Health Foundation	Men's Health Foundation -West Hollywood	8280 Santa Monica Blvd.	West Hollywood	CA	90046	310.550.2271
Northeast Valley Health Corporation	NEVHC-Van Nuys Adult-Northeast Valley Health Corporation	14624 Sherman Way, Ste 600	Van Nuys	CA	91405	818.988.6335
St. John's Community Health	St. John's Community Health - Compton WM Keck Foundation Community Health Center	2115 Wilmington Ave.	Compton	CA	90222	323.541.1411
St. John's Community Health	St. John's Community Health - Warner Traynham Clinic	326 W. 23 <sup>rd</sup> St	Los Angeles	CA	90007	323.541.1411
St. John's Community Health	St. John's Community Health - Williams - S. Mark Taper Foundation Chronic Disease and Environmental Health Center	808 W. 58 <sup>th</sup> St.	Los Angeles	CA	90037	323.541.1411



## Consumer Caucus Workplan 2022

**PURPOSE OF THIS DOCUMENT:** To identify activities and priorities the Consumer Caucus will lead and advance throughout 2022.


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

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

#	GOAL/ACTIVITY	ACTION STEPS/TASKS	TIMELINE/ DUE DATE	STATUS/COMMENTS
1	<b>Create a safe environment for consumers</b> ( <i>people in need of HIV care and prevention services</i> )	Motivate members to challenge their environment Increase awareness of the caucus in the community	Ongoing	
2	<b>Advocacy:</b> <i>Work with the Public Policy Committee to identify opportunities for consumer involvement to support HIV-related legislation</i>	Advocate for items the Caucus prioritizes	Ongoing	
3	<b>Comprehensive HIV Plan (CHP):</b> <i>Participate in the development of the CHP to ensure the consumer voice is prioritized in all aspects of the CHP.</i>	Continued participation in CHP development	October 2022	Ongoing activity
4	<b>Leadership and Capacity Building Training:</b> <i>Identify training opportunities that foster and nurture consumer (both PLWH and HIV-negative) leadership and empowerment in COH and community.</i>	Continue soliciting ideas from consumers for training topics	Ongoing	Refer to training list developed by the Operations Committee
5	<b>HealthHIV Planning Council Effectiveness Assessment Findings:</b> <i>Address areas of improvement.</i>	Commission staff to set up a WebEx meeting where new Caucus members can join and learn how to navigate WebEx	Ongoing	Operations Committee is updating applicant interview questions to be more consumer friendly; have implemented the WebEx language interpretation function for meetings; revamped 2022 mandatory training for Commissioners currently being implemented with virtual study hours to offer additional support, especially for consumers.

6	<p><b>Consumer Recruitment &amp; Participation in COH:</b>  <i>Identify activities to increase consumer participation at Consumer Caucus/COH meetings, especially individuals from the Black/African American, Latinx, youth, and indigenous communities.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Identify an easier mechanism for consumers to join virtual meetings</li> <li>-Identify mechanism for retaining Caucus members</li> <li>-Recruit members that are not part of Ryan White contracted agencies</li> <li>-Recruit members that are not consumers of Ryan White services</li> <li>-Recruit members that need HIV care and prevention services</li> <li>-Develop an award ceremony to recognize individuals that volunteer their time to serve/participate in the Caucus</li> <li>-Have the Caucus become a hybrid meeting format to allow newcomers join virtually; provide lunch during meetings and gift cards for those attending virtually</li> </ul>	Ongoing	<p><b>Question:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Why would anyone come to Caucus meetings?</li> <li>-Why won't providers recruit?</li> <li>-How can we get providers to encourage their clients/patients to attend?</li> <li>-What is the incentive for unaffiliated consumers to attend meetings?</li> </ul>
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considering common co-morbidities of those infected with  PACHA Group Photo  
HIV as needed to promote effective HIV prevention and  
treatment and quality services to persons living with HIV disease and AIDS.

This includes advice, information, and recommendations to the Secretary regarding the development and implementation of the *Ending the HIV Epidemic in the U.S.* initiative and the National HIV/AIDS Strategy.

[Read more about PACHA.](#)

## Meetings/Announcements

Information on the next and most recent meetings and/or current announcements about PACHA are provided here.

### September 19–20, 2022

PACHA will convene the 74th full council meeting in Los Angeles, California, and online on September 19 and 20, 2022. This “PACHA-to-the-People” meeting will convene on the afternoon of September 19 and for the full day on September 20. Additional details are forthcoming.

[Review assets from prior meetings back to 2008.](#)

## How the Council Performs Its Work

Subcommittees consisting of members of PACHA may be established to perform specific functions within the Council's jurisdiction. Subcommittees make preliminary recommendations for consideration of the full council. Currently, PACHA consists of three subcommittees: The Ending the HIV Epidemic in the U.S. and the National HIV/AIDS Strategy Subcommittee, Stigma and Disparities Subcommittee, and the Global Subcommittee. The Department Committee Management Officer is notified upon establishment of each subcommittee and is provided information on its name, membership, function, and estimated frequency of meetings.

Management and support services are provided by the Office of Infectious Disease and HIV/AIDS Policy, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).

Meetings are held at the call of the Chair(s), with the advance approval of a full-time Government official, who also approves the agenda. A Government official is present at all meetings.