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PLANNING, PRIORITIES AND ALLOCATIONS (PPA) COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

May 18, 2021

COMMITTEE MEMBERS			
P = Present A = Absent EA = Excused Absence			
Raquel Cataldo, Co-Chair	P	Karl T. Halfman, MS	P
Frankie Darling Palacios, Co-Chair	P	Damontae Hack, Alternate	A
Alexander Luckie Fuller	P	William King, MD, JD (Leave of Absence)	A
Everardo Alvizo, LCSW	P	Miguel Martinez, MPH, MSW	P
Al Ballesteros, MBA	A	Anthony M. Mills, MD	A
Kevin Donnelly	P	Derek Murray	P
Felipe Gonzalez	P	LaShonda Spencer, MD	P
Joseph Green	P	Maribel Ulloa	P
Michael Green, PhD, MHSA	A	Guadalupe Velasquez	A
COMMISSION STAFF AND CONSULTANTS			
Cheryl Barrit and Carolyn Echols-Watson			
DHSP STAFF			
Pamela Ogata and Jane Bowers			

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CALL TO ORDER-INTRODUCTIONS-CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Frankie Darling Palacios called the meeting to order at approximately 1:06pm. Members introduced themselves and stated their conflicts.

I. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION #1: Approve the Agenda Order, as presented (*Passed by Consensus*).

2. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

MOTION #2: Approved the April 20, 2021 Planning, Priorities and Allocations Committee Meeting Minutes, as presented (*Passed by Consensus*).

II. PUBLIC COMMENT

3. Opportunity for members of the public to address the Committee on items of interest that is within the
Jurisdiction of the Committee.

III. COMMITTEE NEW BUSINESS ITEMS

Opportunity for Committee 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 situation, or where the need to take action arose subsequent to the posting of the agenda.

- Derek Murray expressed a concern with the planning and allocation process approaching that a discussion should include an understanding of DHSP/County's response to the alarming increase in STD rates. He inquired about DHSP's response on HIV/STD issues as part of the priority setting and resource allocation process (PSRA).
- Insights from DHSP on considering STD surveillance data in the PSRA process will be in the PP&A June agenda.

Frankie Darling Palacios requested more information on the National Minority AIDS Council (NMAC) blog regarding MAI funding and who benefits from funding. They also requested discussing expenditure information provided by DHSP in more depth at the June meeting. Cheryl Barrit noted that NMAC Executive Director, Paula Kawata, made a correction to his initial blog. P. Kawata used MAI funding and data as an example of how to respond to a federal Request for Information on how the federal government can advance equity and support in underserved communities across the United States.

- DHSP expenditure discussion will be included on the June PP&A meeting agenda.
- C. Barrit will make sure to forward the correction letter from NMAC to Committee members.

IV. REPORTS

5. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR/STAFF REPORT

a. Commission and Committee Updates

The national HealthHIV organization presented their findings on an effectiveness assessment of the Commission as the local planning council for Los Angeles County. The findings will be reviewed will move forward for additional deliberation and specific implementation of recommendations and opportunities for Commission improvement at the upcoming Executive Committee meeting on May 27, 2021.

The Operations Committee will meet on May 27th and will debrief on the planning council effectiveness assessment and talk about ways to engage and pay attention to ideas around membership, recruitment, engagement, and retention.

The Consumer Caucus debriefed and discussed the planning council effectiveness assessment findings.

They offered suggestions on putting recommendations and findings into practice.

The Caucus is thinking of ways to address all Committees of the Commission not just in engagement and recruitment, but in terms of ending the epidemic and consumer leadership.

C. Barrit announced the departure of Raquel Cataldo as a Co-Chair of PP&A and as a Commissioner. R. Cataldo said a few words in farewell to the Committee. Raquel Cataldo resigned as Co-Chair of the PP&A Committee.

- Committee Co-Chair Nominations/Elections (need 2nd Co-chair) will be added to the June PP&A agenda.

b. Ending the HIV Epidemic (EHE) Activities

C. Barrit introduced Katja Nelson as one of the Commission's liaisons to the DHSP EHE Steering Committee. K. Nelson will provide an update on EHE activities as they relate to the activities of the Commission.

K. Nelson posed the following question to the PP&A Committee.

- What EHE activities/efforts does the Committee want to implement?
- How do activities align with planning council efforts?
- What do Commissioners want liaisons to achieve?
- What information should be conveyed?

Decisions should be made through a racial justice and health equity framework.

It was recommended prevention planning efforts be made to improve PrEP information and viral suppression rates for all Ryan White clients. It was further noted, PP&A plans to include strong directives around prevention.

The Prevention Planning Workgroup (PPW) provides a focused opportunity for Commissioners to participate in prevention planning efforts.

Everardo Alvizo stated the City of Long Beach is planning to invite DHSP EHE Steering Committee members to speak to their planning council. This is to reduce the duplication of efforts and determine how the City of Long Beach can work with DHSP and other County partners

It was further noted, the Department of Public Health (DPH) should play an active role in providing medical providers/physicians with information on where to refer those diagnosed with HIV.

It was noted the Commission has service standards for medical providers established by the Standards and Best Practices (SBP) Committee. Additionally, DHSP has a Medical Advisory Committee to share best practices with medical providers.

The Committee encouraged expanding activities to providers educating involvement of physicians.

6. **CO-CHAIR REPORT**

- a. "So, You Want to Talk About Race" by I. Oluo Reading Activity **Excerpts Only** from Chapters 4 **or** 5
 - Due to time constraints, there was no reading.

7. **DIVISION OF HIV AND STD PROGRAMS (DHSP) REPORT**

a. **Fiscal and Programmatic Update**

Pamela Ogata presented a revised allocation table for PY 31. The revised allocations required approval by the Committee because the document is due June 30, 2021 per DHSP.

i. **PY 31 (FY2021) Revised Allocation**

Motion

#3

The Motion #3 was passed. (Ayes 8; Noes 0)

Vote is for current PY allocation March 1, 2021 – February 28, 2022

P. Ogata presented the following information on the PY 31 Revised Allocation percentages.

- PY 30 Part A expenditures exceed the allocation amount indicating a need to reallocate PY 31 funding.
- Linkage and Re-engagement Program (LRP) is better aligned with Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) EHE grant funds. Historically DHSP used Part A funding under the service category of Outreach for an annual cost of \$1.3 to \$1.8 million. DHSP feels this program is more in line with EHE goals which includes working with out of care and not virally suppressed individuals.

The LRP identifies People Living with HIV (PLWH) that are out of care, using surveillance data, and has DHSP staff work to re-engage those individuals into care.

- W. Garland will present data in July 2021 regarding RW utilization from PY 30 and LRP will be included.
- HIV testing administered by DSHP had low numbers in 2020 due to COVID-19. Other contracted testing services are supported by CDC funding. Realigning testing services administered by DHSP will ease reporting responsibility by putting all testing services together and relieving the possibility of HRSA overspending in PY 31.

The Committee was concerned about the estimated over expending of Part A funds in PY 30. DHSP was asked how this would be addressed. DHSP identified the following factors.

- Allocation are developed in percentage so funding allocation do not exceed total funds received.

- DHSP moves cost to maximize funding. It was noted EHE funding in 2020-21 was \$5.1 million.
- Part of the over expenditures in Part A funding were due to PY 30 telehealth services increasing. These services were cost reimbursement contracts not performance-based or fee-for-service. COVID-19 increased operational cost for providers so contract funding increased to reimburse providers.
- It was noted funding amounts are not decreased, just the percentage allocation from the particular funding source. The additional funds needed are derived from other funding sources.

➤ DHSP will present Minority AIDS Initiative funding, demographic, and health outcomes data at the July PP&A meeting.

b. Contracts and Procurement Update

No updates were provided.

8. PREVENTION PLANNING WORKGROUP (PPW)

a. Update from April Meeting

Maribel Ulloa provided a brief review of the April 28, 2021 PPW meeting. DHSP provided a significant amount of prevention data which included funding, expenditures, programs, and demographics of client served. (PowerPoints with prevention data are included in the meeting packet.)

Committee members were invited to submit questions and attend the May 26, 2021 PPW meeting. The meeting will include DHSP addressing questions on the data presented at the April 28th meeting.

It was noted the evening time of the meeting has help with the participation of community members that do not regularly participate in Commission planning activities.

b. Challenges, Workgroup Feedback and Timeline, Committee Expectations

Due to time restraints this issue was not addressed.

V. DISCUSSION

a. Housing Opportunities for Person with AIDS (HOPWA) – Special Projects of National Significance (SPNS) Grant

M. Ulloa provided an overview of the SPNS grant. It is a 3-year grant. The grant funds can be used to provide data- centered approaches/strategies to homeless and CD4 count viral load suppression.

SPNS grant does not have to be specifically used for housing. It can be for maintaining or supporting housing. Grant applicants should be innovative in identifying and addressing disparities.

The minimum grant amount is \$300,000 and the maximum is \$2.5 million. No renewal projects are permitted unless they can be sustained through other funding sources after the grant ends.

Due to grant time restraints and procurement contracts procedures, contracts may be limited to established existing providers.

It was also noted, HRSA housing services has a two-year limit and thus cannot support permanent long-term housing because the funding is short term funding.

K. Nelson asked if clients participating in Residential Care Facilities for Chronically Ill/ Transitional Residential Care Facilities (RCFCI)/(TRCF) were displaced after the 2-year funding limit. P. Ogata stated clients work with Housing for Health program to place all clients in other forms of housing once they have timed out of the RCFCI/TRCF programs.

- M. Ulloa will provide details at the June meeting PP&A meeting. The Committee agreed to include the SPNS grant on the June agenda for follow-up.

b. Paradigms and Operating Values Readability

- The Committee agreed to postpone the agenda item until the June 15, 2021 PP&A meeting.

c. DHSP Directives PY 30, 31, & 32

- The Committee agreed to postpone the agenda item until the June 15, 2021 PP&A meeting.

VI. NEXT STEPS

a. Task/Assignments Recap

Committee is requesting clarification on efforts of DHSP/County of Los Angeles to address issues identified in the NMAC article regarding MAI funds and the percentage of minorities living with HIV, and the care received. Clarify funding DHSP has not read the email/formula based.

- C. Barrit will forward the correction e-mail to committee members.

b. Agenda Development for the Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for June 15, 2021

VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

a. Opportunity for Members of the Public and the Committee to Make Announcements

There were no announcements.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

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The meeting was adjourned at approximately 3:02PM.