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PUBLIC POLICY COMMITTEE SPECIAL MEETING

Monday, February 3, 2025

10:00am-12:00pm (PST)

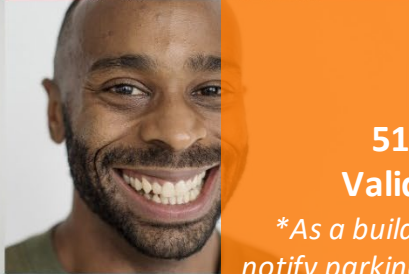
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MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2025 | 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

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Public Policy Committee Members:			
Katja Nelson, MPP <i>Co-Chair</i>	Lee Kochems, MA <i>(LOA)</i>	Mary Cummings	Terrance Jones
Leonardo Martinez-Real <i>(Alternate: Arburtha Franklin)</i>	Paul Nash, PhD, CPsychol, AFBPsS, FHEA	Ronnie Osorio	
QUORUM: 4			

AGENDA POSTED: January 29, 2025.

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I. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

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| 1. Call to Order & Meeting Guidelines/Reminders | | 10:00 AM – 10:03 AM |
| 2. Introductions, Roll Call, & Conflict of Interest Statements | | 10:03 AM – 10:05 AM |
| 3. Approval of Agenda | MOTION #1 | 10:05 AM – 10:07 AM |
| 4. Approval of Meeting Minutes | MOTION #2 | 10:07 AM – 10:10 AM |

II. PUBLIC COMMENT

10:10 AM – 10:13 AM

5. Opportunity for members of the public to address the Committee of items of interest that are within the jurisdiction of the Committee. For those who wish to provide public comment may do so in person, electronically by clicking [here](#), or by emailing hivcomm@lachiv.org.

III. COMMITTEE NEW BUSINESS ITEMS

10:13 AM – 10:15 AM

6. 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.

IV. REPORTS

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| 7. Executive Director/Staff Report | | 10:15 AM – 10:30 AM |
| a. Operational and Commission Updates | | |
| b. Conflict of Interest Form | | |
| c. “Parity, Inclusion, and Reflectiveness” Survey | | |
| 8. Co-Chair Report | | 10:30 AM – 10:40 AM |
| a. 2025 Co-Chair Elections | | |

b. 2025 Committee Meeting Calendar-- Updates

V. DISCUSSION ITEMS

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| 10. 2025 Policy Priorities—Review | MOTION #3 | 10:40 AM – 11:00 AM |
| 11. 2025 Legislative Docket—Updates | | 11:00 AM – 11:15 AM |
| 12. State Policy & Budget—Updates | | 11:15 AM – 11:20 AM |
| 13. Federal Policy-- Updates | | 11:20 AM – 11:40 AM |
| a. Executive Order(s) | | |
| 14. County Policy-- Updates | | 11:40 AM – 11:45 AM |

VII. NEXT STEPS

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| | | 11:45 AM – 11:50 AM |
| 13. Task/Assignments Recap | | |
| 14. Agenda development for the next meeting | | |

VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

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| | | 11:50 AM – 11:55 AM |
| 15. Opportunity for members of the public and the committee to make announcements. | | |

IX. ADJOURNMENT

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| | | 12:00 PM |
| 16. Adjournment for the meeting of February 3, 2025, in memory of Tarek Rogers. | | |

PROPOSED MOTIONS	
MOTION #1	Approve the Agenda Order as presented or revised.
MOTION #2	Approve the Public Policy Committee minutes, as presented or revised.
MOTION #3	Approve the 2025 Policy Priorities document, as presented or revised, and elevate to the Executive Committee.



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.**

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COMMISSION MEMBER "CONFLICTS-OF-INTEREST"

Updated 9/10/24

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	AI	JWCH, INC.	HIV Testing Storefront
			HIV Testing & Syphilis Screening, Diagnosis, & inked Referral...(CSV)
			STD Screening, Diagnosis, and Treatment
			Health Education/Risk Reduction (HERR)
			Mental Health
			Oral Healthcare Services
			Transitional Case Management
			Ambulatory Outpatient Medical (AOM)
			Benefits Specialty
			Biomedical HIV Prevention
			Medical Care Coordination (MCC)
Transportation 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)
			Transportation Services
CIELO	Mikhaela	Los Angeles General Hospital	No Ryan White or prevention contracts
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

COMMISSION MEMBERS		ORGANIZATION	SERVICE CATEGORIES
DAVIES	Erika	City of Pasadena	HIV Testing Storefront
			HIV Testing & Sexual Networks
DONNELLY	Kevin	Unaffiliated representative	No Ryan White or prevention contracts
FERGUSON	Kerry	ViiV Healthcare	No Ryan White or prevention contracts
FINDLEY	Felipe	Watts Healthcare Corporation	Transportation Services
			Ambulatory Outpatient Medical (AOM)
			Medical Care Coordination (MCC)
			Oral Health Care Services
			Biomedical HIV Prevention
			STD Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment
FRAMES	Arlene	Unaffiliated representative	No Ryan White or prevention contracts
FRANKLIN*	Arburtha	Translatin@ Coalition	Vulnerable Populations (Trans)
GARCIA	Rita	No Affiliation	No Ryan White or prevention contracts
GERSH (SBP Member)	Lauren	APLA Health & Wellness	Case Management, Home-Based
			Benefits Specialty
			Nutrition Support
			HIV Testing Social & Sexual Networks
			STD Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment
			Sexual Health Express Clinics (SHEX-C)
			Health Education/Risk Reduction
			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
Data to Care Services			
GONZALEZ	Felipe	Unaffiliated representative	No Ryan White or Prevention Contracts
GORDON	Bridget	Unaffiliated representative	No Ryan White or prevention contracts
GREEN	Joseph	Unaffiliated representative	No Ryan White or prevention contracts
HALFMAN	Karl	California Department of Public Health, Office of AIDS	Part B Grantee
HARDY	David	LAC-USC Rand Schrader Clinic	No Ryan White or prevention contracts
HERRERA	Ismael "Ish"	Unaffiliated representative	No Ryan White or prevention contracts

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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
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 Affiliation)	No Ryan White or prevention contracts
MOLETTE	Andre	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

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MUHONEN	Matthew	HOPWA-City of Los Angeles	No Ryan White or prevention contracts
NASH	Paul	University of Southern California	Biomedical HIV Prevention
NELSON	Katja	APLA Health & Wellness	Case Management, Home-Based
			Benefits Specialty
			Nutrition Support
			HIV Testing Social & Sexual Networks
			STD Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment
			Sexual Health Express Clinics (SHEX-C)
			Health Education/Risk Reduction
			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
Data to Care Services			
OSORIO	Ronnie	Center For Health Justice (CHJ)	Transitional Case Management - Jails
			Promoting Healthcare Engagement Among Vulnerable Populations
PATEL	Byron	Los Angeles LGBT Center	Ambulatory Outpatient Medical (AOM)
			HIV Testing Storefront
			HIV Testing Social & Sexual Networks
			STD Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment
			Health Education/Risk Reduction
			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
RICHARDSON	Dechelle	AMAAD Institute	Community Engagement/EHE
ROBINSON	Erica	Health Matters Clinic	No Ryan White or prevention contracts
RUSSEL	Daryl	Unaffiliated representative	No Ryan White or prevention contracts

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SATTAH	Martin	Rand Schrader Clinic LA County Department of Health Services	No Ryan White or prevention contracts

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SAN AGUSTIN	Harold	JWCH, INC.	HIV Testing Storefront
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			Benefits Specialty
			Biomedical HIV Prevention
			Medical Care Coordination (MCC)
			Transportation 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 Affiliation)	No Ryan White or prevention contracts
VALERO	Justin	No Affiliation	No Ryan White or prevention contracts
WEEDMAN	Jonathan	ViaCare Community Health	Biomedical HIV Prevention
YBARRA	Russell	Capitol Drugs	No Ryan White or prevention contracts



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**PUBLIC POLICY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES**

October 7, 2024

Draft

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Katja Nelson, MPP, Co-Chair	P	Leonardo Martinez-Real (Arburtha Franklin)	P
Lee Kochems, MA, Co-Chair	LOA	Paul Nash, PhD, CPsychol, AFBPsS, FHEA	P
Mary Cummings	A	Ronnie Osorio	A
Terrance Jones	P		
COMMISSION STAFF AND CONSULTANTS			
Cheryl Barrit, Lizette Martinez, and Jose Rangel-Garibay			

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I. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

1. CALL TO ORDER & MEETING GUIDELINES/REMINDERS

The meeting was called to order at 1:05pm.

2. INTRODUCTIONS, ROLL CALL, & CONFLICTS OF INTEREST STATEMENTS

Katja Nelson, Public Policy Committee (PPC) co-chair, led introductions.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION #1: Approve the Agenda Order as presented or revised. *(Passed by consensus).*

3. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

MOTION #2: Approve the June 3, 2024 Public Policy Committee minutes, as presented or revised. *(Passed by consensus).*

II. PUBLIC COMMENT

4. OPPORTUNITY FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE COMMITTEE ON ITEMS OF INTEREST THAT ARE WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF THE COMMITTEE. FOR THOSE WHO WISH TO PROVIDE PUBLIC COMMENT MAY DO SO IN PERSON, ELECTRONICALLY BY CLICKING [HERE](#), OR BY EMAILING HIVCOMM@LACHIV.ORG.

There were no public comments.

III. COMMITTEE NEW BUSINESS ITEMS

5. **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 SITUATION, OR WHERE THE NEED TO TAKE ACTION AROSE SUBSEQUENT TO THE POSTING OF THE AGENDA.**

There were no committee new business items.

IV. REPORTS

6. **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR/STAFF REPORT**

- C. Barrit, Executive Director, reported that the October full COH meeting is cancelled. Committees and sub-groups will keep their October meetings unless otherwise notified by COH staff. She added that the Executive Committee will determine whether they want to move forward with the December COH meeting or not. She noted that the next full COH meeting will be the COH Annual Conference on November 14 at the MLK Behavioral Health Center. The COH Annual Conference will feature a series of keynote sessions in the morning, and breakout sessions in the afternoon. C. Barrit reiterated that COH staff will notify Commissioners of any changes to meeting schedules.
- C. Barrit reported that at the August meeting the COH unfortunately did not have quorum and were unable to vote on the Ryan White Program Year 35 allocations presented by the Planning, Priorities, and Allocations (PP&A) Committee. The RWP PY35 allocations will be included in the RWP Part A application the Division on HIV and STD Programs (DHSP) is working on. The Executive Committee will vote on the RWP PY 25 allocations at their September 26 meeting to meet the deadline and avoid calling an additional meeting. She highly encouraged members of the Executive Committee to attend the September 26 meeting. The deadline to submit the RWP Part A application is October 1, however DHSP has an internal deadline of September 29. C. Barrit noted that the RWP PY 35 allocations are included in the packet for the September 12 COH meeting available on the COH website. She reminded attendees that the RWP PY 35 allocations are strictly for the RWP, and the service categories described in Policy Clarification Notice 16-02 (PCN 16-02). Not all services receive a funding allocation because there could be another payer sources or the service is not offered. Additionally, the allocations are listed as percentages because the RWP Part A 2025 award is not available yet.
- Lastly, C. Barrit shared that the co-chairs from the PP&A Committee, the COH co-chairs, and COH staff will participate in a review of the RWP Part A application the DHSP is preparing. The review will take place on September 19 at the DHSP office.

7. **CO-CHAIR REPORT**

▪ **Draft 2024 Workplan and Meeting Calendar**

Katja Nelson, PPC co-chair, provided an overview of the workplan and noted that The Wall Las Memorias will provide an update on the Act Now Against Meth (ANAM)

platform and an updated on their harm reduction work at the October 7th meeting. See the meeting packet for a copy of the workplan. The Committee discussed rescheduling the November 4 meeting since November 5 is Election Day and some Commissioners will participate in the County Election Worker program. The co-chairs suggested to reschedule the November PPC meeting to the next available Monday on Monday, however, 11/11 is Veteran's Day and all County offices are closed that day. The next available Monday is 11/18. COH staff will send out a poll to PPC members requesting their availability to meet on 11/18.

▪ **Committee-Only Application: OM | UPDATES**

K. Nelson led the committee in a discussion on the committee-only application for OM. Paul Nash recommended for the Operations Committee to seek clarification on the nature of the advocacy experience OM listed on their resume.

MOTION #3: Approve the Committee-Only application for OM Davis and elevate to the Operations Committee and the Executive Committee. *(Passed; Yes: T. Jones, L. Martinez-Real, P. Nash; No: 0; Abstain: 0).*

V. **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

8. The Wall Las Memorias | Updates on “Act Now Against Meth” Campaign

K. Nelson noted that the presentation was postponed to November 18, 2024. C. Barrit added that the Richard Zaldivar, Executive Director of the Wall Las Memorias, is working with community partners to plan a substance use community education summit on February 4, 2025, at the California Endowment.

9. 2023-2024 LEGISLATIVE DOCKET – UPDATES

K. Nelson provided an overview of the Legislative docket and noted the following. See the meeting packet for a copy for the docket.

- AB 1955: Approved by Governor.
- AB 2442: Vetoed by Governor.
- AB 3032: Vetoed by Governor.
- SB 957: Approved by Governor.
- SB 990: Approved by Governor.
- SB 996: Held at desk.
- SB 1022: Vetoed by Governor.
- SB 1278: Approved by Governor.
- SB 1290: Ordered inactive.
- SB 1330: Approved by Governor.

All veto notices are included in the meeting packet. K. Nelson added that the deadline for the Governor to sign or veto bills is on September 30.

10. 2024 POLICY PRIORITIES

There were no updates.

11. STATE POLICY & BUDGET UPDATE

There were no updates.

12. FEDERAL POLICY UPDATE

There were no updates.

13. COUNTY POLICY UPDATE

There were no updates.

VI. NEXT STEPS

14. TASK/ASSIGNMENTS RECAP

- ➡ COH staff will send voter registration resources to PPC members.
- ➡ COH staff will invite the committee-only applicant to the October meeting.

15. AGENDA DEVELOPMENT FOR THE NEXT MEETING

- ANAM presentation led by The Wall Las Memorias
- Community Input on 2026-2030 National HIV/AIDS Strategy

VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

16. OPPORTUNITY FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC AND THE COMMITTEE TO MAKE ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

17. ADJOURNMENT FOR THE MEETING OF OCTOBER 7, 2024.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:34pm.



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November 18, 2024

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2. INTRODUCTIONS, ROLL CALL, & CONFLICTS OF INTEREST STATEMENTS

Katja Nelson, Public Policy Committee (PPC) co-chair, led introductions.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION #1: Approve the Agenda Order as presented or revised. *(No quorum; No vote held).*

4. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

MOTION #2: Approve the October 7, 2024 Public Policy Committee minutes, as presented or revised. *(No quorum; No vote held).*

II. PUBLIC COMMENT

5. OPPORTUNITY FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE COMMITTEE ON ITEMS OF INTEREST THAT ARE WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF THE COMMITTEE. FOR THOSE WHO

WISH TO PROVIDE PUBLIC COMMENT MAY DO SO IN PERSON, ELECTRONICALLY BY CLICKING [HERE](#), OR BY EMAILING HIVCOMM@LACHIV.ORG.

There were no public comments.

III. COMMITTEE NEW BUSINESS ITEMS

6. 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 SITUATION, OR WHERE THE NEED TO TAKE ACTION AROSE SUBSEQUENT TO THE POSTING OF THE AGENDA.

There were no committee new business items.

IV. REPORTS

7. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR/STAFF REPORT

- C. Barrit, Executive Director, reported that COH held their Annual Conference on November 14 at the MLK Behavioral Health Center and that feedback from the post-event evaluations will be by December 12, 2024. She reminded attendees of the two upcoming World AIDS Day activities sponsored by the Commission taking place on December 3rd and December 6th. She added that the remaining Committee meetings in 2024 will be the Standards and Best Practices Committee meeting on December 3, 2024, and the Operations and Executive Committee meeting which will take place on December 12, 2024.

8. CO-CHAIR REPORT

- **2024 Workplan and Meeting Calendar**

Katja Nelson, PPC co-chair, noted that there were no changes to the workplan and provided an overview of the meeting calendar. The Committee decided to cancel the December 2, 2024, PPC meeting. K. Nelson added that co-chair nominations are open and can be submitted to COH staff via email. The next meeting for the PPC will be on January 6, 2025, in which the Committee will nominate co-chairs for the 2025 term, discuss the 2025 Policy Priorities document, and draft the 2025 meeting calendar.

C. Barrit reminded the Committee of the legislative advocacy infrastructure within the County including the County Office for Legislative and Intergovernmental Affairs (LAIR) which track and monitor bills and legislative priorities for the Board of Supervisors. She added that the PPC advocacy strategy should focus on larger issues and work with existing infrastructure at the local level.

V. DISCUSSION ITEMS

9. The Wall Las Memorias | Updates on “Act Now Against Meth” Campaign

Richard Zaldivar, Executive Director, and Guilmar Perdomo, Senior Program Manager, from the Wall Las Memorias shared updates on the Act Now Against Meth (ANAM) platform. R.

Zaldivar thanked the PPC and the COH for their ongoing support on the ANAM platform. He shared that The Wall Las Memorias has developed partnerships with leadership at the Substance Abuse Prevention Control (SAPC) program and health deputy staffs from County Supervisor Lindsay Horvath's office. He added that The Wall is planning a conference focusing on Meth Addiction, Fentanyl, and other opioids which is tentatively scheduled on March 4th, 2025, from 8am-5pm at the California Endowment. The conference aims to convene members from various age groups and communities to develop recommendations. Once complete, R. Zaldivar suggested that the COH reviews the recommendations and endorses the document. The overarching goal for the recommendations is to inform the development of a statewide strategic plan for addressing the opioid crisis. K. Nelson invited R. Zaldivar to present to the PPC after the conference. C. Barrit noted that the Conference date conflicts with the Standards and Best Practices (SBP) Committee meeting and that she will work with Jose Rangel-Garibay, COH staff, and the SBP committee co-chairs to consider rescheduling their meeting in March.

10. 2023-2024 LEGISLATIVE DOCKET – UPDATES

There were no updates.

11. 2025 POLICY PRIORITIES

The committee decided to review the document at their next meeting on January 6, 2025, and adopt the document at their February 3, 2025 meeting.

12. 2026-2030 NATIONAL HIV/AIDS STRATEGY PUBLIC COMMENT

J. Rangel-Garibay shared that COH staff are drafting public comments on behalf of the COH and will share the document with Commissioners in the coming weeks.

13. STATE POLICY & BUDGET UPDATE

Governor Gavin Newsom called a special session of the legislature to prepare for the incoming federal administration on issues regarding healthcare, LGBTQ rights, climate change and disaster response. The special session will take place on December 2, 2024.

K. Nelson reported that the California state legislature retained democratic supermajority and has many new representatives with 60% of the legislature having less than 4 years of experience.

K. Nelson shared the following election results:

- Proposition 33: Expands local government's authority to enact rent control on residential property; Failed.
- Proposition 34: Restricts spending of prescription drug revenues by certain health care providers; Passed.
- Proposition 35: Provides permanent funding for Medi-Cal health care services; Passed.
- Proposition 36: Allows felony charges and increased sentences for certain drug and theft crimes; Passed.

- Proposition 6: Eliminates constitutional provision allowing involuntary servitude for incarcerated person; Failed.
- Proposition 3: Constitutional right to marriage; Passed. Removes language in the state constitution that defines marriage as being between a man and a woman.

14. FEDERAL POLICY UPDATE

K. Nelson noted that the post-election results show a Republican majority in Congress and added that reviewing Project 2025 as a starting point for advocacy preparation. She mentioned that there is uncertainty about the confirmation of the Health and Human Services Secretary nominee, Robert F. Kennedy, and his stance on HIV. Additionally, there are concerns about potential cuts to HIV funding and a possible continuing resolution extending federal funding through March 2025.

Key messaging preserve funding, programming, and reaching out to elected officials Adam Schiff is the new Senator for California.

15. COUNTY POLICY UPDATE

K. Nelson reported the following updates:

- Measure A: Support repealing the Measure H tax and replacing it with a sales tax of 0.5% with revenue going to affordable housing, mental health and addiction treatment, and services to children, families, veterans, domestic violence survivors, seniors, and disabled people experiencing homelessness; Passed.
- Measure G: Expanding the LA County Board of Supervisors; Passed. The measure calls for increasing the Board of Supervisors from 5 to 9, making the County CEO an elected position, and establishing an independent ethics commission that would increase restrictions on lobbying and investigate misconduct.

VI. NEXT STEPS

16. TASK/ASSIGNMENTS RECAP

- ➡ COH staff will meet with the PPC co-chairs to determine next steps for 2025.

17. AGENDA DEVELOPMENT FOR THE NEXT MEETING

- Co-chair nominations close on January 6, 2025.
- 2025 Policy Priorities review.

VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

18. OPPORTUNITY FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC AND THE COMMITTEE TO MAKE ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

19. ADJOURNMENT FOR THE MEETING OF NOVEMBER 18, 2024.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:34pm.



Presence at meetings is recorded based on the attendance roll call. Only members of the Commission on HIV (COH) are accorded voting privileges and must verbally acknowledge their attendance in order to vote. Approved meeting minutes are available on the COH's website; meeting recordings are available upon request.

PUBLIC POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Draft

January 6, 2025

COMMITTEE MEMBERS			
P = Present A = Absent EA = Excused Absence			
Katja Nelson, MPP, Co-Chair	P	Leonardo Martinez-Real (Arburtha Franklin)	P
Lee Kochems, MA, Co-Chair	LOA	Paul Nash, PhD, CPsychol, AFBPsS, FHEA	P
Mary Cummings	P	Ronnie Osorio	A
Terrance Jones	P		
COMMISSION STAFF AND CONSULTANTS			
Cheryl Barrit, Lizette Martinez, and Jose Rangel-Garibay			

*Some participants may not have been captured. Attendance can be corrected by emailing the Commission.

*Members of the public may confirm their attendance by contacting Commission staff at hivcomm@lachiv.org.

*Meeting minutes may be corrected up to one year from the date of approval.

Meeting and agenda materials can be found on the Commission's website at <https://hiv.lacounty.gov/public-policy-committee/>

I. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

- **CALL TO ORDER & MEETING GUIDELINES/REMINDERS**

The meeting was called to order at 10:05am.

- **INTRODUCTIONS, ROLL CALL, & CONFLICTS OF INTEREST STATEMENTS**

Katja Nelson, Public Policy Committee (PPC) co-chair, led introductions.

- **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

MOTION #1: Approve the Agenda Order as presented or revised. *(Passed by consensus).*

- **APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES**

MOTION #2: Approve the Public Policy Committee minutes, as presented or revised. *(No vote held).*

II. PUBLIC COMMENT

- **OPPORTUNITY FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE COMMITTEE ON ITEMS OF INTEREST THAT ARE WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF THE COMMITTEE. FOR THOSE WHO WISH TO PROVIDE PUBLIC COMMENT MAY DO SO IN PERSON, ELECTRONICALLY BY CLICKING [HERE](#), OR BY EMAILING HIVCOMM@LACHIV.ORG.**

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- **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 SITUATION, OR WHERE THE NEED TO TAKE ACTION AROSE SUBSEQUENT TO THE POSTING OF THE AGENDA.**

There were no committee new business items.

IV. REPORTS

- **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR/STAFF REPORT**

- **Operational and Commission Updates**

Cheryl Barrit, Executive Director, reported that the 2024 COH Annual Report will be presented to the COH on February 13, 2025, COH meeting; The report is due to the Board of Supervisors (BOS) in June. She announced that the January 9, 2025, COH meeting was cancelled; County offices will be closed on January 9, 2025, and observed as a day of mourning for former President Jimmy Carter. Agenda items for the January 9, 2025, meeting will move to the February 13, 2025, agenda. A formal notice of cancellation will be sent by the end of the day.

- **2025 COH Workplan**

C. Barrit shared the 2025 COH workplan which outlines the tasks and activities the COH plans to complete in 2025 to meet the legislative requirements for HIV planning councils. She provided an overview of the various tasks and named the lead committee(s). A copy of the document is included in the meeting packet.

- **Mini-Training—Policy Priorities and Legislative Docket Development Overview**

Jose Rangel-Garibay, COH staff, led the “Policy Priorities and Legislative Docket Development” training which highlighted key activities of the Public Policy Committee (PPC) which include the development of the Policy Priorities document, the legislative docket, community engagement and education, and additional duties and responsibilities as assigned by COH leadership and/or the BOS. He developed a factsheet summarizing key points and can be utilized as an outreach material for educating others on the Public Policy Committee. A copy of the factsheet is included in the meeting packet.

He added that the COH will host a virtual training on “Policy Priorities and Legislative Docket Development Process” which will take place on June 25, 2025, from 12pm to 1pm via WebEx. A copy of the 2025 Training Schedule can be found [here](#).

- **CO-CHAIR REPORT**

- **2025 Co-Chair Elections**

Katja Nelson was nominated for PPC co-chair; she accepted the nomination. Joseph Green, COH co-chair nominated Lee Kochems and Paul Nash for PPC co-chair. Paul Nash declined their nomination. Lee Kochems shared that his leave of absence will continue and will decline their nomination. He added that he is willing to serve as co-chair once he returns from his LOA if the position remains available. Mary Cummings declined their nomination. Arburtha Franklin inquired if she was eligible for co-chair nomination once she is moved from a “Commissioner Alternate” seat to a “HIV stakeholder” seat. C. Barrit shared that once the seat change is approved by the COH at the next full COH meeting, Arburtha would be eligible. A. Franklin

added that she is also in the running for Transgender Caucus co-chair but noted that she would prefer to be considered for PPC co-chair. The committee held an election for 1 of the 2 co-chair seats; Katja Nelson was elected as PPC co-chair. Elections for the second co-chair seat will take place at the February 3, 2025, PPC meeting or at a future meeting once a candidate is nominated.

Katja Nelson, PPC co-chair, noted that there were no changes to the workplan and provided an overview of the meeting calendar. The Committee decided to cancel the December 2, 2024, PPC meeting. K. Nelson added that co-chair nominations are open and can be submitted to COH staff via email. The next meeting for the PPC will be on January 6, 2025, in which the Committee will nominate co-chairs for the 2025 term, discuss the 2025 Policy Priorities document, and draft the 2025 meeting calendar.

- **Review 2025 Committee Meeting Calendar**

K. Nelson provided an overview of the draft 2025 committee meeting calendar. She noted that for the meeting time for the committee will change from 1pm-3pm to 10am-12pm due to lack of room availability. A copy of the calendar is included in the meeting packet.

V. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- **2025 POLICY PRIORITIES**

K. Nelson led the committee in a review and discussion of the policy priorities document. She recommended adding language to the introductory paragraphs denoting the change in federal administration and the need to preserve and protect federal funding and programming for HIV and STIs. Attendees recommended adding language highlighting the need for removing barriers to accessing services including patient navigation services that assist clients how to utilize services. Lee Kochems reminded the PPC that this is policy guidelines document that the County BOS utilizes when deciding to endorse or not endorse legislation. He recommended to avoid narrow or highly specified statements as these may limit the County's capacity to advocate on behalf of the COH. K. Nelson stressed the importance of revising the document with the goal of shortening to 1-2 pages. COH staff will send the document to the PPC members and request revisions. The committee will continue their review at their February 3, 2025, meeting.

- **2025-2026 LEGISLATIVE DOCKET – UPDATES**

K. Nelson provided an overview of the current bills on the 2025-26 Legislative Docket. She reminded attendees to forward any bill recommendations to COH staff to be considered for inclusion in the legislative docket. The last day for bills to be introduced is February 21, 2025. J. Rangel-Garibay briefly explained the different components of the legislative docket document. Attendees asked how the PPC determines what bills to include on the docket. C. Barrit shared that the PPC first develops the policy priorities document to set the framework for selecting bills. C. Barrit added that the policy priorities are broad statements that the PPC members reference when deliberating on what to include in the legislative docket.

Daryl Russell stated that the PPC should have more time at the full COH meeting to allow commissioners and members of the public the opportunity to ask questions and stay informed.

- **STATE POLICY & BUDGET UPDATE**

There were no updates.

- **FEDERAL POLICY UPDATE**

K. Nelson noted that the meeting packet includes a copy of the “Ryan White Program 2030 (RWP 2030)” program letter from the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) which explains HRSA’s framework to sustain high-quality care and treatment for people currently receiving services through the Ryan White HIV/AIDS program while expanding efforts to identify and engage individuals with HIV who are undiagnosed or out-of-care.

K. Nelson provided an overview of the “Potential Health Policy Administrative Actions in the Second Trump Administration” by the Kaiser Family Foundation document. She encouraged attendees to review the document. A copy of the document is included in the meeting packet.

- **COUNTY POLICY UPDATE**

There were no updates.

VI. NEXT STEPS

- **TASK/ASSIGNMENTS RECAP**

- ➡ COH staff will send draft 2025 Policy Priorities document to PPC members for review.
- ➡ COH staff will begin populating the 2025-26 Legislative Docket.

- **AGENDA DEVELOPMENT FOR THE NEXT MEETING**

- Co-chair elections.
- 2025 Policy Priorities review.
- 2025-2026 Legislative Docket review.

VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **OPPORTUNITY FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC AND THE COMMITTEE TO MAKE ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were no announcements.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

- **ADJOURNMENT FOR THE MEETING OF JANUARY 6, 2025.**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:55am.



Get Ready for Co-Chair Open Nominations & Elections: Your Questions Answered!

Greetings! It's that time of year again—election season is upon us, not just for general elections, but also for our Commission, Committee and Caucus Co-Chairs. The nomination and election process for COH, Committee, and Caucus Co-Chairs is underway. Below is a quick FAQ to help you prepare and make an informed decision about becoming a Co-Chair.

Am I Eligible?

**Per COH Bylaws, Policies #08.1102 and #08.1104*

Commission Co-Chairs (Nominations remain open until the January 9, 2025, COH meeting)

(2) Commission Co-Chairs have two-year staggered terms – one co-chair seat is up for election which will serve the Jan 2025-Dec 2026 term.

- Only voting Commissioners can serve as Commission Co-Chairs.
- Candidates must have at least one year of service on the Commission to ensure leadership diversity and representation.
- At least one Co-Chair must be HIV-positive, and at least one must be a person of color. It is also preferred that at least one Co-Chair is female.

Committee Co-Chairs (Nominations will open by December, with elections in January 2025)

(2) Committee Co-Chairs serve one-year terms – all co-chair seats are up for election which will serve the Jan-Dec 2025 term.

- The Commission does not impose specific requirements, though one year of experience on the Committee is strongly encouraged.
- Nominees must be primary members of the Committee, not serving in alternate or secondary roles.
- Only Commissioners can serve as Co-Chairs.

Caucus Co-Chairs (Nominations will open by December, with elections in January 2025)

Caucuses typically have two Co-Chairs serving one-year terms, except the Consumer Caucus, which has three seats, including a prevention representative. All co-chair seats are up for election which will serve the Jan-Dec 2025 term.

- One Co-Chair must be a Commissioner to ensure that the Caucus activities are aligned with the COH's scope, goals and objectives
- Note: Caucuses are not subject to Brown Act requirements but work with COH consent to set their own leadership structure, guidelines, membership, and activities.

****All Co-Chair candidates will be asked to provide a brief statement before the election.***

What Are the Co-Chair Roles & Responsibilities?

- Lead COH/committee/caucus activities and meetings.

- Set agendas for meetings in collaboration with staff.
- Develop work plans with the Executive Director and staff.
- Facilitate meetings, guiding discussion and ensuring effective workflow.
- Summarize discussions and assist in developing work products.
- Act on behalf of the group and communicate with stakeholders.

How Should I Prepare?

- Honestly assess your accessibility, bandwidth, and time to ensure you are able to show up fully and prepared. *Co-Chair roles require at least 10-12 commitment hours per month.*
- Review the [COH Co-Chair training slides](#) to understand the role's expectations
- Familiarize yourself with the:
 - [Ryan White Program Part A Planning Council Primer](#),
 - [COH bylaws](#),
 - [COH Co-Chair Duty Statement](#) (if applicable),
 - [Committee Co-Chair Duty Statement](#) (if applicable)
 - [Required Commissioner trainings](#).

Ready to take on a leadership role? Nominate yourself or a colleague and help guide our collective work toward meaningful community impact! If you have questions, please reach out to your respective staff lead.



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PUBLIC POLICY COMMITTEE 2025 MEETING CALENDAR (Updated 1/8/25)

DATE	KEY AGENDA ITEMS/TOPICS (subject to change; for planning purposes)
Jan. 6, 2025 10am to 12pm TK02	** Time change due to room unavailability at 1pm ** Elect co-chairs. Review 2025 COH workplan and 2025 Committee meeting calendar Overview of PPC Core Responsibilities
Feb. 3, 2025 10am to 12pm TK02	**Time change due to room unavailability at 1pm**
Mar. 3, 2025 10am to 12pm TK02	**Time change due to room unavailability at 1pm**
Apr. 7, 2025 10am to 12pm TK02	**Time change due to room unavailability at 1pm**
May 5, 2025	MEETING CANCELLED
Jun. 2, 2025 10am-12pm TK02	**Time change due to room unavailability at 1pm**
Jul. 7, 2025 1pm to 3pm TK02	
Aug. 4, 2025 TBD	
Sep. 8, 2025 TBD	Consider cancelling or rescheduling due to Labor Day holiday on 9/1/25.
Oct. 6, 2025 TBD	Review Legislative Docket outcomes
Nov. 3, 2025 TBD	Commission on HIV Annual Conference 11/13/2025
Dec. 1, 2025 TBD	Consider rescheduling due to World AIDS Day events. Reflect on 2025 accomplishments. Co-Nominations for 2026.



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2025 PUBLIC POLICY PRIORITIES

The Public Policy Committee (PPC) of the Los Angeles County Commission on HIV (COH) developed the “2025 Public Policy Priorities” document with the purpose of providing a framework to guide the development of the PPC’s 2025-26 Legislative Docket; Items included are not intended to be exhaustive. The PPC and COH are committed in supporting and encouraging innovative efforts to reduce bureaucracy and barriers to accessing services, increase funding, and enhance HIV and Sexually Transmitted Infection (STI) care and prevention service delivery in Los Angeles County.

With a renewed urgency, the PPC remains steadfast in its commitment to preserve, protect, and maintain services critical to ending the HIV epidemic. The PPC recommends the Commission on HIV endorse and prioritize the following issues. The PPC will identify and support legislation, local policies, procedures, and regulations in 2025 that address the following priorities (listed in no order):

Funding

- a. Preserve federal funding for Medicaid, Medicare, and HIV/AIDS programs such as the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program (RWHAP) and the Ending the HIV Epidemic (EHE) initiative.
- b. Maintain and preserve the RWHAP at current or increased funding levels and, where appropriate and strategically viable, support stronger compatibility and greater effectiveness between the RWHAP, Medicaid, and other health systems of care.

Systemic and Structural Racism

- a. Establish health equity through the elimination of barriers and addressing of social determinants of health such as: implicit bias; access to care; education; social stigma, (i.e., homophobia, transphobia, and misogyny); housing; mental health; substance abuse; income/wealth gaps; and criminalization.
- b. Reduce and eliminate the disproportionate impact of HIV/AIDS and STIs in the Black/African American community. To include the identification of and rooting out of systemic and systematic racism as it affects Black/African American communities.
- c. Address the impact of humanitarian crises on the HIV continuum of care and service delivery including HIV/STI prevention services.

Racist Criminalization and Mass Incarceration

- a. Eliminate discrimination against or the criminalization of people living with or at risk of HIV/AIDS including those who exchange sex for money (e.g., Commercial Sex Work).
- b. Support the efforts of Measure J, the Alternatives to Incarceration and closure of Men’s Central Jail and seek increased funding for services and programming through Measure J as well as through redistribution of funding for policing and incarceration.

Housing

- a. Focus items b, c, and d below especially in service to LGBTQIA+ populations.
- b. Improve systems, strategies and proposals that expand affordable housing, as well as prioritize housing opportunities for people living with, affected by, or at risk of transmission of HIV/AIDS.
- c. Improve systems, strategies, and proposals that prevent homelessness for people living with, affected by, or at risk of contracting HIV/AIDS.
- d. Promote Family housing and emergency financial assistance as a strategy to maintain housing.

Mental Health

- a. Expand and enhance mental health services for people living with, affected by, or at risk of contracting HIV/AIDS.
- b. Support the building of community-based mental health services.
- c. Support the placement in mental health facilities of the estimated 4,000+ individuals currently incarcerated and in need of mental health services and support closing of Men's Central Jail.

Sexual Health and Wellness

- a. Increase access to care and treatment for People Living with HIV/AIDS (PLWHA).
- b. Increase access to prevention services such as Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP), Post-Exposure Prophylaxis (PEP), for the prevention of HIV, and Doxycycline PEP (Doxy PEP) for the prevention of STIs. Prevention services include HIV/STI screening, biomedical interventions, non-biomedical/behavioral interventions, social services, and harm reduction.
- c. Increase comprehensive HIV/STI counseling, testing, education, outreach, research, harm reduction services including syringe exchange, and social marketing programs.
- d. Maximize HIV prevention to reduce and eliminate syphilis and gonorrhea cases; especially among young Men who have Sex with Men (MSM), African American MSM, Latino MSM, transgender persons and women of color.
- e. Advance and enhance routine HIV testing and expanded linkage to care.
- f. Maintain and expand funding for access and availability of HIV, STI, and viral hepatitis services.
- g. Promote women-centered prevention services including domestic violence and family planning services for women living with and at high-risk of acquiring HIV/AIDS.
- h. Preserve full funding and accessibility to Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis Assistance Program (PrEP-AP).

Substance Use and Harm Reduction

- a. Advocate for substance abuse services to PLWHA.
- b. Advocate for services and programs associated with methamphetamine use and HIV transmission.

- c. Expand alternatives to incarceration/diversion programs to provide a “care first” strategy and move those who need services away from incarceration to substance use programs.
- d. Expand harm reduction services (including and not limited to syringe exchange, safe administration sites, over-dose prevention strategies) across all of Los Angeles Count.,
- e. Support trauma informed services for substance users.

Consumers

- a. Advocate and encourage the empowerment and engagement of People Living with HIV/AIDS (PLWH/A) and those at risk of acquiring HIV. Focusing on young MSM (YMSM), African American MSM, Latino MSM, transgender persons (especially of color), women of color, and the aging.
- b. Incentivize participation by affected populations in planning bodies and decision-making bodies.

Aging (Older Adults 50+)

- a. Create and expand medical and supportive services for PLWHA ages 50 and over.

Women’s Health and Wellness

- a. Create and expand medical and supportive services for women living with HIV/AIDS. This includes services such as family housing, transportation, mental health, childcare, and substance abuse.
- b. Advocate for women’s bodily autonomy in all areas of health care services including and not limited to full access to abortions, contraception, fertility/infertility services and family planning.

Transgender Health and Wellness

- a. Create and expand medical and supportive services for transgender PLWHA.
- b. Promote and maintain funding for the Transgender Wellness Fund.

General Health Care

- a. Provide access to and continuity of care for PLWHA focusing on communities at highest risk for the acquisition and transmission of HIV disease.
- b. Fund and expand eligibility for Medicaid, Medicare, and HIV/AIDS programs and health insurance coverage for individuals with pre-existing conditions.
- c. Increase and enhance compatibility and effectiveness between RWP, Medicaid, Medicare, and other health systems. This includes restructuring funding criteria to not disincentivize contractors from referring clients to other contractors.
- d. Expand access to and reduction of barriers (including costs) for HIV/AIDS, STD, and viral hepatitis prevention and treatment medications.
- e. Preserve full funding and accessibility to the AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP), Office of AIDS Health Insurance Premium Payment (OA-HIPP) Assistance, Employer Based Health Insurance Premium Payment (EB-HIPP), and Medigap.

- f. Provide trauma informed care and harm reduction strategies in all HIV health care settings.

Service Delivery

- a. Enhance the accountability of healthcare service deliverables.
- b. Incorporate COVID strategies to reduce administrative barriers, increase access to health services and encourage the development of an HIV vaccine.

Data

- a. Use data, without risking personal privacy and health, with the intention of improving health outcomes and eliminating health disparities among PLWHA.
- b. Promote distribution of resources in accordance with the HIV burden within Los Angeles County.

Workforce

- a. Support legislation and policies that combat workforce shortage crisis and protect and increase workforce capacity.
- b. Support legislation and policies that incentivize people to join/stay in the HIV workforce.



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2025-2026 Legislative Docket | Approval Dates:

POSITIONS: SUPPORT | OPPOSE | SUPPORT w/AMENDMENTS | OPPOSE unless AMENDED | WATCH

BILL	TITLE	DESCRIPTION / COMMENTS	Recommended Position	STATUS
AB 4 Arambula	Covered California Expansion	<p>This bill would require the [Health Care] Exchange, no sooner than January 1, 2027, and upon appropriation by the Legislature for this purpose, to administer a program to allow persons otherwise not able to obtain coverage by reason of immigration status to enroll in health insurance coverage in a manner as substantially similar to other Californians as feasible, consistent with federal guidance and given existing federal law and rules.</p> <p>https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=202520260AB4</p>		<i>Introduced 12-02-24.</i>
AB 11 Lee	The Social Housing Act	<p>This bill would enact the Social Housing Act and would create the California Housing Authority as an independent state body, the mission of which would be to ensure that social housing developments that are produced and acquired align with the goals of eliminating the gap between housing production and regional housing needs assessment targets and preserving affordable housing. The bill would prescribe a definition of social housing that would describe, in addition to housing owned by the authority, housing owned by other entities, as specified, provided that all social housing developed or authorized by the authority would be owned by the authority.</p> <p>https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=202520260AB11</p>		<i>Introduced 12-02-24.</i>
AB 20 DeMaio	Homelessness: Housing First	<p>Housing First is an evidence-based model that uses housing as a tool, rather than a reward, for recovery and that centers on providing or connecting homeless people to permanent housing as quickly as possible. This bill would state the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation to reduce homelessness by ending the Housing First model.</p> <p>https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=202520260AB20</p>		<i>Introduced 12-02-24.</i>

BILL	TITLE	DESCRIPTION / COMMENTS	Recommended Position	STATUS
AB 45 Bauer-Kahan	Privacy: Health Care Data	<p>This bill would state the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation to make it unlawful to geofence an entity that provides in-person health care services and to prohibit health care providers from releasing medical research information related to an individual seeking or obtaining an abortion in response to a subpoena or request if that subpoena or request is based on another state's laws that interfere with a person's rights under the Reproductive Privacy Act.</p> <p>https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=202520260AB45</p>		<i>Introduced 12-02-24.</i>
AB 73 Jackson	Mental Health: Black Mental Health Navigator Certification	<p>This bill would require the department to develop criteria for a specialty certificate program and specialized training requirements for a Black Mental Health Navigator Certification, as specified. The bill would require the department to collect and regularly publish data, not less than annually, including, but not limited to, the number of individuals certified, including those who complete a specialty certificate program, as specified, and the number of individuals who are actively employed in a community health worker role. The bill would make these provisions subject to an appropriation by the Legislature.</p> <p>https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=202520260AB73</p>		<i>Introduced 12-12-24.</i>
FEDERAL BILLS				
Bill	Title	Description / comments	Recommended position	Status

Footnotes:

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

Health Care in Motion

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January 23, 2025

Day One Executive Orders: How Will They Impact Health Care Access?

On January 20, just hours after the inauguration, President Trump fulfilled a campaign promise to begin issuing a barrage of Executive Orders on day one of his second presidency. He signed 26 Executive Orders that touch on a wide range of topics, from immigration policy to federal pardons. Though health care was not as prominent as it was during the early days of the first Trump Administration, several of the Executive Orders President Trump signed have big implications for health access, particularly for marginalized communities.

How Do Executive Orders Work?

An Executive Order is a directive issued by the President of the United States. Typically, an Executive Order directs a federal agency to take action, for instance, through rulemaking or agency guidance. This means Executive Orders can take time to go into effect because they are rarely self-executing.

Executive Orders are often used as messaging platforms, telegraphing the priorities of the Administration. This is why it is critical to separate the rhetoric used in Executive Orders from what a President legally has authority to do unilaterally. An Executive Order, for instance, cannot be used to make policy changes that can only be made by Congress or through a formal rulemaking process.

Limits of Executive Order Authority

An Executive Order has several important limits and checks.

- A President cannot use an Executive Order to make changes to federal statutes (which requires action by Congress), adopt binding regulations (which requires a formal agency process known as notice and comment), or change rights guaranteed by the U.S. Constitution.
- Executive Orders are subject to legal review and can be overturned if they go beyond the authority of the President to act unilaterally.

Trump's Day One Executive Orders and Potential Impact on Health Care

Though health care was not the primary focus for the Executive Orders issued on the first day of his Administration, several actions could have significant implications for health care access.

Attacks on Marginalized Communities

A common and alarming theme across the Day One Executive Orders was the cruel precision with which they singled out marginalized communities, including the following:

- **Erasing the identity of transgender individuals:** President Trump announced that [federal policy would only recognize two sexes](#), male and female, based on sex at birth alone. The Executive Order takes particular aim at health care provided to transgender individuals who are incarcerated, announcing that gender affirming care and other discrimination protections would no longer be available in federal prisons and directing the federal Bureau of Prisons to implement this change. The Executive Order also directs the Department of Housing and Urban Development to issue new rulemaking rescinding a previous rule that had prohibited discrimination in federal housing programs based on gender identity. Finally, the Executive Order rescinds policies that protected transgender students from discrimination. These actions are all likely to be challenged in court, and there are [growing legal precedents](#) that recognize discrimination based on gender identity as impermissible under longstanding civil rights laws prohibiting discrimination based on sex. But the impact the Executive Order will have on stigma and discrimination, as well as access to care for people confined to federal institutions and/or who rely on certain federal agency supports, will likely be profound.
- **Attacking noncitizens:** Several Executive Orders announced sweeping immigration and border policies that could result in widespread deportations and restrictions on immigration, especially near the southern border. A summary of these Executive Orders is available here from the [American Immigration Lawyers Association](#). Many of the policies announced in these Executive Orders will take time to come to fruition and will face numerous legal challenges (particularly the announced changes to “[birthright citizenship](#),” which is a constitutional protection not easily overturned by executive action). However, there will undoubtedly be a chilling effect on immigrant access to health care and other services.
- **Eliminating Diversity Equity and Inclusion (DEI) programs:** President Trump also announced an [end to federal DEI programs](#), including rescinding the detailed equity plans each federal agency was required to develop under the Biden Administration. The Executive Order requires agency heads to enumerate all DEI focused positions and any contractors used for DEI training. This Executive Order may signal an end to federal grant funding focused on equity initiatives (including for HIV and other public health efforts), making it more difficult to develop focused programs and interventions to address health disparities.

Destabilizing Governmental Public Health Efforts

Several Executive Orders took particular aim at federal policies that became political lightning rods during the Covid-19 response. These actions could have far-reaching consequences for future public health and pandemic responses and include:

- **Directing the U.S. to withdraw from the World Health Organization (WHO):** President Trump has directed the U.S. to [withdraw from the WHO](#), a global institution the U.S. has been a member of since 1948. [Public health experts are concerned](#) that this move will leave the U.S. (and the rest of the world) more vulnerable

to infectious disease outbreaks. The U.S. is the largest donor to the WHO and through its participation is able to access important data to enable quick responses to emerging public health threats. The withdrawal will take time, as leaving the WHO necessitates a 12-month notice period. There may also be [legal challenges](#) to the move.

- **Rescinding Executive Orders related to COVID-19 pandemic response:** In a sweeping Executive Order, President Trump [rescinded a total of 78 Biden-era Executive Orders and memoranda](#). A number of these federal actions included COVID-19 initiatives, including setting up work forces and task forces to implement and evaluate federal pandemic response. Dismantling COVID-19 infrastructure may be a dangerous proposition, leaving the U.S. more likely repeat failures in any future pandemic response.
- **Pausing health-related communications from federal agencies:** While not the subject of a formal Executive Order, it has been [widely reported](#) that the new Administration has advised federal health agencies to pause any communications (including public health advisories from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, health notices, and social media posts). The communications pause is already sowing some confusion across federal grantees, with reports of a canceled federal training on 340B and hold-ups of scheduled resource releases. It is unclear how long communications will be delayed or whether the format of these notices will be changed, but if the delay is long-lasting, it could impact the ability of federal agencies to communicate important health information to the public.

Responding to High Costs for Healthcare

The 2024 election cycle highlighted consumer fears about rising costs throughout the economy, and healthcare costs are no exception. President Trump briefly acknowledged this issue in a [broad Executive Order](#) to address the American “cost-of-living crisis” that included—tucked among many provisions promising to lower prices of housing and consumer goods—a directive to federal agencies to “eliminate unnecessary administrative expenses and rent-seeking practices that increase healthcare costs.” It is hard to predict exactly what policies will follow from this language, but they may include regulations aimed at the health care middlemen (such as [pharmacy benefits managers](#)) who are profiting even as consumer drug prices increase.

At the same time, President Trump rescinded a [Biden Administration Executive Order](#) directing the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation to explore new health care payment and delivery models intended to lower prescription drug costs, including a model to increase access to cell and gene therapies and a model to lower Medicare copayments for certain commonly used drugs. Moreover, President Trump will be under substantial pressure from the pharmaceutical industry to [undermine the Inflation Reduction Act](#) and not vigorously negotiate the next round of 15 drugs as required under the Act’s landmark prescription drug provisions. The next few months, as the next round of negotiations are slated to unfold, will give a clearer picture of President Trump’s priorities with respect to healthcare costs.

What’s Next?

Many of the Executive Orders require action from federal agencies to effectuate, which will take time, and, in some cases, require a formal rulemaking process with a notice and comment period. Legal advocates are also gearing up for court challenges, which could also slow down implementation. Over the coming weeks and months, the impact of the Executive Orders will become clearer as agencies begin to attempt to implement them. Follow this space for updates.

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Fesia A. Davenport

January 30, 2025

To: All Department Heads

From: Fesia A. Davenport
Chief Executive Officer

DEVELOPMENT OF COUNTY ADVOCACY POSITIONS ON LEGISLATION AND BUDGET ITEMS OF INTEREST TO THE COUNTY IN SACRAMENTO AND WASHINGTON, D.C.

Annually, this memorandum is sent to County departments and commissions as a reminder of the guidelines, policies, and procedures for the development of County of Los Angeles (County) advocacy positions and advocacy efforts on legislation and budget items of interest to the County in Sacramento and Washington, D.C.

County Positions on State and Federal Legislation and Budget Items

Throughout the legislative session, the County will take advocacy positions on various State and federal legislative and budget items. In all instances, pursuant to [Policy 7.030](#) of the Board of Supervisors Policy Manual (Policy 7.030), the Chief Executive Office's-Legislative Affairs and Intergovernmental Relations (CEO-LAIR) Branch must notify the Board of Supervisors (Board) prior to the Sacramento and Washington, D.C. advocates pursuing a County advocacy position using the procedures outlined in Attachment I.

Consistent with Policy 7.030, County advocacy positions are coordinated by CEO-LAIR in collaboration with impacted County departments. While CEO-LAIR performs high level analysis and review of proposed legislation, it relies on the technical expertise of departments for information on operational, programmatic, and fiscal impacts to the County. To identify and analyze legislation and budget proposals that may impact the County or your department, your department should work directly with the CEO legislative analysts to review and develop recommended County advocacy positions. Timely submissions of departments' assessment of legislative and budgetary issues are essential to developing recommendations to the Board to maximize the County's advocacy efforts.



The County's Legislative Platforms, developed as part of a collaborative process between Board Offices, the CEO, and County departments, serve as the benchmark to take advocacy positions on legislative, policy, and budgetary proposals that directly impact the County, its programs, operations, resources, budget, and its residents. Under these Platforms and this Policy, the County can proactively respond to emerging State and federal matters in a timely, uniform, and effective manner. As urgent matters arise throughout the legislative session that pose a substantial concern to the County's operations and budget, including issues that are not addressed by the State and Federal Legislative Platforms, the Chief Executive Office will advocate to express the County's concerns.

Advocacy on Matters of Interest to the County

The CEO-LAIR Sacramento and Washington, D.C. advocates are designated to represent the Board and the County's interests, in coordination with the CEO legislative analysts, based upon the policies contained in the Board-adopted [State Legislative Platform](#) and [Federal Legislative Platform](#).

Once the Board is notified and/or approves the County advocacy position, the CEO-LAIR Sacramento and/or Washington, D.C. advocates are then authorized to pursue advocacy on the legislation or budget item. These advocacy efforts will be coordinated by CEO-LAIR staff using the procedures outlined in this memo and Attachment I.

Adherence to Guidelines, Policies, and Procedures for Developing Advocacy Positions

It is critical that the County present a coordinated strategy when representing County policies and positions in Sacramento and Washington, D.C. In order to avoid overlapping advocacy efforts and to maintain credibility, adherence to these guidelines and coordination with CEO-LAIR is critical and consistent with Policy 7.030.

The development of County policies and positions on State and Federal legislation, and their representation in Sacramento and in Washington, D. C., requires close coordination and collaboration between the CEO and County departments. This includes communication of proposed policies and positions to CEO-LAIR for analysis, and submission to the Board either by Agenda memo or by inclusion in a State or Federal Legislative Update.

As part of the annual MAPP process, the CEO will report to the Board on the alignment of major legislative undertakings to include wins, challenges and missed opportunities, pursuant to [County Code Section 6.08375, section B, Tier 1 Merit Salary Adjustment Provisions](#). CEO's feedback will be included in the department head dashboard that is given to the Board as part of the annual MAPP review and rating process, like other operational feedback CEO provides related to

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department's budget performance history, and department's support of Board priorities, such as the Anti-Racism, Diversity, and Inclusion Initiative.

In-Person and Virtual Advocacy in Sacramento and Washington, D.C.

All County officials and department staff are requested to coordinate, in advance, with CEO-LAIR on plans to participate in virtual or in-person advocacy meetings with legislators on County-related legislative or budgetary matters, roundtable discussions, and legislative hearings. In addition, County officials and department staff should provide CEO-LAIR with a draft copy of testimony in a timely fashion for review to ensure that the comments are consistent with Board-approved policy.

County officials and department staff should complete and email the attached form (Attachment II) to legislativeaffairs@ceo.lacounty.gov ahead of advocacy-related travel to Sacramento and Washington, D.C. Advanced coordination is required to ensure consistency and to adequately keep the Board informed of the County's State and federal advocacy efforts.

Other Events with Elected Officials

As a reminder, County officials must provide advanced notice to the appropriate Supervisor(s), the Executive Office of the Board, the Chief Executive Officer, with a copy to CEO-LAIR about any event proposed by an elected official where a County employee will participate in their official capacity. For more information, review the following memo: [Notification of Elected Officials](#).

State and Federal Legislation Tracked by the County of Los Angeles

For the status of all County-advocacy legislation and legislation of interest to the County, visit the Legislative Tracking System at: <https://ceo.lacounty.gov/county-of-los-angeles-legislative-tracking-system/>. Your cooperation, collaboration, and timely responses are fundamental to the coordination and effectiveness of the County's legislative program in Sacramento and Washington, D.C.

Should you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact me or Samara Ashley, Assistant Chief Executive Officer, at (213) 974-1464 or sashley@ceo.lacounty.gov. Your staff can also contact your CEO legislative analyst (Attachment III).

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Attachments

c: County Commissions

Guidelines for Department Recommendations for County Advocacy Positions

Advocacy of the County's Interests: The Chief Executive Office – Legislative Affairs and Intergovernmental Relations (CEO-LAIR) Branch Sacramento and Washington, D.C. advocates represent the County's interests based upon the policies contained in the Board-adopted State and Federal Legislative Platforms. Once the Board is notified of and/or approves a County position on legislation, the Sacramento and Washington, D.C. advocates are then authorized to advance the County's position. These advocacy efforts will be coordinated and by CEO-LAIR staff, in collaboration with impacted departments.

When requested to provide testimony at legislative hearings, it is required that departments notify CEO-LAIR of the request ahead of the hearing, as well as provide draft remarks in a timely manner for review and feedback, to ensure that the remarks are in line with Board-approved policy.

Advocacy Recommendations Consistent with Existing Policies: When a department's recommended advocacy position is consistent with existing Board-approved policy, as adopted in the [State Legislative Platform](#) and/or the [Federal Legislative Platform](#), the CEO-LAIR legislative analysts will work with impacted departments to prepare a pursuit of County advocacy position for inclusion in a Sacramento or Washington, D.C. Update to the Board.

The Sacramento or Washington, D.C. Updates provide the Board notification of new advocacy positions that the County is pursuing based on existing policy. The Updates include an overview and the status of recent legislative actions which are required to be provided prior to the pursuit of an advocacy position under Board Policy.

Advocacy Recommendations Where There Is No Existing Policy/Need for Board Direction: If there is not an existing Board-approved policy to support a department's recommended advocacy position on legislation or a budget item, an analysis of the issue will be prepared by CEO-LAIR in coordination with the impacted departments. The analysis of the policy issue must include the fiscal, programmatic, and service impacts on the County and impacted departments, and County advocacy position will be discussed with Board offices.

If a member of the Board places a motion on the Board Agenda recommending an advocacy position, it is the responsibility of CEO-LAIR, in coordination with impacted departments, to prepare a fact sheet on the impact of the motion, when appropriate.

Guidelines for County Commissions and Other Advisory Bodies: Pursuant to Policy 7.030 of the Board of Supervisors Policy Manual, County committees, commissions, and other advisory bodies seeking to recommend that the Board take a position on State or Federal legislation or on budget items, must first submit their recommendations to CEO-LAIR. This Office will review proposals to determine if it is consistent with existing policy prior to recommending a County advocacy position to the Board. Upon completion of the review, CEO-LAIR will provide a copy of the analysis to the committee, commission, or advisory body. County commissions and other advisory bodies must attach the CEO-LAIR's analysis to the document containing the advisory body's recommendations for transmittal to the Board.

Guidelines for Responsiveness to Board Agenda Items on Legislation: Special attention is required when legislative items are on the Board's Tuesday meeting Agenda. In preparation for the Board meeting, your department should provide your CEO-LAIR legislative analyst with Agenda-related information before 12:00 p.m., on the Thursday before the Tuesday meeting, for items on the regular Board Agenda. For items on the Supplemental Agenda (Green Sheet), the deadline is 9:30 a.m., on the Monday before the Tuesday Board meeting. It is the intent of CEO-LAIR to provide the Board with supporting materials no later than 12:00 p.m., the day before Board meetings.

If CEO-LAIR does not receive the requested information by the deadlines, it will be noted in the supporting materials to the Board. This may require departments that are closed on Fridays to make special arrangements to comply with this request. It will also require close coordination with this Office, impacted departments, Board Offices, and the Executive Office of the Board to identify legislative agenda items that may be placed on the Green Sheet as early as possible in order to immediately begin the analysis.

Regulatory or Other Administrative Matters: At times, for policy issues of the highest priority to the County, CEO-LAIR may issue a County advocacy position to express the County's support, opposition or concern on regulatory or other administrative matters, such as proposed agency rule changes and executive orders. The CEO-LAIR legislative analysts will work with impacted departments to prepare a pursuit of County position consistent with existing Board-approved policy as adopted in the County's State and/or Federal Legislative Platforms.

Of note, even when a pursuit of County advocacy position is issued on a regulatory matter, departments should comply with the existing process for tracking proposed regulatory changes. To ensure consistency with the County's advocacy efforts and existing Board-approved policy, departments are asked to coordinate with your CEO-LAIR legislative analyst on the final review of comments before they are submitted for public comment.

When requested to provide testimony at regulatory hearings, departments must notify CEO-LAIR of the request ahead of the hearing, as well as provide draft remarks in a timely manner for review and feedback, to ensure that the remarks are in line with Board-approved policy.

Requests for County Advocacy by Non-County Entities: At times, departments or commissions may receive requests for the County to support or sponsor legislation or budget proposals from professional associations or advocacy groups. A department must submit those requests to CEO-LAIR for review in a timely fashion, along with the department's analysis of the legislation or budget proposal. If CEO-LAIR determines that the position is consistent with existing policy and the Board's priorities, it will notify the Board in a Sacramento or Washington, D.C. Update.

Requests for Advocacy Letters or Advocacy on Other Platforms: To ensure consistency of the County's advocacy efforts, it is important for departments to coordinate with CEO-LAIR on all requests for the County or County department to provide or participate in advocacy letters or other platforms. This includes advocacy on legislative or budget items which the County has taken an advocacy position. Departments are asked to submit these requests to your CEO-LAIR legislative analyst for review and clearance.

Travel to Sacramento or Washington, D.C. for the week of: _____

Email to: legislativeaffairs@ceo.lacounty.gov
 CEO Legislative Affairs &
 Intergovernmental Relations

Phone: (213) 974-1100

Contact Person: _____ Phone #: _____

County Department: _____

Date Submitted: _____

Date(s) of Travel		Employee Name	Destination	Purpose of Travel ¹ (Meetings and Name of Legislators ²)
From	To			

Notes: ¹ Travel form should be submitted only when travel is due to legislative or advocacy purposes.

² If meeting with legislators, or members of the Administration, provide the meeting list and topics to the analyst appointed to your department.



Legislative Affairs & Intergovernmental Relations

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Auditor-Controller	Jose Chew
Beaches & Harbors	Cameron Gil
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Children & Family Services	Jose Chew
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County Counsel	Jonathan Kraus
District Attorney	Cameron Gil
Economic Opportunity	Traci Kawaguchi

County Department	Legislative Analyst
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Justice, Care, and Opportunities	Cameron Gil
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Medical Examiner-Coroner	Sarkis Semerdjyan
Mental Health	Sarkis Semerdjyan
Military & Veterans Affairs	Jonathan Kraus
Museum of Art	Jonathan Kraus
Natural History Museum	Jonathan Kraus
Parks and Recreation	Cameron Gil
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Native American Indian	Griselda Núñez Herrera
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Policy Priorities and Legislative Docket Development



LOS ANGELES COUNTY
COMMISSION ON HIV



KEYWORDS AND ACRONYMS

BOS: Board of Supervisors
COH: Commission on HIV
PPC: Public Policy Committee

CHP: Comprehensive HIV Plan
PSRA: Priority Setting and Resource Allocations
LAIR: Legislative Affairs and Intergovernmental Relations

WHAT IS POLICY?

Public Policy and **Policy** are laws, regulations, and executive orders at different levels of government in the United States **developed to solve or address relevant and real-world problems.**

PUBLIC POLICY COMMITTEE CORE RESPONSIBILITIES

Policy Priorities Document

- Document that guides the PPC's selection of policy issues to discuss and champion.
- Aligns with service priorities set by COH through PSRA process and is broadly worded to allow swift response to rapidly changing political environment.

Legislative Docket

- Document listing state and federal bill summaries for the current legislative cycle that the PPC uses to recommend advocacy positions to the COH and the BOS as appropriate.
- **KEY DATES AND DEADLINES**
 - **2/21/25:** Last day for bills to be introduced to CA Assembly and Senate.
 - **6/6/25:** Last day for each house to pass bills introduced in that house.
 - **9/12/25:** Last day for each house to pass bills.
 - **10/12/25:** Last day for Governor to sign or veto bills passed by the Legislature before 9/12 and in the Governor's possession on or after 9/12.

REMINDER

Only the BOS can set policy for the County. County Commissions and other advisory bodies may make recommendations which are subject to review and approval by the Los Angeles County [Chief Executive Office's LAIR Division](#).



PUBLIC POLICY COMMITTEE CORE RESPONSIBILITIES CONTINUED

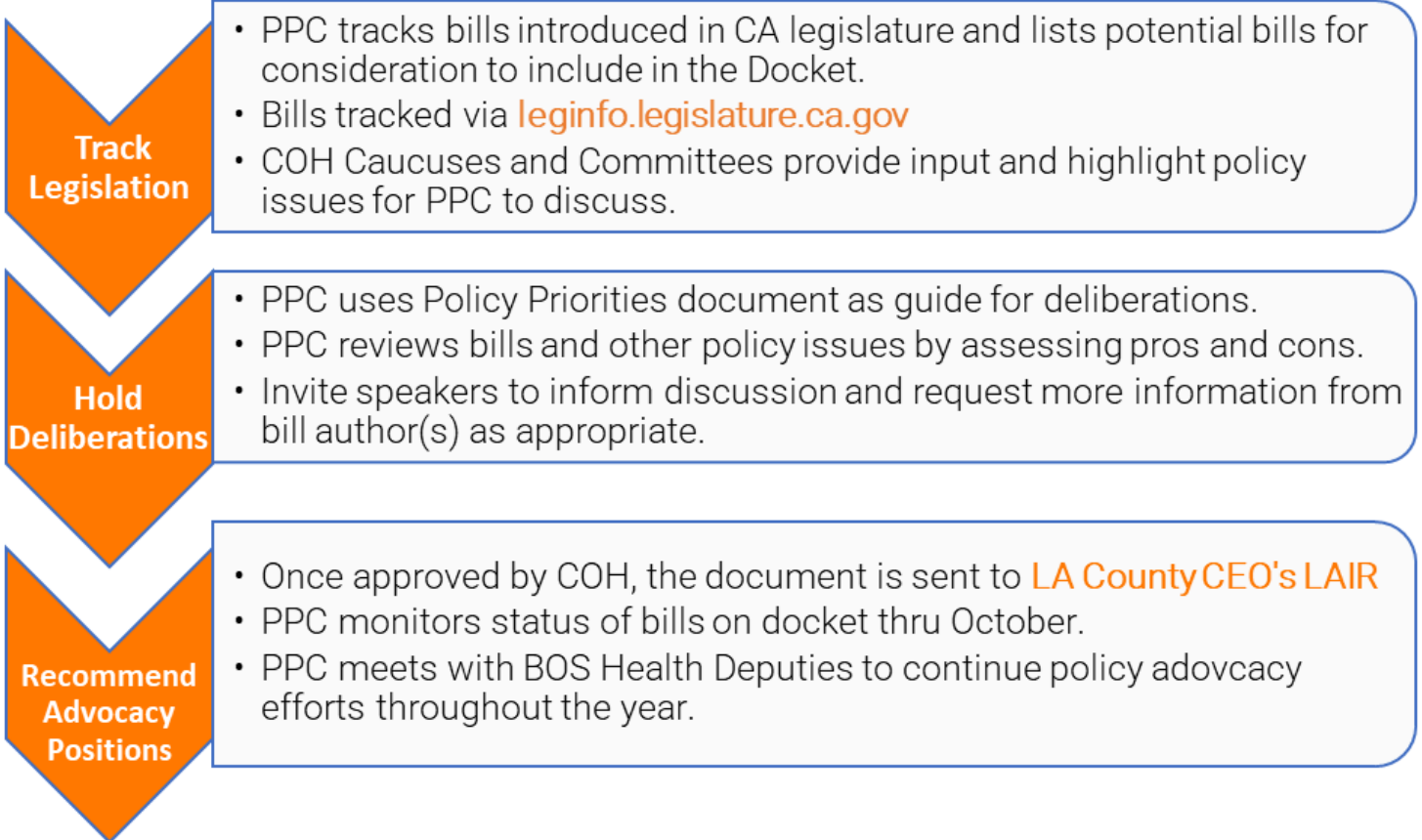
Community Engagement and Education

- Hold trainings to educate COH and the public on the legislative process, share updates on policy priorities, and discuss bills on docket.
- Advocate public policy issues impacting COH efforts to implement a HIV service delivery system consistent with the CHP.
- **UPCOMING TRAINING OFFERINGS**
 - **3/26/25 at 12pm-1pm:** [“Ryan White Act Legislative Overview and Membership Structure and Responsibilities”](#) virtual training
 - **6/25/25 at 12pm-1pm:** [“Policy Priorities and Legislative Development Process”](#) virtual training

Additional Duties and Responsibilities

- Carry out additional duties and responsibilities as assigned by COH leadership and/or the BOS.

LEGISLATIVE DOCKET DEVELOPMENT PROCESS



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Subscribe to the COH email list: <https://tinyurl.com/y83ynuzt>



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>





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.

Por correo electrónico:
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En el sitio web:
<http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/dhsp/QuestionServices.htm>

