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**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES**

May 24, 2018



MEMBERS PRESENT	MEMBERS ABSENT	PUBLIC	COMM STAFF/ CONSULTANTS
Grissel Granados, MSW, <i>Co-Chair</i>	Al Ballesteros, MBA	Abad Lopez	Cheryl Barrit, MPIA
Ricky Rosales, <i>Co-Chair</i>	Joseph Cadden, MD	Katja Nelson	Carolyn Echols-Watson, MPA
Traci Bivens-Davis	Raquel Cataldo		Dawn McClendon
Jason Brown	Terry Goddard, MA		Jane Nachazel
Kevin Donnelly	Kevin Stalter	<b>DHSP STAFF</b>	Doris Reed
Aaron Fox, MPM		None	Julie Tolentino, MPH
Joseph Green			
Mario Pérez, MPH			
Ace Robinson, MPH			

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**CALL TO ORDER:** Mr. Rosales called the meeting to order at 1:05 pm.

**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:** Approve the 4/26/2018 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes, as presented (*Passed by Consensus*).

**II. PUBLIC COMMENT**

3. **OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC TO ADDRESS COMMISSION ON ITEMS OF INTEREST WITHIN COMMISSION JURISDICTION:** There were no comments.

### III. COMMITTEE COMMENT

4. **NON-AGENDIZED OR FOLLOW-UP:**

- Mr. Brown read a statement into the record on his concerns that race and racism has polarized the Commission and is compromising its fair and objective governance. Noting his demographic, American Indian, is the most underserved, he warned against superficial solutions and urged all to rise in harmony, not fall in division. The full statement is attached.
- Regarding the Integration Advisory Board (IAB), Mr. Brown reported the IAB has re-initiated meetings. Mr. Ballesteros was re-elected Co-Chair. Fred Leaf, Interim Director, Health Agency, provided an update including on a recent presentation to the Board. Mark Ghaly, MD, MPH, has shifted to the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) and will take some Health Agency Divisions with him temporarily including the Office of Diversion and Re-Entry, Housing For Health, and Whole Person Care.
- The IAB was charged with developing a recommendation to the CEO for presentation to the Board regarding the structure of a body to replace the IAB after it sunsets in December 2018. The new body will be constituted for at least two years.
- The IAB was moved from Commission Services to the Health Agency. The next IAB meeting will be 6/25/2018 at 1:00 pm.
- ➔ Add standing Integration Advisory Board (IAB) Report to the Commission Meeting Agenda.

### IV. REPORTS

5. **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR/STAFF REPORT:**

**A. Racial Justice Work Group Formation:**

- Ms. Barrit called attention to the notes from the Racial Justice Work Group initiated at the April Executive Committee. The first meeting focused on identifying expectations and ideas for guidelines to help set training ground rules.
- She and Ms. McClendon have been working with Just Communities over the past several months to coordinate facilitated trainings. They have shared Work Group notes with Jarrod Schwartz, MSOD, founding Executive Director, and have provided several potential training dates. Mr. Schwartz was expected to identify dates the next week.
- She and Ms. McClendon have also met with County Counsel and the Los Angeles County (LAC) Brown Act expert. As a body under the Brown Act, Commission meetings must be considered in terms of quorum. County Counsel offered two meeting format options. Dividing the Commission into groups that do not reach quorum would allow meetings to be private. Such meetings would remain subject to other Brown Act rules, e.g., to not engage in serial meetings or discuss Commission business outside of meetings. A meeting of the full group must follow usual public meeting procedures.
- She had heard clearly that many people would be uncomfortable engaging in training publicly, but options are limited.
- Mr. Rosales added another consideration for multiple meetings is that conversations may be very different. Mr. Green noted that differing meeting results could be beneficial by raising more perspectives.

**B. HIV Connect Resource Website Update:**

- Ms. Barrit thanked those who provided feedback including Consumer Caucus focus groups, a Consumer Advisory Board (CAB) led by Mr. Green, Ms. Bivens-Davis, and Shellye Jones; and Jeff Bailey, MPH, Director, HIV Access and Community-Based Services, APLA Health, who was involved with the prior LA HIV Resource Directory.
- Final quality checks are underway preparatory to going live. She opened the website link for review.
- The Commission chose "HIV Connect" as the website's URL which can be viewed as both connecting services to consumers and interconnecting resources to leverage multiple existing databases. Leveraging such databases addresses a key challenge of the prior LA HIV Resource Directory to continually update information.
- HIV Connect key categories rose to the top in feedback and mirror HIV.gov. Each links to key related material, e.g.: HIV Testing links to [gettested.cdc.gov](http://gettested.cdc.gov); Housing links to Comprehensive Housing Information & Referrals for People Living with HIV/AIDS ([chirpla.org](http://chirpla.org)) which includes all Ryan White Program (RWP) contractors; Health Centers links to the national database of health centers countrywide under the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) and HIV.gov; PrEP links to [GetPrEPLA.com](http://GetPrEPLA.com); Substance Use links to Substance Abuse, Prevention and Control (SAPC) which includes beds available per provider; and Mental Health links to the Department of Public Health (DPH).
- The middle features search functions and icons for key categories to ensure people can readily find their priorities. Images link to other kinds of dynamic resources such as Life Group LA and regularly updated LGBT Health links.
- The API key received yesterday is a set of technical codes that will allow a more targeted search for 211LA.org, LAC's \$32 million central health and human services site. Ms. Barrit, Ms. Tolentino, and the website development contractor attended the 211 LA open house to explore how that database is maintained and updated, and how to best use it.

- Mr. Pérez felt it would help to confirm the primary website purpose is to meet LAC's HIV resource needs via an HIV information hub and who the primary audience is. Some of the links are more comprehensive, e.g., SAPC has 800 or 900 providers, but they include many that may not meet the unique needs of a PLWH, a transgender woman, or a young, Black, gay man. He urged clarity on listed resources and whether they meet Commission standards.
- Ms. Barrit thanked everyone for their input. Feedback was notable and the project is an ongoing process. Some suggestions were excellent, but outside of the scope of this effort, e.g., a live chat room.
- Mr. Donnelly asked about liability for referrals, e.g., to 211LA which did have a possible data breach. Ms. Barrit replied Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) rules require making information public if an organization has a possible breach of more than 500 records, but 211LA is a referral service so has limited information.
- ➔ Ms. Barrit will forward the link to Mr. Pérez and Kyle Baker for DHSP website review. Mr. Pérez will allocate an hour of the DHSP Management Team Meeting to developing feedback including on both resources and social marketing.
- ➔ Suggestions for enhanced resources were: traditional HIV prevention; Syringe Exchange Programs (SEPs); Los Angeles County HIV/AIDS Strategy (LACHAS); HIV 101; Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA); HIV medical care; STD treatment, e.g., using the STD Control Branch website; WeCanStopSTDsLA.org.
- ➔ Mr. Robinson suggested a launch page algorithm to help identify a path, e.g., for a PLWH, an HIV- person, or a provider.
- ➔ Mr. Rosales suggested adding a search by zip code feature so anyone can find nearby services for themselves or others.
- ➔ Clarify that this is a resource directory, not navigation, to ensure expectations are congruent with the tool.
- ➔ Ms. Barrit will review 1degree.org which is run by an outside nonprofit for the purpose of linking people to resources.

**6. CO-CHAIR REPORT:**

- Mr. Rosales, Ms. Granados, LaShonda Spencer, MD, Mr. Fox, and Miguel Martinez, MSW, MPH, the Commission's California Planning Group Representative, will attend an Office of AIDS update on its HIV plan in Berkeley on 5/30/2018.

**A. 2018 United States Conference on AIDS (USCA) - Commission Representation:**

- Ms. Granados reported she, Mr. Rosales, and Ms. Barrit reviewed scholarship applications and selected Michele Daniels. They will work with her as USCA gets closer to identify workshops that might most benefit the Commission.
- Mr. Rosales added the Co-Chairs also decided to help the other two applicants, Messrs. Brown and Lopez, to apply for USCA scholarships by the 6/29/2018 deadline.
- ➔ Mr. Robinson offered to provide personal statements for USCA scholarship submissions.

**B. Public Comment Placement on Commission Agenda:**

- Ms. Bivens-Davis reported an Operations Committee Work Group developed a recommendation for two Public Comment periods - adding one earlier in the meeting while retaining the current one at the end of the meeting.
  - Operations reviewed the recommendation. It changed the first item to Announcements after the break, retained Non-Agendized Public Comment at the end of the meeting, encouraged Public Comments during the meeting as pertinent to Agendized items, and ensure Announcements, and Agendized and Non-Agendized Public Comments are defined.
  - Operations members were also urged to help staff distribute Public Comment forms and assist attendees fill them out.
  - Mr. Pérez was concerned rules prohibit responding to false statements, e.g., that a service category is being eliminated. People may not stay for the full meeting and leave with false information. In discussion, it was noted dialogue on an issue is prohibited, but accurate information can be given under Commission Comment without presenting it as a reply.
  - ➔ Clarify "Announcements," e.g., "Announcements of Community Events" to ensure it does not slide into comment.
  - ➔ Announce change to Agenda Order at June Commission meeting and implement at July Commission meeting,
- MOTION #2A: (Robinson/Green)** Revise Commission Agenda as follows: add Announcements item after break, encourage attendees to submit Public Comment forms for Agendized items, retain Non-Agendized Public Comment at the end; and include brief definitions of Announcements, Agendized Public Comments, and Non-Agendized Public Comments on Agenda *(Passed by Consensus)*.

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

- Mr. Pérez reported receipt of the RWP Notice of Grant Award (NGA) for the period starting 3/1/2018. The \$43.4 million reflects an increase in the formula portion, a decrease in the supplemental portion, and a flat Minority AIDS Initiative (MAI) for an overall decrease of \$100,000 from last year. The NGA was just received and is still being analyzed in detail.
- The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) is holding a June 2018 meeting in Atlanta, Georgia of all grantees funded under the newest Cooperative Agreement which, for the first time, integrates HIV prevention and HIV surveillance. The meeting will address several items of interest to the Commission such as DHSP's application for additional funding and a requirement in the new grant to do more with molecular surveillance, e.g., HIV networks among transgender women.

- Barbara Ferrer, PhD, MPH, MEd, Director, DPH, announced appointment of the new Health Officer, Muntu Davis, MD, MPH. Dr. Davis starts in July. Previously he was Director, Public Health Department, and Health Officer, Alameda County.
- Jeffrey Gunzenhauser, MD, MPH, will step down as Interim Health Officer, but will continue to oversee the Bureau of Disease Control, which includes DHSP, and take a more active role in overseeing public health links.
- Mr. Pérez returned 5/23/2018 from a multiple day meeting with the National Alliance of State and Territorial AIDS Directors (NASTAD) redeveloped in 2016 and including LAC, New York City, Chicago, Houston, San Francisco, and Washington, DC.
- He made several propositions, in particular for establishment of a national PrEP enrollment goal by region and state. Further, he urged coupling it with a national PrEP financing plan that takes into account whether a state is an Affordable Care Act (ACA) expansion state. There was significant agreement that, given PrEP enrollment as a cornerstone of end of AIDS plans, a federal goal and way to pay for it is needed. The meeting also included presentations from federal partners.
- Mr. Pérez will attend a 5/29/2018 meeting HRSA is convening in Rockville in partnership with the CDC STD Control Branch to explore ideas on enhancing STD screening and treatment nationwide. He felt appreciation to address STDs was growing.
- He presented Board Letters at the recent Health Cluster meeting for a pared down portfolio of Health Education/Risk Reduction (HE/RR) contracts for STD Case Finding and Home-Based Case Management after 7/1/2018. DHSP was re- envisioning HE/RR, but needs more time for a fuller response. The Board Letters will go to the Board the next week.
- ➔ DHSP will present to the Commission on CDC's new molecular surveillance guidance after the June 2018 meeting in Atlanta.

#### 8. LOS ANGELES COUNTY HIV/AIDS STRATEGY (LACHAS):

- Ms. Granados noted she, Mr. Rosales, Terry Smith, MPA, LACHAS Community Co-Chair, and Ms. Barrit met with DHSP the prior week. This was the first such meeting since LACHAS launched for mutual updates and work plan review.
- No major work plan changes are expected, but it is being refined. One notable change to the Call To Action Community Meetings is to ensure Commissioners can present and answer questions if Mr. Pérez or other DHSP staff is unavailable.

##### A. June 14, 2018 Commission LACHAS Community Meeting:

- Ms. Barrit noted the updated schedule in the packet. Flyers for the 6/14/2018 LACHAS Call To Action Community Meeting have been sent out. A brief Commission business meeting will follow it to address needed work.
- She noted the 12/13/2018 Commission meeting with outreach to SPA 7 Health Districts is in conflict with the Ryan White All Grantee meeting in Maryland on 12/11-14/2018. Many community members attend the All Grantees meeting so quorum may not be reached. The meeting may be rescheduled within December or moved to 2019.
- ➔ Agendize consideration later in the year of December meeting options in light of the All Grantees meeting.

#### 9. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

##### A. Planning, Priorities, and Allocations (PP&A) Committee:

###### 1. Master Directives:

- Ms. Barrit reported PP&A has engaged in significant conversation on LACHAS and highly impacted populations. Previously, there were separate documents for the Master Directives and Directives for the Minority AIDS Initiative (MAI) Plan. Now, like those conversations, the Directives have been integrated.
- Master Directives dates have been adjusted to mirror LACHAS, FY 2017-2022. Staff have also completed a cross-walk analysis of the LACHAS and the Comprehensive HIV Plan (CHP) to ensure goals are aligned.
- The document in the packet shows changes from the prior document in red or yellow. Key changes include a closer focus on disproportionately impacted populations identified in the CHP and LACHAS, and in the Epidemiologic Profile, e.g., the lowest viral suppression rates identified are in American Indians/Alaskan Natives. Other key revisions address service barriers, capacity building, and consumer and provider PrEP and nPEP education.
- Once approved, Ms. Barrit reported PP&A will review the document to operationalize it.
- ➔ Page 1, Paragraph 4, Line 1, eliminate duplicate "transgender."
- ➔ Ms. Nelson discussed this with her program staff. They recommended a stronger emphasis on STD screening and treatment as an important part of HIV prevention. She will forward comments for consideration.

**MOTION #3:** Approve PP&A's Master Directives, as presented (**Passed by Consensus**).

###### 2. HOPWA Annual Progress Report Update: Rebecca Ronquillo's report was postponed.

##### B. Standards and Best Practices (SBP) Committee:

- Mr. Robinson reported SBP reviewed Legal Assistance feedback pertaining to confidentiality issues for those under 26.
- 1. **HIV Prevention Services Standards:**
  - Mr. Robinson reviewed the highlighted draft, updated 5/21/2018, in the packet. Revisions include more precise language on undetectable viral load prevention of sexual HIV transmission; sex positive language and services; data-driven, outcome-based program planning; and assessment issues, e.g., asking about gender identity.

- Ms. Barrit highlighted the consumer voice at the table pushed for the ultimate choice to utilize the gold standard of linkage to HIV medical care within 72 hours. That change has been made.
  - All applauded the work spanning years with multiple contributors that resulted in this first Prevention Standards.
- MOTION #4:** Approve HIV Prevention Services Standards, as presented (*Passed by Consensus*).

**2. Medical Care Coordination (MCC):**

- Wendy Garland, MPH, Chief, Research and Innovation, DHSP, discussed MCC cost effectiveness. While expensive, data proves that the program is cost effective, especially when focused on those with high acuity.
- Philadelphia is considering replicating MCC while New York has a similar program less focused on acuity.

**3. Quality Improvement (QI):** Ms. Barrit presented a PowerPoint to SBP on defining QI and the structure of a QI program.

**C. Operations Committee:**

- ➔ Revert to undesignated Commission head table seating excepting Co-Chairs, Executive Director, and Parliamentarian.

**1. 2018 Proposed Membership Slate Development:**

- Ms. Bivens-Davis reported seven renewal interviews are done. Twelve renewal interviews and four to five new interviews remain to be done. Interviews will not be done for three renewing members on institutional seats.
- The goal is to complete interviews before the 6/28/2018, 9:00 am to 12:00 noon, Operations Committee meeting and finalize the slate at that meeting. Due to the number of interviews, Operations asks other Commissioners to volunteer for interview panels. A doodle poll is being distributed to assess volunteer availability.

**2. Assessment of Administrative Mechanism (AAM) Update:** Ms. Barrit said Marc Hauptert, Consultant, has completed all key informant interviews and is writing the report. An initial presentation is planned for the 6/28/2018 Operations and Executive Committees meetings. Barring significant questions, it will be presented at the July Commission meeting.

**3. Awards Ad Hoc Committee Update:**

- Ms. Bivens-Davis reported the Ad Hoc Committee has met to discuss creation of the awards to acknowledge people for their dedication, community service, and furtherance of LACHAS.
- The 5/17/2018 Notes in the packet include a timeline with initial recommendations on the process coming to Operations and Executive in September 2018. The first awards are planned for the 2019 Annual Meeting.

**D. Public Policy Committee:**

**1. Healthcare Access:** There was no additional information.

**2. State Legislation and Budget:**

- Mr. Fox reported the Governor has released his May Revise. Some funds address housing and homelessness, but not nearly as much as the Legislature wants. It is likely the issue will go to negotiation with the "Big Five," i.e., the Governor, the Pro Tem of the Senate, the Speaker of the Assembly, and the Senate and Assembly minority leaders.
- Governor Brown was clear in his May Revise release that he is not inclined to agree to any long-term financial commitments. That would include the Health For All movement to cover everyone financially eligible for Medi-Cal. The Senate and Assembly are continuing to support that effort as does the Commission.
- Public Policy was tracking budget asks from: the HIV Alliance, Drug Policy Alliance, and an ask around STDs.
- The Senate's budget is largely done. It approved most of the HIV Alliance ask excepting \$1 million for detailing providers on PrEP and nPEP. It approved \$10 million statewide for HIV prevention, \$3 million for HIV and aging demonstration projects, and \$2 million for such projects for transgender women, their economic empowerment, and linkage to HIV care and prevention. Surprisingly, it did not include an ongoing \$10 million for STDs.
- The Assembly was hearing and voting out the above items today with all HIV Alliance funds and \$10 million for STDs. A Drug Policy Alliance \$11 million ask will also likely be approved to fund Office of AIDS syringe access, prevention, and treatment to address the opioid epidemic. A California Hepatitis ask will also likely be approved.
- Budget advocacy continues. The Senate and Assembly will conference once their budgets are done in order to complete the Legislature's budget by the 6/15/2018 deadline. They will then negotiate with Governor Brown.
- The HIV Alliance and Community Health Clinics were very concerned about an administration proposal to eliminate the 340B drug discount program in Medi-Cal Managed Care. Both the Senate and Assembly rejected that proposal.
- The Commission passed its State and Federal Legislative Docket last month. Most is moving favorably.
- SB 1021 has become more notable in the last few days. It is based on AB 339 passed a couple of years ago which prohibited placing all drugs treating a chronic condition on the highest tier and required health plans to cover single tablet regimens for HIV unless they could show greater adherence with multi-tablet regimens. AB 339 has a sunset clause so Senator Scott Weiner is sponsoring SB 1021 with Health Access.
- Prevention has been added to support PrEP, but Kaiser Permanente is upset. Both elements of Truvada should be generic by 2021 which Kaiser Permanente feels will force it to provide a single tablet regimen rather than its

preferred two tablet regimen. However, two tablet regimens do not achieve the same adherence so advocates are not retreating from the language. Senator Weiner has agreed to sunset language in 2023 to revisit any issues.

3. **County Legislation and Policies:** There was no additional information.

**10. CAUCUS, TASK FORCE, AND WORK GROUP REPORTS:**

**A. Consumer Caucus:**

- Mr. Green reported the second Consumer Advisory Board (CAB) Meet and Greet was 4/27/2018 at Magiano's at the Grove. It was successful with some 35 attendees. He, Ms. Bivens-Davis, and Shellye Jones will do a debrief shortly. Two more are planned, one in Spanish, before the Main CAB Fab on 3/27/2019.
- The key discussion topic at the last Caucus meeting was the Commission's colloquium.

**B. Women's Caucus:** Ms. Barrit said the Caucus has not met due to lack of attendance. A meeting with Ms. Granados, Ms. Bivens-Davis, and others involved in women's issues is being planned to rethink the process.

**C. Transgender Task Force:** Ms. Barrit said the Task Force met recently. It is encouraging application referrals and two have interviewed. The other main focus is to review feedback from previous Trans Health Summits to prepare for the next one.

**D. Housing Task Force:**

- Ms. Barrit reported the Task Force meets quarterly. A Housing Summit is being planned for November 2019 which will provide time to review implementation of Measures H and HHH.
- Mr. Robinson reported on the recent Homelessness Summit. Key topics were: police presence, housing for custodial parents, mentorship for children and youth, vocational development, underperforming schools, tenant unions, and trauma-informed care. Some organizations do especially well, e.g., Los Angeles Community Action Network (LA CAN).
- Mr. Brown noted the press release for the Homeless Count done in January will be 5/31/2018, 1:00 pm, at PATH.
- Mr. Rosales reported he has been pulled into the Mayor's team on housing. The team is receiving many reports from police officers and others that people with disabilities are not receiving the services they need, including HIV services. Staff at agencies or doing outreach need to be informed about HIV and other disabilities so they can provide proper services, e.g., people in wheel chairs have been denied services because they cannot reach the top bunk bed. He has advised the Mayor's office and the team is working to see how to best improve the situation.

**E. Long Beach Task Force:** Ms. Barrit said the Task Force has not met, but members do attend the Long Beach HIV Planning Group. It has been adopting, addressing, and contextualizing LACHAS goals specific to Long Beach. The current discussion pertains to integration of STD work, especially on which STDs to prioritize in light of those with the greatest HIV impact.

**V. NEXT STEPS**

11. **TASK/ASSIGNMENTS RECAP:** There was no additional information.

12. **AGENDA DEVELOPMENT FOR NEXT MEETING:** There was no additional information.

**VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**13. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC AND COMMITTEE TO MAKE ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- Mr. Green announced the 31st Annual Strength for the Journey, 8/6-10/2018, at Camp Colby, Angeles National Forrest.
- Mr. Rosales announced the City of Los Angeles budget process is nearly done. He received his full request for a budget increase from \$935,000 to \$999,000 for direct services. He has also been directed to work with the housing department to identify more joint funding and a recommendation is going to the Measure H work group to include HIV.
- The prevention Request For Proposal process should be done soon with finalists expected in the next two weeks.
- Mr. Robinson announced Senator Kamala Harris will be in Panorama City on 5/31/2018. Tickets are on Eventbrite

**VII. ADJOURNMENT**

14. **ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting adjourned at 2:10 pm.