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Monday, July 18, 2022

2:00PM-3:30PM (PST)

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| 1. Welcome + Introductions + Check-In | 2:00 PM – 2:05 PM |
| 2. Executive Director/Staff Report | 2:05 PM – 2:15 PM |
| • Operational and Programmatic Updates | |
| 3. Co-Chair's Report | 2:15 PM – 2:20 PM |
| 4. DISCUSSION Planning for Next Virtual Event | 2:20 PM – 3:15 PM |
| • Women Living with HIV & Sexual Empowerment | |
| ○ Identify Potential Speakers | |
| ○ Set Date for Presentation | |
| 5. Meeting Recap + Agenda | 3:15 PM – 3:20 PM |
| 6. Public Comment + Announcements | 3:20 PM – 3:30 PM |
| 7. Adjournment | 3:30 PM |



Women's Caucus May 16, 2022 Virtual Meeting Summary

In attendance:

Shary Alonzo (Co-Chair)	Mikhaela Cielo, MD (Co-Chair)	Vickie
Jayda Arrington	S. Daniels	Joseph Green
Carla Ibarra	Guadalupe Morales-Avendano	Ilish Perez (DHSP)
Yeira Rodriguez	Jazmin Rojano	Juliana Rojas
Natalie Sanchez	Elia Silveyra	LaShonda Spencer, MD
Cheryl Barrit (COH Staff)	Catherine Lapointe (COH Staff)	Dawn McClendon (COH Staff)

1. Welcome + Introductions + Check In

- Shary Alonzo, Co-Chair welcomed attendees and led introductions.

2. Executive Director/Staff Report

- **Operational and Programmatic Updates**
 - Cheryl Barrit announced to the group that the Board of Supervisors (BOS) will likely extend the continuation of virtual meetings for the next 30 days.
- **Program Directive Update**
 - Feedback from the Women's Caucus (WC) was incorporated into the most recently updated Planning, Priorities & Allocations (PP&A) Committee program directives document, which can be found in the meeting packet.
 - Recommendations added include holistic care for mobile clinics, exploring funding options for informal childcare, and telehealth services.
 - PP&A Committee will meet Tuesday, May 17, 2022 to review the directives; all are invited to attend.

3. Co-Chair's Report

- Dr. Mikhaela Cielo, Co-Chair provided a summary of the April WC meeting. Key points were as follows:
 - The Division of HIV and STD Programs (DHSP) is finalizing its RFP to fund expanded childcare services in formal settings. However, the WC would like to continue looking into informal childcare funding, i.e., friends, family, informal settings.

- The WC recommends more services specifically for women living with HIV, such as support groups that can provide a safe space.
- The WC recommends that funding be granted to organizations to provide transportation and childcare allowing women to attend non-medical, supportive service appointments and community events.
- It was noted that the workforce capacity survey, which is being developed by consultant, AJ King, to help inform Comprehensive HIV Plan (CHP) should be offered in Spanish, include dental services and that culturally appropriate language be incorporated. Additionally, the WC expressed that the survey was too long and that a small incentive should be provided to all those completing the survey versus offering a raffle.

4. DISCUSSION | Planning for Next Virtual Event

- **Biomedical Prevention Awareness for Women i.e., injectables OR Sexual Health for Aging Women**
 - The WC chose sexual health for women as the topic for their next virtual event. Dr. Guadalupe Morales-Avendano recommended hosting an event centered on sexual health for all women, as opposed to only for aging women, and coordinate a separate event for aging women living with HIV and sexual health. The group concurred.
 - S. Alonzo expressed interest in hearing from women who are long-term survivors of HIV.
 - The WC decided to host a two-part event, with the first hour conducted in Spanish and the second hour conducted in English. This will provide an opportunity to include the Spanish-speaking community.
 - Potential discussion topics include: 1) HIV disclosure and dating, 2) how to approach the conversation regarding PrEP, and 3) regaining sexual confidence.
- **Identify Potential Speakers**
 - G. Morales-Avendano will reach out to a sex therapist who can present on the topic.
 - Ilish Perez, DHSP will reach out to two consumers who can speak at the event.
 - Joseph Green identified Sunnie Rose Berger from Life Group LA as a potential speaker.
- **Set Date for Presentation**
 - The event is scheduled to take place on Monday, July 18, 2022, in lieu of the July WC meeting; time to be determined.

5. Meeting Recap + Agenda

- Identify learning objectives for the July Virtual Event.
- Identify moderators and develop questions to ask panelists during the event.

- Members of the WC can e-mail C. Barrit or Dawn McClendon with any speaker recommendations.

6. Public Comment + Announcements

- Jazmin Rojano announced that the LA Women's HIV/AIDS Task Force will be meeting tomorrow, May 17th at 9:30 AM.
- J. Green announced that the Aging Task Force is now an Aging Caucus. The caucus meets the first Tuesday of every month. The Aging Caucus is seeking people who were perinatally infected with HIV to attend meetings.

7. Adjournment

- The meeting adjourned at approximately 3:35 PM.