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Transgender Caucus Virtual Meeting

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**Tuesday, May 23, 2022
10:00AM-11:30AM (PST)**

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**TRANSGENDER CAUCUS (TG)
VIRTUAL MEETING AGENDA
TUESDAY, MAY 23, 2023
10:00 AM – 11:30 AM**

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| 1. Welcome and Introductions | 10:00-10:10 |
| 2. Co-Chairs Report | 10:10-10:20 |
| a. Last Meeting Recap (March 28, 2023) | |
| 3. Executive Director/Staff Report | 10:20-11:00 |
| a. 2023 Commission Training Calendar and Meeting Calendar | |
| 4. DISCUSSION: | 11:00-11:20 |
| a. Update 2023 Workplan and Meeting Calendar | |
| b. Topics for Strengthening the Caucus | |
| c. Plan: July In-Person meeting | |
| d. Plan: October Summit | |
| 5. Meeting Confirmation and Agenda Development for Next Meeting | 11:20-11:25 |
| 6. Public Comments and Announcements | 11:25-11:30 |
| 7. Adjournment | 11:30 |



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HYBRID MEETING—TRANSGENDER (TG) CAUCUS

Tuesday, April 25, 2023 | 10:00am to 11:30am

MEETING SUMMARY

In attendance:

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| Yara Tapia (Co-Chair) | Xelestíal Moreno-Luz (Co-Chair) | Camila Camaleón |
| Azul Love Ruiz | Mariana Marroquin | Mia Perez |
| Lene Reynolds | Luckie Alexander Fuller | Breann |
| Genevieve | Philip | Lizette Martinez (COH staff) |
| Cheryl Barrit (COH staff) | Jose Rangel-Garibay (COH staff) | |

1. Welcome and Introductions

Xelestíal Moreno-Luz and Yara Tapia, Co-Chair, welcomed attendees and led introductions.

2. Co-Chairs Report

a. Last Meeting Recap (March 23, 2023)

Y. Tapia provided a recap of the March 28, 2022 Transgender Caucus meeting. Key points from the meeting were as follows:

- The Caucus elected Xelestíal Moreno-Luz as co-chair for 2023.
- The Caucus decided to change the April learning session into a presentation on the “Commission on HIV and the role of the Transgender Caucus,” to be led by Commission staff
- The Caucus will plan for an in-person networking event for their July meeting. The goal of the networking session will be to engage community members and to talk about the October summit. Potential topics for the July meeting include a discussion on PrEP access points, or a discussion on addressing the needs and challenges members of the transgender community experience when accessing and/or talking about starting/staying on PrEP. The meeting will take place from 2pm-4pm.

3. Executive Director/Staff Report

a. Commission on HIV Overview and the Role of the Transgender Caucus

- Cheryl Barrit, Executive Director, and Jose Rangel-Garibay, Commission staff, led a presentation titled, “The Commission on HIV and the Role of the Transgender Caucus,” which covered the following topics.
 - Overview of the Commission’s structure, membership, and functions as the Integrated HIV/STD Prevention and Care Local Planning Council
 - Description of the Commissions committee and working unit structure as well as the decision-making process
 - Description of the primary responsibilities of caucuses and other subgroups: facilitating a forum for dialogue among caucus members; influence and inform the development of service standards, best practices, Legislative Docket development, and participate in the Priority Setting and Resource Allocation (PSRA) process.

- A copy of the presentation is included in the [April 25, 2023 Transgender Caucus meeting packet](#) available on the Commission website.
- X. Moreno-Luz made the recommendation to provide this training to any incoming co-chairs and for new caucus members at the beginning of the year.
- Attendees shared the following questions:
 - What recommendations have been provided in the past that have been taken? What recommendations have been provided in the past that have not been taken?
 - How long has the Transgender Caucus existed? Why did it originate?
 - How can the Caucus strategies for the next 10 years?

4. PRESENTATION: Transgender Health Advocacy

a. Guest speaker: Camila Camaleón

- i. C. Camaleón introduced herself and framed her discussion on the premise that there are areas outside of the greater Los Angeles metropolitan area that lack representation in research studies and data collection efforts for LGBTQ+ communities; and an appeal to consider a larger framework for HIV preventative care through youth.
- ii. She stressed the need for including suburban areas in the San Fernando Valley, Palmdale, Lancaster, and the Inland Empire in the discussions about services and programs for LGBTQ+ communities. In particular, eliminating barriers that people living in suburban communities' face when accessing care could have a positive impact on health outcomes and quality of life.
- iii. C. Camaleón discussed that when it comes to HIV care, having a supportive family that accepts you for who you are at a young age decreases the risk of depression, suicide, substance use, HIV, and other STDs, as well as positively impact the child's self-esteem. She added that having a supportive learning environment and schools that support their LGBTQ+ students also generated a similar effect.
- iv. She mentioned SB 541 (Menjivar)- Sexual health: Contraceptives as part of her discussion on health advocacy and noted the potential need for further advocacy efforts to move the bill beyond the suspense file of the appropriations committee at the state legislature. She also mentioned AB 1314 (Essayli and Gallagher)- Gender identity: parental notification, as an example of a bill that would have teachers and other school staff notify the parents of a child who comes out to them. The bill died in committee; however, it is important to acknowledge the implications of the conversations this bill has caused.
- v. The following are articles and reports C. Camaleón referenced during her presentation:
 - 1. "No queers out there? Metronormativity and the queer suburban"
 - 2. "2022 State of Queer & Transgender (QT) Pride in the San Gabriel Valley"
 - 3. "Supportive Families, Healthy Children: Helping Families with Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Children"

5. DISCUSSION: Review activities for 2023

a. 2023 Meeting Calendar

- J. Rangel-Garibay provided an overview of the meeting calendar and shared that the July meeting for the Caucus will be in-person.

b. October Summit

- The Caucus brainstormed times for the October summit and recommended 10am-3pm as a potential timeframe for the event. The summit will include information on policy and the legislative process.

6. Meeting Confirmation and Agenda Development for Next Meeting

- The next meeting will be virtual on June 27th, 2023 via WebEx.
- The Caucus will begin planning for the July in-person learning session and the October Summit

7. Public Comments and Announcements

- J. Rangel-Garibay shared the Commission Training Calendar and noted that recordings are available for trainings that have already taken place.
- J. Rangel-Garibay shared information for the upcoming webinar titled, “Accessing Long-Acting Injectable (LAI) PrEP in Los Angeles County: Where we are and where we need to go?” hosted by The Equitable Injectable PrEP in Los Angeles County Initiative. The event will take place on Tuesday May 2, 2023 from 10am-11:30am.

8. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by Y. Tapia at 11:32am.



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TRANSGENDER CAUCUS 2023 MEETING SCHEDULE DRAFT (updated 05.17.23)

| DATE | KEY AGENDA ITEMS/TOPICS (subject to change; for planning purposes) |
|---|---|
| January 24 10am to 11:30 am <i>Virtual</i> | Elect Co-Chairs for 2023 Develop meeting schedule and learning session topics for 2023 |
| February 28 10am to 11:30 am <i>Virtual</i> | Continue Co-Chair elections Develop 2023 Caucus workplan |
| March 28 10am to 11:30 am <i>Virtual</i> | Plan for Commission on HIV Overview and role of Transgender Caucus |
| April 25 10am to 11:30 am <i>In-Person</i> | Presentation 1: Commission on HIV Overview and Role of Transgender Caucus Presentation 2: Health Advocacy in the Transgender Community, Camila Camaleón Plan for October Summit |
| May 23 10am to 11:30 am <i>Virtual</i> | Debrief April presentations Plan for July networking event Plan for October Summit |
| June 27 10am to 11:30 am <i>Virtual</i> | Plan for July networking event Plan for October Summit |
| July 25 2pm-4pm <i>In-Person</i> | Learning Session |
| August 22 10am to 11:30 am <i>Virtual</i> | Debrief July learning session Plan for October event |
| September 26 10am to 11:30 am <i>Virtual</i> | Plan for October event |
| October 24 10am to 11:30 am <i>In-Person</i> | October Summit |
| November 28 10am to 11:30 am <i>Virtual</i> | Debrief Annual Commission on HIV Meeting + October Summit Review 2023 events and plan for 2024 Co-Chair nominations for 2024 |
| December 26 | Meeting cancelled due to Christmas Holiday |



2023 Training Schedule

- All trainings are open to the public.
- Click on the training topic to register.
- Recordings will be available on our [website](#) for those unable to join live trainings.
- Certifications of Completion will be provided.
- All trainings are virtual.

| Topic | Date |
|---|--------------------------------|
| <u>General Orientation and Commission on HIV Overview *</u> | March 29 3:00 - 4:30 PM |
| <u>Priority Setting and Resource Allocation Process & Service Standards Development *</u> | April 12 3:00 - 4:30 PM |
| <u>Tips for Making Effective Written and Oral Public Comments</u> | May 24 3:00 - 4:00 PM |
| <u>Ryan White Care Act Legislative Overview</u> <u>Membership Structure and Responsibilities *</u> | July 19 3:00 - 4:30 PM |
| <u>Public Health 101</u> | August 16 3:00 - 4:30 PM |
| <u>Sexual Health and Wellness</u> | September 20 3:00 - 5:00 PM |
| <u>Health Literacy and Self-Advocacy</u> | October 18 3:00 - 4:30 PM |
| <u>Policy Priorities and Legislative Docket Development Process *</u> | November 15 3:00 - 4:30 PM |
| <u>Co-Chair Roles and Responsibilities</u> | December 6 4:00 - 5:00 PM |

**Mandatory core trainings for all commissioners.*



Equity Lens for Decision Making

Below are the current equity lens questions for use in planning, decision-making and implementation for policies, practices, and programs. These are a guide only, and there may be other factors to consider. The Lens is an ever-evolving tool for decision making, that changes as our constructs and understandings change.

SECTION 1: Basic Racial Equity Lens

1. What is the policy, program or decision under review?
2. What racial, cultural and/or ethnic group(s) experience disparities related to this policy, program or decision? Are they at the table? (If not, why?)
3. How might the policy, program or decision affect the group(s)? How might it be perceived by the group(s)?
4. Does the policy, program or decision improve, worsen, or make no change to existing disparities? Please elaborate. Does it result in systemic change that addresses institutional racism?
5. Does the policy, program, or decision produce any intentional benefits or unintended consequences for the affected group(s)?
6. Based on the above responses, what are the possible revisions to the policy, program, or decision under review?
7. What next step is recommended and how will it be advanced?

Adapted from: Portland State University Equity Lens Assessment Tool

SECTION 2: Multi-Dimension Equity Lens

(Broad inclusion of multiple as well as intersecting historically marginalized groups and underserved populations) These questions provide more global considerations and speak to macro issues such as policy as well as individual project, program or micro issue decision making, action and implementation.

People

- How have we adequately ensured that our operational processes are inclusive and that elements of the process have not created barriers to meaningful participation?
- Which stakeholder groups would we like to have included but were unable to facilitate?
- Who is affected—positively, negatively, or not at all—by this decision, process, and actions? List positives and negatives.
- What are the specific ways this decision, process, or action, etc. is expected to reduce disparities and advance social justice?
- How have you intentionally involved stakeholders who are also members of the communities affected by the strategic investment or resource allocation? How do you validate your assessment?

Place

- On the basis of Harvard Chan School of Public Health's social, physical and cultural location, how does this process compensate for access limitations of various stakeholder groups?
- How have we modified our process to support access by marginalized community stakeholders?

Process

- How are our processes supporting the empowerment of communities historically most affected by inequities?
- How are processes ensuring that participants' emotional and physical safety needs are addressed?
- How are processes supporting participants' need to be productive and feel valued?
- How are our processes building ongoing community capacity for involvement with Harvard Chan School of Public Health by those communities historically most affected by inequities?
- How are we using this opportunity to contribute to the leadership development of those from marginalized communities?
- What types of biases have influenced the work of your group and how have these been identified and addressed?
- What improvements to team processes can you support for naming and identifying unaddressed bias?
- What have we learned about effective practices that we can recommend being continued by other offices and departments?
- What are the barriers to more equitable outcomes? (e.g. mandated, political, financial, programmatic, or managerial)



The Los Angeles County Commission on HIV (COH) Transgender Caucus
Presents

the Trans* Umbrella

re-evaluation, deconstruction, and evolution

St. Anne's Conference Center
155 N Occidental Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 90026
Tuesday, November 15, 2016
8:30am – 4:30pm

**Free HIV testing is available on-site, courtesy of T.H.E. Health and Wellness Center mobile testing unit*

8:30AM REGISTRATION & BREAKFAST

9:00AM WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

Maria Roman, Transgender Caucus Co-Chair, COH; Housing Specialist, APAIT

Jaden Fields, Transgender Caucus Member, COH; Health Educator, APAIT

Cheryl Barrit, Executive Director, COH

Dawn McClendon, Assistant Director, COH

9:15AM KEYNOTE SPEAKER: Political History of the “Trans Umbrella” and its Intersection with Health and Well-being

Talia Bettcher, PhD, Professor and Chair, Department of Philosophy, College of Arts and Letters, California State University, Los Angeles

10:00AM MORNING PLENARY: The Trans* Umbrella: Re-evaluation, Deconstruction and Evolution

The morning plenary will provide a safe and dynamic space for participants to discuss the ever-changing and continually evolving definition of what it means to be a trans* individual.

Moderator: Talia Bettcher PhD, Professor and Chair, Department of Philosophy, College of Arts and Letters, California State University, Los Angeles

Panelists:

- Maria Roman, Transgender Caucus Co-Chair, COH; APAIT
- riKu Matsuda, Senior Intergroup Relations Specialist, Los Angeles County Human Relations Commission
- Destin Cortez, Health Educator II, APAIT
- JD Santacruz, Research Assistant, Healthy Divas, Friends Research Institute

11:30AM LUNCH PLENARY: Overview of Transgender HIV/STD Health Data and Program Initiatives in Los Angeles County

Wendy Garland, MPH, Chief, Research and Innovation Section, Division of HIV and STD Programs, Los Angeles County Department of Public Health

12:15PM AFTERNOON PLENARY: Best Practices in Collecting Data on Gender Identity

This session will explore best practices for inclusive data collection of trans* people in HIV prevention and care services. How do we capture accurately the diverse identities and health needs of trans* individuals? What are effective strategies to engage the trans* community in research development and data dissemination?

Moderator: Kimberly Kisler Pisca, MPH, PhD, Project Director, Friends Research Institute; Assistant Professor, Department of Public Health, Rongxiang Xu College of Health and Human Services, California State University, Los Angeles

Panelists:

- Jenna Rapues, MPH, Capacity Building Specialist, Center of Excellence for Transgender Health, University of California San Francisco
- Bamby Salcedo, President, TransLatin@ Coalition

1:45PM BREAK

2:00PM BREAK-OUT SESSION A | Trans-Men: Safer Sex

**Break-out session located in upstairs classroom*

This session will include a 30-minute educational session on safer sex followed by a group discussion on the unique issues affecting trans men in navigating sexual relationships and experiences.

Moderator: Alo Johnston, MA, MFT Intern, Los Angeles Gender Center

Panelists:

- Jaden Fields, Transgender Caucus Member, COH; Health Educator, APAIT
- Destin Cortez, Health Educator II, APAIT
- Alex Fuller, Community Member

BREAK-OUT SESSION B | Sex and Surgery

**Break-out session located in main Foundation Conference room*

This session will explore perceptions of risk for HIV/STDs among trans* individuals across the pre- and post-operation spectrum.

Moderator: Dahlia Ferlito, MPH, Management Analyst, AIDS Coordinator's Office, City of Los Angeles

Panelists:

- Angelina Alamilla, Peer Health Navigator, The Alexis Project, Friends Research Institute
- Eva Montgomery, Community Member
- Rey Salinas, Community Member

3:30PM AFTERNOON PLENARY: Impact of Pre/Post-Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP/PEP)

This session will explore the positive and negative impact and effects of PrEP/PEP within the trans* community and include a discussion on PrEP-related stigma.

Moderator: Tony Mills, MD, Medical Director, Anthony Mills MD Inc.; Commissioner, COH

Panelists:

- Phyllis Richardson, PrEP Navigator, A.S.K.-PrEP Program, Friends Research Institute
- Olivier Luciano, Community Member
- Abigail Martin, Community Member

CLOSING: Call to Action

The call to action will tie overall theme and panels together by way of a community building exercise.

***We thank you for attending the 2nd Annual Trans* Health Summit.
We look forward to seeing you next year.***

To the Los Angeles County Commission on HIV, Transgender Caucus Planning Committee – Michelle Enfield, Maria Roman, Susan Forrest, Kim Kisler Pisca, Jaden Fields, Doris Reed, Dawn Mc Clendon and Cheryl Barrit – for their vision and courage for bringing issues affecting the trans* community to the forefront.

