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**PUBLIC POLICY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES**

April 1, 2019



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MEMBERS PRESENT	MEMBERS ABSENT	PUBLIC	COMM STAFF/ CONSULTANTS
Katja Nelson, MPP, <i>Co-Chair</i>	Aaron Fox, MPM, <i>Co-Chair</i>	Jason Brown	Jane Nachazel
Alasdair Burton (<i>Alt.</i>)	Kyle Baker	Craig Pulsipher, MPP, MSW	Julie Tolentino, MPH
Lee Kochems, MA	Jerry D. Gates, PhD		
Eric Paul Leue	Terry Goddard, MA		DPH/DHSP STAFF
Ricky Rosales	Eduardo Martinez (<i>Alt.</i>)		None additional
Martin Sattah, MD	Greg Wilson		

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- 4) **Memorandum:** Development of County Advocacy Positions on Legislation and Budget Items of Interest to the County in Sacramento and Washington D.C., 3/11/2019
- 5) **Table:** Health Equity Assessment Worksheet, ongoing
- 6) **Table:** LA County HIV/AIDS Strategy (LACHAS) External Policy Workgroup, Policy Recommendations Matrix - Working Draft, Revised 3/18/2019
- 7) **Motion:** Motion by Supervisors Sheila Kuehl and Mark Ridley-Thomas, Increasing County Efforts to Address Rising STD Rates, 11/20/2018
- 8) **Flyer:** sage National Day of Advocacy, LGBT and HIV Aging Federal Policy Recommendations, 3/13/2019
- 9) **Issue Brief:** Eight Policy Recommendations for Improving the Health and Wellness of Older Adults with HIV, 2014
- 10) **Legislation:** California Senior Legislative Package 2019
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- 12) **Legislation:** Care 4 All California, 2019 Legislative Priorities
- 13) **Legislation:** Insure the Uninsured Project, State Legislative Update, 2019-20 Introduced Legislation, 3/4/2019
- 14) **Flyer:** Drug Policy Alliance Sponsored Bills & Budget Actions in 2019
- 15) **Table:** 2019-2020 Legislative Docket - Working Document, 3/28/2019
- 16) **Press Release:** Presidential Advisory Council on HIV/AIDS Announces New Members, 3/14/2019
- 17) **Report:** Pursuit of County-Advocacy Positions to Support Federal Appropriation Items Related to Public Health, 3/12/2019
- 18) **Overview:** L.A. County Preliminary Analysis of the President's Proposed Federal Fiscal Year 2020 Budget, 3/11/2019

CALL TO ORDER: Ms. Nelson called the meeting to order at 1:16 pm followed by introductions and attendees' statements of their conflicts of interest. **Quorum was not achieved.**

I. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

MOTION #1: Approve the Agenda Order, as presented (**Postponed**).

2. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES:

MOTION #2: Approve the 3/4/2019 Public Policy Committee Meeting Minutes, as presented (**Postponed**).

II. PUBLIC COMMENT

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

III. COMMITTEE NEW BUSINESS ITEMS

4. OPPORTUNITY FOR COMMISSIONERS TO RECOMMEND ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS, OR ITEMS REQUIRING IMMEDIATE ACTION DUE TO AN EMERGENCY, OR IF NEED FOR ACTION AROSE AFTER POSTING AGENDA: There were no items.

IV. REPORTS

5. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR/STAFF REPORT:

a. Committee Work Plan 2019:

- Ms. Nelson noted the addition of an item to monitor President Trump's new plan to end AIDS, its potential funding, and the recently relaunched President's Advisory Council on HIV/AIDS (PACHA).
- Cheryl Barrit, MPIA, Executive Director, was working with Commission Co-Chairs Al Ballesteros, MBA and Grissel Granados, MSW to schedule visits to the Board of Supervisors (BOS) to support the STD resolution.

b. County Advocacy Procedure: The memorandum in the packet on "Development of County Advocacy Positions" is a reminder that, as a body under the BOS, Commission positions are recommendations subject to the County vetting process.

c. Health Equity Assessment Worksheet:

- Ms. Tolentino reported Ms. Barrit presented this at the last meeting and opened it for feedback. None was received.
- ➡ Agreed to retain tool for use.

6. CO-CHAIR REPORT: There was no report.

V. DISCUSSION ITEMS

7. COUNTY POLICY ISSUES:

a. Los Angeles County HIV/AIDS Strategy (LACHAS) Policy Work Group:

- Ms. Nelson reported the Work Group was folded into the Committee so there was no separate meeting that day.
- On a related item, Mr. Pulsipher reported the California HIV/AIDS Research Program (CHRP) was funding some community education activities for "End the HIV, HCV, and STDs Epidemics" initiative. Discussion has highlighted hosting town halls in key areas including Los Angeles. Planning was in early stages so no date or location was available. The body agreed to Commission engagement, e.g., presentation at a Commission meeting or at a dedicated meeting.
- Regarding Recommendations Matrix Items 4 and 5, Mr. Pulsipher reported the California HIV Alliance has requested an in-person meeting with the California Office of AIDS (OA) which is expected to be 4/25/2019. He has asked that the meeting address data-sharing issues and barriers, and what statutory changes would be required to alleviate them.
- ➡ Ms. Nelson will discuss "End the HIV, HCV, and STDs Epidemics" presentation logistics with Ms. Barrit.
- ➡ Mr. Pulsipher will report back on the California HIV Alliance meeting with OA at the May Public Policy meeting.

- b. Housing Policy:**
- Ms. Nelson reported Homeless Count results have not yet been released. The Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) did issue a formal letter responding to a 150-page report from the *Los Angeles Times*. It was national, but used some LAHSA data in criticizing its approach to housing and suggested other models to house people more quickly.
 - The Los Angeles County (LAC) Chief Executive Office (CEO) was hiring someone to help translate data for the public.
 - Ms. Nelson will email the *Los Angeles Times* housing report to the body for review.
- c. STD Motion Follow-Up:**
- Request update from Kyle Baker, DHSP, on the 11/20/2018 Motion's report back to the BOS within 45 days on the proposed advocacy strategy and within 90 days on Department of Public Health (DPH) efforts to sustain and expand the publicly supported STD service delivery system, as outlined in the Motion.
- 8. HIV AND AGING POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS:**
- Request addition of "Policy Issues" item to the 4/30/2019 Aging Task Force Agenda.
 - For the next meeting, Mr. Rosales will present on City of Los Angeles aging activities and the body will review packet items.
- 9. STATE LEGISLATION AND BUDGET:** ➤ Recommend to Executive Committee that it forward, "2019-20 State Budget - Support HIV, HCV, STD Proposals," to the Commission on HIV for approval to sign on.
- a. Legislative Docket:**
- Care 4 All California, Insure the Uninsured Project, and Drug Policy Alliance priorities were available for review.
 - Ms. Nelson will report back on the value of bringing forward companion bills.
 - Add for review: AB 1683, STDs; SB 50, housing; Equality California priorities; and any other items forwarded.
 - The body reviewed the Docket and made initial recommendations, as noted:

Bill	Title	Comments	Position
AB 4	Medi-Cal: eligibility	Companion bill: SB 29. Expands eligibility to undocumented.	Support
AB 174	(new bill)	Companion bill: SB 65. Language gutted & replaced; bill still relates to health care coverage.	Watch: Get updated information
AB 318	Medi-Cal materials: readability	Requires "field testing" translated materials.	Support
AB 362	Controlled substances: overdose prevention program	City & County of San Francisco safe drug consumption & treatment referral site pilot. (Vetoed by Brown in 2018 as facilitating drug use.)	Support
AB 414	Healthcare coverage: minimum essential coverage	Companion bill: SB 175. State Affordable Care Act (ACA) individual mandate replacing federal one.	Support
AB 526	Public social services: SSI/SSP	Docket language outdated. Care4All notes express lane enrollment for WIC enrollees into Medi-Cal.	Support: Get updated information
AB 537	Medi-Cal managed care: QI & value-based financial incentive	Health plans opposed 2018 bill due to current QI, but supporters seek more. Passage unlikely.	Support
AB 683	Medi-Cal: eligibility	Depending on program, increases allowable assets/resources or prohibits assessing them.	Support
AB 715	Medi-Cal: program for aged & disabled persons	Introduced in past, this bill elevates program eligibility to 138% as used by Medi-Cal overall.	Support: Pull bill for discussion
AB 731	Health care coverage, rate review	Requires health care service plans/health insurers to file same information for large group health care plans & health insurance policies before implementing a rate change as they file now for individual or small group markets.	Support
AB 824	Business: preserving access to affordable drugs	Prevents brand & generic manufacturers entering into agreement to delay introduction of a drug.	Support
AB 929	CA Health Benefit Exchange: data collection	Requires at least annual posting to Exchange website of otherwise required health plan data on	Support

		cost reduction efforts, quality improvements, or disparity reductions.	
AB 993	Health care coverage: HIV specialists	From 2017 (AB 1534), requires health care service plans starting in 2019 to allow HIV specialist to be primary care provider (PCP) status if requested & meets plans' specialist PCP criteria. (Public Policy changed from Watch to Oppose on 9/5/2017 [4/25/2018 Docket] as did not go far enough to address network adequacy & parity & quality of care across all health systems; unclear on impact to Ryan White funded services.)	Watch: Request AHF & Nazarian speaker (Tolentino); provide prior 9/5/2017 minutes & 4/25/2018 Docket
AB 1063	Healthcare coverage waivers	Requires American Health Benefit Exchange get statutory authority from US Department of Health & Human Services (HHS) before seeking a 1332 innovation waiver to ensure same affordable, comprehensive coverage as under ACA.	Support
AB 1246	Healthcare coverage: basic health care services	Requires large group health policies starting in 2020, excepting specialized policies, cover medically necessary basic services as well as drugs depending on prescription coverage.	Support
AB 1309	Health care coverage: enrollment periods	Starting in 2020, expand individual enrollment from December 10 to January 31 for plans offered through the Covered California Exchange and from October 15 to January 31 for plans not in it.	Support: Pull bill for discussion, especially regarding enrollment in coverage period
AB 1611	Emergency hospital services costs	Starting in 2020, caps health care service plan or insurance policy costs for covered services at noncontracting to those for a contracting hospital.	Support
SB 29	Medi-Cal: eligibility	Companion bill: AB 4. Expands eligibility to undocumented.	Support
SB 65	CA Health Benefit Exchange: financial assistance	Companion bill: AB 174. Language gutted & replaced; bill still relates to health care coverage.	Watch: Get updated information
SB 132	Corrections	Requires prison system to recognize a person's chosen gender identity, with consistent ID; have preferred gender identity officer for lawful body search; & consistent housing except as specified.	Watch: Pull bill for discussion; Wiener & Transgender Law Center input (Leue)
SB 159	HIV: PrEP & PEP	Allows trained pharmacists to provide PEP with safety, adherence, & testing information; &, with HIV- test, 30 days PrEP, then continuing PrEP consistent with testing per Centers for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC) guidelines. (California Medical Association (CMA) is opposed to PrEP piece & wants PEP piece reduced to starter pack.)	Support: Pull bill for discussion, especially on suggestions for follow-up given that patients often find it hard to get clinical appointments.
SB 175	Healthcare coverage: minimum essential coverage	Companion bill: AB 414. State ACA individual mandate replacing federal one.	Support
SB 233	Immunity from arrest	Prohibits arrest for misdemeanor violation of California Uniform Controlled Substances Act (CUCSA) when reporting violent crimes; or for having condoms as probable cause or evidence.	Support
SB 260	Automatic health care coverage enrolment	Starting in 2020, requires California Health Benefit Exchange enroll a person in lowest cost silver or other plan on receipt of person's account from	Support

		county or termination notice from State Department of Health Care Services (DHCS).	
SB 343	Healthcare data disclosure	Requires uniform reporting standard for health plan & hospital financial data by ending alternate reporting requirements for some plans/insurers.	Watch: Pull bill for discussion
SB 464	CA Dignity in Pregnancy & Childbirth Act	Requires implicit bias training for perinatal providers & improved data collection to help reduce maternal mortality, the first goal of LAC's Center for Health Equity.	Support
SB 673	Comprehensive sexual health education & HIV prevention education	Reverses CA Healthy Youth Act's opt-out for sexual health education & HIV prevention by requiring, for grades lower than 7, parental opt-in signature; & notification by schools of next year's instruction with ability to inspect materials.	Oppose
SB 689	Needle & syringe exchange programs	Prohibits State DPH from authorizing entities to provide hypodermic needle & syringe exchange services unless the city, county, or city and county where the entity will operate has adopted an ordinance or resolution approving authorization.	Oppose
HR 1882	Stop AIDS in Prison Act of 2017	Requires Bureau of Prisons comprehensive policy to provide HIV testing, treatment, & prevention in prison & on reentry including HIV testing.	Last year Support: Pull bill for discussion
HR 2119	Therapeutic Fraud Prevention Act of 2017	Prohibits sexual orientation or gender identity conversion therapy or assistance in offering it in exchange for monetary compensation; limits advertisements for such therapy in multiple ways.	Last year support: Pull bill for discussion
HR 3222	Do No Harm Act	Makes Religious Freedom Restoration Act (RFRA) inapplicable to certain federal laws to protect civil rights of third parties.	Support: Pull bill for discussion
S 1653	Real Education for Healthy Youth Act (REHYA)	Supports young people's health and well-being by providing comprehensive sexual health education.	Last year Support: Pull bill for discussion

10. FEDERAL POLICY UPDATE:

- The Senate was again seeking to repeal the ACA while attempting to develop a replacement bill.
- ➡ Ms. Nelson will review informational documents, e.g., from Politico, for presentation to place the new \$280 million in federal funding for HIV/AIDS in the context of cuts and restrictions to other health programs such as Medicaid.

VI. NEXT STEPS

11. TASK/ASSIGNMENTS RECAP: There were no additional items.

12. AGENDA DEVELOPMENT FOR NEXT MEETING: There were no additional items.

VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

13. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC AND COMMITTEE TO MAKE ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- ➡ Ms. Nelson will send to staff for distribution the flyer for the LGBT Center McCadden location Grand Opening on 1/7/2019.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

14. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 3:05 pm.