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Aging Caucus Virtual Meeting

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**Tuesday, February 7, 2023
1:00PM-3:00PM (PST)**

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VIRTUAL MEETING AGENDA**

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2023

1:00 PM – 3:00 PM

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| 1. Welcome & Introductions | 1:00pm-1:10pm |
| 2. Co-Chairs' Report | 1:10pm-1:20pm |
| a. Planning for September 14 Commission Meeting National HIV/AIDS and Aging Awareness Day (Sept. 18)
<i>*Determine theme, presentation/panel objectives, speakers, and volunteers.*</i> | |
| 3. LISTEN AND LEARN: Aging and Living with HIV Testimony
<i>*Hear from long-term survivors/older adults living with HIV to understand and compel the community to act with urgency in addressing the needs of older adults living with HIV.*</i> | 1:20pm-2:05pm |
| 4. Division of HIV and STD Programs (DHSP) Report | 2:05pm-2:25pm |
| a. Aging Workgroups Update | |
| b. Aging-related Directives Update – Refer to directives #16 and #17 | |
| c. Other efforts to address HIV and aging | |
| 5. DISCUSSION: Comprehensive HIV Plan and Aging-related Strategies | 2:25pm-2:45pm |
| 6. Next Steps and Agenda Development for Next Meeting | 2:45pm-2:50pm |
| 7. Public Comments & Announcements | 2:50pm-3:00pm |
| • The What We Think Project, Dept. of Mental Health | |
| 8. Adjournment | 3:00pm |



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AGING CAUCUS
January 3, 2023
Virtual Meeting Summary

In attendance:

Kevin Donnelly (Co-Chair)	Paul Nash (Co-Chair)	Jayda Arrington
Al Ballesteros	Alasdair Burton	Genevieve Clavreul
Viviana Criado	Joseph Green	Michael Green (DHSP)
Danny Gonzalez	Lee Kochems	Marisol Sanchez
Victor Scott (DHSP)	Cheryl Barrit (COH Staff)	Catherine Lapointe (COH Staff)
Jose Rangel-Garibay (COH Staff)		

CHP: Comprehensive HIV Plan

COH: Commission on HIV

DHSP: Division of HIV and STD Programs

DPH: Department of Public Health

1. Welcome & Introductions

Kevin Donnelly, Co-Chair, called the meeting to order, welcomed attendees, and led introductions.

2. Co-Chairs' Report

a. 2023 Proposed Workplan Review

K. Donnelly provided an overview of the draft 2023 workplan; see meeting packet.

b. 2023 Meeting Schedule

The Aging Caucus held a discussion on the potential meeting schedule for 2023. Viviana Criado recommended meeting quarterly; and focusing on reports from the Division of HIV and STD Programs (DHSP) workgroups. Commissioners Alasdair Burton, Joe Green, Paul Nash, and Lee Kochems suggested to continue meeting monthly and using some meetings as learning opportunities to host presentations from invited speakers. The consensus from the group was to continue meeting monthly virtually, with quarterly in-person meetings.

c. Volunteers for DHSP Aging Workgroups | Updates

Cheryl Barrit inquired if any Caucus members would like to volunteer for DHSP's workgroups for the *Alignment of Los Angeles County's Ryan White Program with the California Master Plan on Aging*; see meeting packet. V. Criado volunteered to participate in the mental health workgroup and J. Green volunteered to participate in either the mental health or housing workgroups, with a preference for mental health.

3. PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION: Los Angeles Alliance for Community Health and Aging (LAACHA), Vivana Criado, Program Manager

a. LAACHA Overview

V. Criado, Program Manager, provided a presentation on the Los Angeles Alliance for Community Health and Aging (LAACHA); see meeting packet. The presentation went over the structure, vision and mission statements, values, leadership structure, and accomplishments of LAACHA.

b. New Directions Survey

V. Criado discussed the New Direction Survey, an online survey to improve services for LAACHA members and gather input into the development of LAACHA's three-year action plan and annual updates; see meeting packet.

c. Action Plan

From 2019 to 2022, LAACHA developed and began the implementation of their New Direction Action Plan and Racial Justice Framework.

d. Opportunities for Partnership and Action

LAACHA is working on several partnerships with organization such as The Social Isolation Impact Coalition, The Later Life Intimate Partner Violence Learning Collaborative, and the California Coalition on Family Caregiving.

4. Division of HIV and STD Programs (DHSP) Report

Victor Scott, DHSP, informed the Caucus that there was nothing to report.

5. Executive Director/Staff Report

C. Barrit shared with the Caucus that she will review the 2022 Commission on HIV (COH) Annual Report at the January COH meeting.

Al Ballesteros expressed his frustrations with the lack of action in getting geriatric training to County contracted providers. He also shared concerns with the COH and how long it takes accomplish tasks. The group held a discussion on the slow-moving nature of the COH and the County and possible strategies for improvement.

6. Next Steps and Agenda Development for Next Meeting

- A. Ballesteros will reach out to a 75-year-old, HIV positive homeless individual to speak at the next Aging Caucus meeting.
- The group will discuss strategies to improve the process of accomplishing goals for the year.

7. Public Comments & Announcements

Genevieve Clavreul expressed concerns with DHSP leadership's response to congenital syphilis in Los Angeles County.

8. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by K. Donnelly.



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AGING CAUCUS 2023 MEETING SCHEDULE PROPOSED/DRAFT FOR REVIEW (created 12.12.22; Revised 1.3.23)

Per 1/3/23 meeting, the Caucus agreed to keep meetings on a monthly cycle until March and revisit the schedule at the March 7 meeting.

DATE	KEY AGENDA ITEMS/TOPICS (subject to change; for planning purposes)
January 3 1pm to 3pm Virtual	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 2023 work plan development• Los Angeles Alliance for Community Health and Aging (LAACHA)
February 7 1pm to 3pm Virtual	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Aging with HIV client's personal testimony (Coordinate with A. Ballesteros)• Strategy session to hold the County accountable to rapidly implement Caucus recommendations
March 7 1pm to 3pm Virtual	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• DHSP internal aging workgroups report backs• Vaccines for older adults presentation• Revisit meeting schedule
June 6 1pm to 3pm Virtual or In-person?	TBD
September 5 1pm to 3pm Virtual or In-person?	TBD

- A DHSP consultant is training DHSP staff and providing psychosocial and mental health services for women enrolled in the LRP program
- It would be helpful to obtain more specific information on the programmatic design of these psychosocial services from the COH

16. Leverage and build upon Medical Care Coordination Teams & Ambulatory Outpatient Medical Program and integrate the HIV and Aging care framework developed by the Aging Task Force. This framework seeks to facilitate medical wellness examinations and offers a flexible and adaptable guide to customizing care for older adults with HIV. The suggested list of assessments may be used for younger PLWH, as deemed appropriate by the medical care team, especially in communities of color, who experience aging-related issues earlier in life (before age 50). See Attachment C for the HIV and Aging Framework.

DHSP Response:

- A DHSP workgroup will be developed to review this directive. A progress update will be provided to the Aging Caucus in January 2023.

17. Integrate a geriatrician in medical home teams and establish a coordination process for specialty care services for older adults living with HIV.

DHSP Response:

- DHSP is currently reviewing Homebased Case Management Services with the intent of developing a new RFP.

Pillar II: Treat

Goal: Treat people with HIV rapidly and effectively to reach sustained viral suppression

Objectives:

1. By 2025, increase the proportion of people diagnosed with HIV who are linked to HIV care⁶³ within one month of diagnosis from 76% to 95%.
2. By 2026, increase the proportion of people diagnosed with HIV who are linked to care within 7 days from 54% (2020) to 65%.
3. By 2025, increase the proportion of PLWDH who are virally suppressed from 61% to 95%.

Strategy 2A: Ensure rapid linkage to HIV care and antiretroviral therapy (ART) initiation for all persons newly diagnosed with HIV.

Activity 2A.1: Increase county-wide capacity to provide same-day rapid linkage to care during expanded hours and days for persons newly diagnosed with HIV.

Activity 2A.2: Develop a network of HIV care providers who offer same day appointments with rapid ART disbursement.

Strategy 2B: Support re-engagement and retention in HIV care and treatment adherence

Activity 2B.1: Expand the use and capacity of peer navigators and/or community health workers for PLWH to increase health literacy, access services and address social determinants of health (housing, food insecurity, etc.)

Activity 2B.2: Increase knowledge & awareness among both providers & community members about long acting injectables and other biomedical advances

Activity 2B.3: Create and distribute list of clinical providers of color and LGBTQ culturally competent providers

Activity 2B.4: Create and expand medical and supportive services for cisgender women living with HIV/AIDS. This includes services such as family housing, transportation, mental health, childcare, and substance abuse

Activity 2B.5: Create and expand medical and supportive services for transgender persons living with HIV/AIDS

Activity 2B.6: Advocate for appropriate allocation and maintenance of funding for the Trans, Gender Nonconforming and Intersex (TGI) Equity Fund created by the passage of AB-2521

Strategy 2C: Support re-engagement and retention in HIV care and treatment adherence, especially for persons who are not eligible for Ryan White Program-supported services, persons with mental illness, persons with substance use disorders, and unhoused persons.

Activity 2C.1: Comprehensively assess unmet mental health needs of PLWH and identify gaps and areas of improvement in the mental health provider network in LAC.

Activity 2C.2: Develop partnerships to meet the SUD (particularly meth use disorder) needs of persons at risk for HIV or PLWH and improve the capacity of SUD providers to address the sexual health needs of clients and ensure access to HIV-related services, as needed.

Activity 2C.3: Develop a report that summarizes critical gaps in the current system and makes recommendations for improvement and investment of County resources, including Ryan White Program funds.

⁶³ Linked to HIV care is defined as ≥ 1 CD4/VL/Genotype test reported

System and Service Integration

Goal: Integrate systems and services to address the syndemic of HIV, STDs, viral hepatitis, and substance use and mental health disorders in the context of social and structural/institutional factors including stigma, discrimination, and violence⁵⁹

Objectives:

1. By 2026, the LA County Division of HIV and STD Programs (DHSP) and/or the Commission on HIV (COH) will implement at least three internal (within LAC system) efforts to advance system and service integration
2. By 2026, DHSP and/or the COH will implement at least three external efforts to advance system and service integration

Strategy 6A: Increase cross-training and TA opportunities across fields/disciplines

Activity 6A.1: Enhance the ability of the HIV workforce to provide naloxone and educate people on the existence of fentanyl in the drug supply to prevent overdose and deaths and facilitate linkage to substance use disorder treatment and harm reduction programs⁵⁹

Activity 6A.2: Expand opportunities and mechanisms for information sharing and peer-to-peer technical assistance amongst HIV/STD/MH/SUD/Housing providers⁵⁹

Activity 6A.3: Support training for housing service providers on needs of PLWH and LGBTQI persons to improve cultural competencies among staff

Activity 6A.4: Increase HIV awareness, capability, and collaboration of service providers to support older people with HIV, including in settings such as aging services, housing for older adults, substance use treatment, and disability and other medical services⁵⁹

Activity 6A.5: Increase capacity of FQHCs that provide HIV-related services to screen for and treat HCV / Increased integration of HIV and HCV services

Strategy 6B: Leverage the Alliance of Health Integration initiative to integrate services within LA County publicly funded care systems.

Activity 6B.1: Strive to align strategic planning efforts on HIV, STIs, viral hepatitis, substance use disorders, and mental health care across national, state, and local partners⁵⁹

Activity 6B.2: Optimize RWP, Medicaid, Medicare, and other health systems to ensure they are used in a manner to deliver the highest quality of care for PLWH.



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AGING CAUCUS 2023 WORKPLAN (REVISION DATES: 1/3/23)

Created 12.12.22; 12.19.22 ADOPTED 1/3/23

Task Force Adoption Date: Co-Chairs: Kevin Donnelly & Paul Nash				
#	TASK/ACTIVITY	DESCRIPTION	TARGET COMPLETION DATE	STATUS/NOTES/OTHER COMMITTEES INVOLVED
1	Review and refine 2022 workplan, as needed		Ongoing	
2	Ensure service standards are reflective of and address the needs of PLWH 50+	Provide feedback on service standards		<ul style="list-style-type: none">Develop Transitional Case Management for older PLWH transitioning out of Ryan White into Medicare (completion date to be determined by SBP)Update Universal Standards of Care for training requirements and documentation addressing mental health and HIV and aging in general.
3	Use Aging Caucus recommendations and care framework to inform Ryan White allocations	Infuse aging lens in the multi-year service ranking and funding allocations exercise conducted by PP&A	Ongoing	
4	Continue to work with DHSP to implement recommendations and HIV care framework for PLWH 50+		Ongoing	Maintain ongoing communication with Dr. Green and W. Garland to assess what is realistic for DHSP to implement.
5	Participate in internal DHSP HIV and Aging workgroups and monitor progress in implementing identified 4 priorities.	<ol style="list-style-type: none">Examine housing inventory to ensure that it provides safe and welcoming environments for seniorsAdd gerontology training to Ambulatory Outpatient Medical, Oral Health, Medical Care Coordination and Mental Health services providers to improve awareness and understanding of age-related inequities in care and treatment	Ongoing	



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		3. Acknowledge and support nontraditional family relationships that nurture well-being and social connection 4. Seek out mental health specialists who can treat both HIV and age-related conditions		
6	Monitor, learn and understand HIV and aging-specific evidence-based research activities to improve HIV/STD prevention and care programs for PLWH 50+ and long-term survivors (LTS).		Ongoing	
7	Plan and implement a special panel/speaker for the September Commission meeting in commemoration of National HIV/AIDS and Aging Awareness Day	Identify panel/presentation objectives Identify panelists/speakers Agendize for Sept. 14 Commission meeting.		National HIV/AIDS and Aging Day is September 18 Opportunity to advance Aging Caucus' recommendations, recruit more partners, and hold the County and agencies to be more accountable for addressing the needs of older adults living with HIV.

Excerpts from the Comprehensive HIV Plan 2022-2026 where the Aging Caucus and/or PLWH 50+ were mentioned:

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2C.5: Develop transitional case management service standards that help PLWH transition from RWP into Medi-Cal, Medicare and CalAIM, and develop case management service standards that can monitor if care and support services are meeting the needs of PLWH post-transition.

COH- Aging

Strategy 2H: Expand capacity to provide whole-person care to PLWH who are age 50 and older and long-term survivors ⁴				
	Activity	Responsible Party	Performance Measure	Timeframe
	2H.1: Identify, implement, and evaluate models of care that meet the needs of people with HIV who are aging and ensure quality of care across services ⁴	DHSP; COH Aging Caucus	Written findings	By 2023

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2H.2: Identify and implement best practices related to addressing psychosocial and behavioral health needs of older PLWH and long-term survivors including substance use treatment, mental health treatment, and programs to decrease social isolation ⁴	DHSP; research partners; providers	Identification of best practices and efforts to implement	2022-2026
2H.3: Review/update diagnostic screenings to include age-related conditions (i.e. screen for loneliness, ACEs, depression, anxiety, experiences of discrimination), using Commission on HIV's Aging Task Force recommendations as a guide	Providers; Clinics; COH Aging Caucus	Screening tools developed and utilized	By 2024
2H.4: Screen patients for comprehensive benefits analysis and financial screening; and assess access to caregiving support	Providers; Clinics; COH Aging Caucus	Screening tools developed and utilized	By 2024
2H.5: Review Home-Based Case Management service standards for alignment with OT and PT assessments	COH – SBP Committee	Documented review	By 2023

⁴ Adapted from the NHAS, 2022-2025