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**COMMISSION ON HIV**



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# PUBLIC POLICY COMMITTEE Virtual Meeting

Monday, December 5, 2022

1:00PM-3:00PM (PST)

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**AGENDA FOR THE VIRTUAL MEETING OF THE  
LOS ANGELES COUNTY COMMISSION ON HIV  
PUBLIC POLICY COMMITTEE**

**MONDAY, December 5, 2022 | 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM**

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Public Policy Committee Members:			
Katja Nelson, MPP Co-Chair	Lee Kochems, MA Co-Chair	Alasdair Burton, (Alternate)	Felipe Findley
Jerry D. Gates, PhD	Eduardo Martinez (Alternate)	Ricky Rosales	Martin Sattah, MD
Courtney Armstrong			
<b>QUORUM: 5</b>			

AGENDA POSTED November 29, 2022

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Call to Order, Introductions and Check-in, Conflict of Interest Statements 1:00 PM – 1:05 PM

**I. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**

1:05 PM – 1:08 PM

- 1. Approval of Agenda **MOTION #1**
- 2. Approval of Meeting Minutes **MOTION #2**

**II. PUBLIC COMMENT**

1:08 PM – 1:10 PM

- 3. Opportunity for members of the public to address the Commission on items of interest that are within the jurisdiction of the Commission.

**III. COMMITTEE NEW BUSINESS ITEMS**

1:10 PM – 1:15 PM

- 4. Opportunity for Commission members to recommend new business items for the full body or a committee level discussion on non-agendized Matters not posted on the agenda, to be discussed and (if requested) placed on the agenda for action at a future meeting, or matters requiring immediate action because of an emergency situation, or where the need to take action arose subsequent to the posting of the agenda.

**IV. REPORTS**

- 5. Executive Director/Staff Report 1:15 PM – 1:25 PM
  - a. Operational Updates
  - b. Policy and Legislative Docket Training Update
  - c. Co-Chair Nominations/Elections

d. Comprehensive HIV Plan (CHP) Update

- 6.** Co-Chair Report 1:25 PM – 1:45 PM
  - a. Act Now Against Meth (ANAM) Update
  - b. Workplan Update and 2023 Workplan Development
  - c. Annual Meeting Debrief

**V. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

- 7.** Legislative Docket 1:45 PM – 1:50 PM
- 8.** Policies Priority – Action Plan 1:50 PM – 2:10PM
- 9.** State Policy & Budget Update 2:10 PM – 2:20 PM
- 10.** Federal Policy Update 2:20 PM – 2:30 PM
- 11.** County Policy Update 2:30 PM – 2:50 PM
  - a. COH Coordinated Response to the STD Crisis

**VI. NEXT STEPS**

2:50 PM – 2:55 PM

- 12.** Task/Assignments Recap
- 13.** Agenda development for the next meeting

**VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

2:55 PM – 3:00 PM

- 14.** Opportunity for members of the public and the committee to make announcements

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

3:00 PM

- 15.** Adjournment for the meeting of December 5, 2022

<b>PROPOSED MOTIONS</b>	
<b>MOTION #1</b>	<b>Approve the Agenda Order as presented or revised.</b>
<b>MOTION #2</b>	<b>Approve the Public Policy Committee minutes, as presented or revised.</b>



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**PUBLIC POLICY COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES**

November 7, 2022

**Draft**

COMMITTEE MEMBERS			
P = Present   A = Absent   EA = Excused Absence			
Katja Nelson, MPP, Co-Chair	P	Eduardo Martinez (Alternate)	A
Lee Kochems, MA, Co-Chair	P	Ricky Rosales	P
Alasdair Burton (Alternate)	P	Martin Sattah, MD	A
Felipe Findley	P	Courtney Armstrong	P
Jerry Gates, PhD	A		
COMMISSION STAFF AND CONSULTANTS			
Cheryl Barrit, Lizette Martinez, Jose Rangel-Garibay			

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**CALL TO ORDER-INTRODUCTIONS-CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

Katja Nelson, Co-Chair, called the meeting to order, led introductions, and stated that conflicts of interest can be found in the meeting packet.

**I. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**

**1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**MOTION #1:** Approval of the Agenda Order as presented or revised ✓ Passed by Consensus

**2. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINTUES**



**MOTION #2:** Approval of October 3, 2022, Public Policy Committee meeting minutes as presented or revised ✓ **Passed by Consensus**

**II. PUBLIC COMMENT**

**3. OPPORTUNITY FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE COMMISSION ON ITEMS OF INTEREST THAT ARE WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF THE COMMISSION.** *No public comments.*

**III. COMMITTEE NEW BUSINESS ITEMS**

**4. OPPORTUNITY FOR COMMISSION MEMBERS TO RECOMMEND NEW BUSINESS ITEMS FOR THE FULL BODY OR A COMMITTEE LEVEL DISCUSSION ON NON-AGENDIZED MATTERS NOT POSTED ON THE AGENDA, TO BE DISCUSSED AND (IF REQUESTED) PLACED ON THE AGENDA FOR ACTION AT A FUTURE MEETING, OR MATTERS REQUIRING IMMEDIATE ACTION BECAUSE OF AN EMERGENCY SITUATION, OR WHERE THE NEED TO TAKE ACTION AROSE SUBSEQUENT TO THE POSTING OF THE AGENDA.** *No committee new business items.*

**IV. REPORTS**

**5. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR/STAFF REPORT**

**a. Operational Updates – *No updates.***

**b. Annual Meeting Announcement**

- Cheryl Barrit, Executive Director, reminded attendees that the Commission on HIV (COH) Annual Meeting will be held on Thursday, November 10, 2022. She encouraged members of the Public Policy Committee (PPC) to share the Annual Meeting flyer with consumers to increase participation.
- C. Barrit reminded the PPC that a feedback survey will be available after the meeting.

**c. Co-Chair Nominations**

- C. Barrit announced that Co-Chair positions for the PPC are now open. Committee members interested in running for Co-Chair position can self-nominate and can nominate Committee members not in attendance. Nominations will remain open until the December 5, 2022, PPC meeting, in which the election will be held.
- C. Barrit provided an overview of the Duty Statement for Committee Co-Chairs. She added that co-chair terms are for one year, there are two seats available, and the Co-Chairs of the PPC will also be part of the COH Executive Committee. See meeting packet for additional details.
- K. Nelson and Lee Kochems were nominated for the Co-Chair positions and accepted the nominations.

**d. Comprehensive HIV Plan (CHP) Update**

- C. Barrit announced that the CHP has been sent out for public comment. The public comment period will close on November 21, 2022. All comments can be e-mailed to [hivcomm@lachiv.org](mailto:hivcomm@lachiv.org).

- C. Barrit reported that AJ King, Consultant, will provide an update on the plan at the COH Annual Meeting on Thursday 11/10/22 in which he will outline key highlights of the CHP.

## **6. CO-CHAIR REPORT**

### **a. Act Now Against Meth (ANAM) Update**

- K. Nelson reported that the Act Now Against Meth (ANAM) Coalition is waiting to receive a report back from various County departments stating how they plan to address the meth epidemic in Los Angeles County. The report is expected in December 2022.

### **b. Workplan Update**

- K. Nelson provided an overview of the 2022 PPC Workplan. She noted that on December 7<sup>th</sup>, the Executive Committee will vote on a Motion to approve the Policy Priorities document and elevate to the full body COH. If approved, the full body COH will vote on a Motion to approve the Policy Priorities document at the December 8<sup>th</sup> meeting. See meeting packet for additional details.

### **c. Annual Meeting Discussion/Preparation**

- K. Nelson discussed the plan for the Annual Meeting discussion regarding modernizing the Ryan White (RW) Care System. The document includes the session objectives and facilitation questions. The session will feature a brief Ryan White CARE Act overview provided by staff from the Division on HIV and STD Programs (DHSP) and a discussion facilitated by the PPC Co-Chairs on ways to improve access and quality of HIV care in Los Angeles County. There will also be an opportunity for providers and consumers to share their feedback on what is working well and what challenges they are experiencing with Ryan White-funded services in Los Angeles County. The COH Annual meeting packet will also include a handout with a list of Ryan White-funded agencies and a "The Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program: The Basics" factsheet developed by the Kaiser Family Foundation. See the packet for additional details.
- C. Barrit recommended highlighting the top political landscapes and challenges around the RW Program (RWP) and create a list of action items from the perspective of the DHSP to improve and modernize the RWP in Los Angeles County.
- L. Kochems noted that whether or not there is an opportunity for reauthorization, the ideas that come up can be used to improve the system. He added the PPC will process the items discussed at the COH Annual Meeting and add relevant items to the 2023 PPC workplan as appropriate.
- C. Barrit noted that the discussion will center around the RWP as a whole, and not focus on specific agencies. The aim is to focus the conversation on systems and service categories.
- PPC Co-Chairs will remind COH Annual Meeting attendees to refrain from naming agencies when discussing challenges and recommendations for improving the RWP and

direct any participants raising issues regarding specific agencies to the DHSP Customer Support Line for additional assistance.

- Felipe Findley asked a question about Public Charge rules regarding Medi-Cal for undocumented individuals given the upcoming Medi-Cal coverage expansion. K. Nelson noted that the County of Los Angeles Health and Mental Health Services meeting will take place on Wednesday 11/9/22 and the agenda includes an discussion item regarding Medi-Cal coverage for 50+ and Public Charge.

## **V. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

### **7. LEGISLATIVE DOCKET**

- K. Nelson informed the PPC that the End the Epidemics (ETE) Coalition held their brainstorming session to discuss potential budget and bill asks regarding HIV, STDs, harm reduction, and viral hepatitis. She indicated that some of the Coalition's priorities may help inform the development of the legislative docket for 2023.

### **8. POLICY PRIORITIES – ACTION PLAN**

- The 2022-2023 Policy Priorities will be presented and voted on for approval at the December 7, 2022, Executive Committee meeting.
- The Action Plan will be developed throughout the beginning of 2023.

### **9. STATE POLICY & BUDGET UPDATE**

- The PPC will review the results of the 2022 Midterm elections at their December meeting.
- K. Nelson directed the group to the California Department of Public Health's fact sheet on Training HIV Test Counselors to Use Rapid Tests for HIV, Hepatitis C Virus (HCV), and Sexually Transmitted Infections (STIs) relevant to SB 306 (Pan): Sexually transmitted disease: testing. See meeting packet for additional details.
- K. Nelson directed the group to the Insure the Uninsured Project (ITUP)'s fact sheet on Transformation and Innovation: Advancing Health for California's Older Adults. See meeting packet for details.

### **10. FEDERAL POLICY UPDATE**

- K. Nelson directed the group to the Health Care in Motion 1557 Proposed Rule: A New Life for Non-Discrimination Protections. See meeting packet for additional details.

### **11. COUNTY POLICY UPDATE**

- K. Nelson directed the group to the Board of Supervisors (BOS) Motion on Support for Proposition 1: Constitutional Right to Reproductive Freedom. See meeting packet for additional details.

#### **a. COH Response to the STD Crisis**

- K. Nelson informed the PPC that the Co-Chairs and COH staff are working on coordinating a meeting with Health Deputies to discuss ways to better address the STD crisis.



**VI. NEXT STEPS**

**12. TASK/ASSIGNMENTS RECAP**

- The PPC Co-Chairs will prepare for their presentation for the Annual Meeting.
- Debrief and share reflections and impressions of the Annual Meeting and identify key action steps for the PPC.

**13. AGENDA DEVELOPMENT FOR THE NEXT MEETING**

- The PPC will hold Co-Chair elections for the 2023 term.
- The PPC will decide if they will reschedule their January meeting to the second week of January to accommodate the New Year holiday at their next meeting.
- The PPC will continue watching for an update on the report from various County departments on how they will address the meth epidemic.
- The PPC will hold a debrief on the RWP reauthorization discussion that will be held at the Annual Meeting.

**VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**14. OPPORTUNITIES FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC AND THE COMMITTEE TO MAKE ANNOUNCEMENTS** *No announcements.*

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

**15. ADJOURNMENT FOR THE MEETING OF NOVEMBER 7, 2022**

The meeting was adjourned by K. Nelson.