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COMMISSION ON HIV

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Meeting

Thursday, February 22, 2024
1:00PM – 3:00PM (PST)

"Vermont Corridor"

510 S. Vermont Avenue, 9th Floor, Terrace Conference Room
Los Angeles, CA 90020

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AGENDA FOR THE **REGULAR** MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY COMMISSION ON HIV EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2024 | 1:00PM-3:00PM

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS			
<i>Luckie Fuller, Co-Chair (LOA)</i>	<i>Danielle Campbell, PhDc, MPH Co-Chair</i>	<i>Joseph Green, Co-Chair Pro Tem</i>	Miguel Alvarez (Executive At-Large)
Erika Davies	Kevin Donnelly	Felipe Gonzalez	Lee Kochems, MA
José Magana	Katja Nelson, MPP	Mario J. Pérez, MPH	Kevin Stalter
Justin Valero, MPA			
QUORUM: 7			

AGENDA POSTED: February 16, 2024

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I. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

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| 1. Call to Order & Meeting Guidelines/Reminders | | 1:00 PM – 1:03 PM |
| 2. Introductions, Roll Call, & Conflict of Interest Statements | | 1:03 PM – 1:05 PM |
| 3. Approval of Agenda | MOTION #1 | 1:05 PM – 1:07 PM |
| 4. Approval of Meeting Minutes | MOTION #2 | 1:07 PM – 1:10 PM |

II. PUBLIC COMMENT

1:10 PM – 1:13 PM

5. Opportunity for members of the public to address the Committee of items of interest that are within the jurisdiction of the Committee. For those who wish to provide public comment may do so in person, electronically by clicking [here](#), or by emailing hivcomm@lachiv.org.

III. COMMITTEE NEW BUSINESS ITEMS

1:13 PM – 1:15 PM

6. 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

- 7. Executive Director/Staff Report** 1:15 PM – 1:25 PM
- A. Commission (COH)/County Operational Updates
- (1) 2023 Annual Report | FINAL DRAFT
 - (2) 2024 Proposed COH Meeting Schedule
 - (3) 2024 Annual Conference Planning Workgroup
 - (4) “Commissioner Commitments”
 - (5) Hybrid Meetings: Challenges & Solutions | UPDATES
 - (6) COH Affiliation & Disclosure & PIR Forms | REMINDER
- 8. Co-Chair Report** 1:25 PM – 1:40 PM
- A. February 8, 2024 COH Meeting | FOLLOW UP & FEEDBACK
- B. March 14, 2024 COH Meeting Agenda Development
- a. New Meeting Location: MLK Behavioral Health Center
 - b. National Women & Girls HIV/AIDS Awareness Day (NWGHAAD) Presentation
 - c. Part 2 (Data): HOPWA 3-Part Series Presentation
 - d. Executive Committee At-Large Open Nominations & Elections
 - e. Membership Applications
- C. Conferences, Meetings & Trainings | OPEN FEEDBACK
- a. [2024 International AIDS Conference](#) (July 22-24, 2024)
 - b. [2024 NMAC Biomedical Prevention Summit](#) (April 19-20, 2024)
 - c. [National Ryan White Conference](#) (August 20-23, 2024)
- D. Member Vacancies & Recruitment
- 9. Division of HIV and STD Programs (DHSP) Report** 1:40 PM – 1:55 PM
- A. Fiscal, Programmatic and Procurement Updates
- (1) Ryan White Program (RWP) Part A & MAI
 - (2) Fiscal
 - (3) Mpox | UPDATES
- 10. Standing Committee Report** 1:55 PM – 2:35 PM
- A. Operations Committee
- (1) Membership Management
 - a. Membership Renewal Applications
 - Bridget Gordon | Unaffiliated Consumer, Sup. District 2 (Seat #28) **MOTION #3**
 - Alasdair Burton | HIV Stakeholder #1 (Seat #44) **MOTION #4**
 - Alexander Luckie Fuller | Provider Rep #7 (Seat #17) **MOTION #5**
 - Jose Magaña | Provider Rep #1 (Seat #11) **MOTION #6**
 - b. Attendance Letters
 - (2) Policies & Procedures
 - a. Proposed Changes to Bylaws | [Public Comment Period](#): February 12 – March 13, 2024
 - (3) Assessment of the Administrative Mechanism | UPDATE
 - (4) [2024 Training Schedule](#)
 - (5) Recruitment, Retention & Engagement

10. Standing Committee Report (cont'd)

1:55 PM – 2:35 PM

- B. Standards and Best Practices (SBP) Committee
 - (1) Prevention Services Standards | UPDATES
- C. Planning, Priorities and Allocations (PP&A) Committee
 - (1) Priority Setting & Resource Allocation (PSRA) Overview
 - (2) Status Neutral Planning
 - (3) Prevention Planning Workgroup Recommendations
 - (4) Program Year (PY) 33 DHSP Expenditure Report
 - (5) 2024 DHSP Solicitation Priorities
- D. Public Policy Committee (PPC)
 - (1) Federal, State, County Policy & Budget
 - a. 2024 Legislative Docket
 - b. 2023-2024 Policies Priority
 - c. DPH Memo in response to STD Board of Supervisors (BOS) motion

11. Caucus, Task Force, and Work Group Reports:

2:35 PM – 2:50 PM

- A. Aging Caucus
- B. Black/AA Caucus
- C. Consumer Caucus
- D. Transgender Caucus
- E. Women’s Caucus
- F. Bylaws Review Taskforce
- H. Prevention Planning Workgroup

V. NEXT STEPS

2:50 PM – 2:55 PM

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

VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS

2:55 AM – 3:00 PM

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

VII. ADJOURNMENT

3:00 PM

- 15. Adjournment for the meeting of February 22, 2024.

PROPOSED MOTIONS

MOTION #1	Approve the Agenda Order as presented or revised.
MOTION #2	Approve the meeting minutes, as presented or revised.
MOTION #3	Approve Renewal Membership Application for Bridget Gordon, Unaffiliated Consumer, Unaffiliated consumer, Supervisorial District 2 (Seat #28), as presented or revised, and forward to the Board of Supervisor for appointment.
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MOTION #6	Approve Renewal Membership Application for Jose Magaña, Provider Rep #1 (Seat #11), as presented or revised, and forward to the Board of Supervisors for appointment.



CODE OF CONDUCT

The Commission on HIV welcomes commissioners, guests, and the public into a space where people of all opinions and backgrounds are able to contribute. In this space, we challenge ourselves to be self-reflective and committed to an ongoing understanding of each other and the complex intersectionality of the lives we live. We create a safe environment where we celebrate differences while striving for consensus in the fights against our common enemies: HIV and STDs. We build trust in each other by having honest, respectful, and productive conversations. As a result, the Commission has adopted and is consistently committed to implementing the following guidelines for Commission, committee, and associated meetings.

All participants and stakeholders should adhere to the following:

- 1) We approach all our interactions with compassion, respect, and transparency.**
- 2) We respect others' time by starting and ending meetings on time, being punctual, and staying present.**
- 3) We listen with intent, avoid interrupting others, and elevate each other's voices.**
- 4) We encourage all to bring forth ideas for discussion, community planning, and consensus.**
- 5) We focus on the issue, not the person raising the issue.**
- 6) Be flexible, open-minded, and solution-focused.**
- 7) We give and accept respectful and constructive feedback.**
- 8) We keep all issues on the table (no "hidden agendas"), avoid monopolizing discussions and minimize side conversations.**
- 9) We have no place in our deliberations for racist, sexist, homophobic, transphobic, and other discriminatory statements, and "-isms" including misogyny, ableism, and ageism.**
- 10) We give ourselves permission to learn from our mistakes.**

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2024 MEMBERSHIP ROSTER | UPDATED 2.16.24

SEAT NO.	MEMBERSHIP SEAT	Commissioners Seated	Committee Assignment	COMMISSIONER	AFFILIATION (IF ANY)	TERM BEGIN	TERM ENDS	ALTERNATE
1	Medi-Cal representative			Vacant		July 1, 2023	June 30, 2025	
2	City of Pasadena representative	1	EXC SBP	Erika Davies	City of Pasadena Department of Public Health	July 1, 2022	June 30, 2024	
3	City of Long Beach representative			Vacant	Long Beach Health & Human Services	July 1, 2023	June 30, 2025	
4	City of Los Angeles representative	1	PP	Ricky Rosales	AIDS Coordinator's Office, City of Los Angeles	July 1, 2022	June 30, 2024	
5	City of West Hollywood representative	1	PP&A	Derek Murray	City of West Hollywood	July 1, 2023	June 30, 2025	
6	Director, DHSP *Non Voting	1	EXC	Mario Pérez, MPH	DHSP, LA County Department of Public Health	July 1, 2022	June 30, 2024	
7	Part B representative	1	PP&A	Karl Halfman, MA	California Department of Public Health, Office of AIDS	July 1, 2022	June 30, 2024	
8	Part C representative	1	PP	Leon Maultsby, MHA	Charles R. Drew University	July 1, 2022	June 30, 2024	
9	Part D representative	1	SBP	Mikhaela Cielo, MD	LAC + USC MCA Clinic, LA County Department of Health Services	July 1, 2023	June 30, 2025	
10	Part F representative	1	PP	Sandra Cuevas	Pacific AIDS Education and Training - Los Angeles Area	July 1, 2022	June 30, 2024	
11	Provider representative #1	1	OPS	Jose Magana	The Wall Las Memorias	July 1, 2023	June 30, 2025	
12	Provider representative #2	1	SBP	Andre Molette	Men's Health Foundation	July 1, 2022	June 30, 2024	
13	Provider representative #3	1	PP&A	Harold Glenn San Agustin, MD	JWCH Institute, Inc.	July 1, 2023	June 30, 2025	
14	Provider representative #4	1	PP&A	LaShonda Spencer, MD	Charles Drew University	July 1, 2022	June 30, 2024	
15	Provider representative #5	1	SBP	Byron Patel, RN, ACRN	Los Angeles LGBT Center	July 1, 2023	June 30, 2025	
16	Provider representative #6			Vacant		July 1, 2022	June 30, 2024	
17	Provider representative #7	1	EXC	Alexander Luckie Fuller (LOA)	Invisible Men	July 1, 2023	June 30, 2025	
18	Provider representative #8	1	SBP	Martin Sattah, MD	Rand Shrader Clinic, LA County Department of Health Services	July 1, 2022	June 30, 2024	
19	Unaffiliated consumer, SPA 1			Vacant		July 1, 2023	June 30, 2025	Kerry Ferguson (pending)
20	Unaffiliated consumer, SPA 2	1	SBP	Russell Ybarra	Unaffiliated Consumer	July 1, 2022	June 30, 2024	
21	Unaffiliated consumer, SPA 3	1	PP&A	Ish Herrera	Unaffiliated Consumer	July 1, 2023	June 30, 2025	
22	Unaffiliated consumer, SPA 4			Vacant		July 1, 2022	June 30, 2024	Lambert Talley (PP&A)
23	Unaffiliated consumer, SPA 5	1	EXC SBP	Kevin Stalter	Unaffiliated Consumer	July 1, 2023	June 30, 2025	
24	Unaffiliated consumer, SPA 6	1	OPS	Jayda Arrington	Unaffiliated Consumer	July 1, 2022	June 30, 2024	
25	Unaffiliated consumer, SPA 7			Vilma Mendoza (pending)	Unaffiliated Consumer	July 1, 2023	June 30, 2025	Ronnie Osorio (PP)
26	Unaffiliated consumer, SPA 8	1	EXC PP&A	Kevin Donnelly	Unaffiliated Consumer	July 1, 2022	June 30, 2024	
27	Unaffiliated consumer, Supervisorial District 1			Leonardo Martinez-Real (pending)	Unaffiliated Consumer	July 1, 2023	June 30, 2025	Dechelle Richardson (PP&A)
28	Unaffiliated consumer, Supervisorial District 2	1	PP	Bridget Gordon	Unaffiliated Consumer	July 1, 2022	June 30, 2024	
29	Unaffiliated consumer, Supervisorial District 3	1	SBP	Ariene Frames	Unaffiliated Consumer	July 1, 2023	June 30, 2025	
30	Unaffiliated consumer, Supervisorial District 4			Vacant		July 1, 2022	June 30, 2024	Juan Solis (SBP)
31	Unaffiliated consumer, Supervisorial District 5	1	PP&A	Felipe Gonzalez	Unaffiliated Consumer	July 1, 2023	June 30, 2025	
32	Unaffiliated consumer, at-large #1	1	PP&A	Lilieth Conolly	Unaffiliated Consumer	July 1, 2022	June 30, 2024	
33	Unaffiliated consumer, at-large #2			Vacant		July 1, 2023	June 30, 2025	Erica Robinson (OPS) David Hardy (SBP)
34	Unaffiliated consumer, at-large #3	1	PP&A	Daryl Russell, M.Ed	Unaffiliated Consumer	July 1, 2022	June 30, 2024	
35	Unaffiliated consumer, at-large #4	1	EXC	Joseph Green	Unaffiliated Consumer	July 1, 2023	June 30, 2025	
36	Representative, Board Office 1	1	EXC PP&A	Al Ballesteros, MBA	JWCH Institute, Inc.	July 1, 2022	June 30, 2024	
37	Representative, Board Office 2	1	EXC	Danielle Campbell, MPH	T.H.E Clinic, Inc. (THE)	July 1, 2023	June 30, 2025	
38	Representative, Board Office 3	1	EXC PP	Katja Nelson, MPP	APLA	July 1, 2022	June 30, 2024	
39	Representative, Board Office 4	1	EXC OPS	Justin Valero, MA	No affiliation	July 1, 2023	June 30, 2025	
40	Representative, Board Office 5	1	PP&A	Jonathan Weedman	ViaCare Community Health	July 1, 2022	June 30, 2024	
41	Representative, HOPWA			Vacant	City of Los Angeles, HOPWA	July 1, 2023	June 30, 2025	
42	Behavioral/social scientist	1	EXC PP	Lee Kocherns, MA	Unaffiliated Consumer	July 1, 2022	June 30, 2024	
43	Local health/hospital planning agency representative			Vacant		July 1, 2023	June 30, 2025	
44	HIV stakeholder representative #1	1	PP	Alasdair Burton	No affiliation	July 1, 2022	June 30, 2024	
45	HIV stakeholder representative #2	1	PP	Paul Nash, Cpsychol AFBPs FHEA	University of Southern California	July 1, 2023	June 30, 2025	
46	HIV stakeholder representative #3			Vacant	No affiliation	July 1, 2022	June 30, 2024	
47	HIV stakeholder representative #4			Vacant	No affiliation	July 1, 2023	June 30, 2025	
48	HIV stakeholder representative #5	1	PP	Mary Cummings	Bartz-Altadonna Community Health Center	July 1, 2022	June 30, 2024	
49	HIV stakeholder representative #6	1	PP	Felipe Findley, PA-C, MPAS, AAHIVS	Watts Healthcare Corp	July 1, 2023	June 30, 2025	
50	HIV stakeholder representative #7	1	PP&A	William D. King, MD, JD, AAHIVS	W. King Health Care Group	July 1, 2022	June 30, 2024	
51	HIV stakeholder representative #8	1	EXC OPS	Miguel Alvarez	No affiliation	July 1, 2022	June 30, 2024	
TOTAL:		38						

LEGEND: EXC=EXECUTIVE COMM | OPS=OPERATIONS COMM | PP&A=PLANNING, PRIORITIES & ALLOCATIONS COMM | PPC=PUBLIC POLICY COMM | SBP=STANDARDS & BEST PRACTICES COMM

LOA: Leave of Absence

Overall total: 44



COMMISSION MEMBER "CONFLICTS-OF-INTEREST"

Updated 2/7/24

In accordance with the Ryan White Program (RWP), conflict of interest is defined as any financial interest in, board membership, current or past employment, or contractual agreement with an organization, partnership, or any other entity, whether public or private, that receives funds from the Ryan White Part A program. These provisions also extend to direct ascendants and descendants, siblings, spouses, and domestic partners of Commission members and non-Commission Committee-only members. Based on the RWP legislation, HRSA guidance, and Commission policy, it is mandatory for Commission members to state all conflicts of interest regarding their RWP Part A/B and/or CDC HIV prevention-funded service contracts prior to discussions involving priority-setting, allocation, and other fiscal matters related to the local HIV continuum. Furthermore, Commission members must recuse themselves from voting on any specific RWP Part A service category(ies) for which their organization hold contracts. ***An asterisk next to member's name denotes affiliation with a County subcontracted agency listed on the addendum.***

COMMISSION MEMBERS		ORGANIZATION	SERVICE CATEGORIES
ALVAREZ	Miguel	No Affiliation	No Ryan White or prevention contracts
ARRINGTON	Jayda	Unaffiliated consumer	No Ryan White or prevention contracts
BALLESTEROS	AI	JWCH, INC.	HIV Testing Storefront
			HIV Testing & Syphilis Screening, Diagnosis, & inked Referral...(CSV)
			STD Screening, Diagnosis, and Treatment
			Health Education/Risk Reduction (HERR)
			Mental Health
			Oral Healthcare Services
			Transitional Case Management
			Ambulatory Outpatient Medical (AOM)
			Benefits Specialty
			Biomedical HIV Prevention
			Medical Care Coordination (MCC)
Transportation Services			
BURTON	Alasdair	No Affiliation	No Ryan White or prevention contracts
CAMPBELL *	Danielle	T.H.E. Clinic, Inc.	See attached subcontractor's list
CIELO	Mikhaela	LAC & USC MCA Clinic	Biomedical HIV Prevention
CUEVAS	Sandra	Pacific AIDS Education and Training - Los Angeles	No Ryan White or prevention contracts
CUMMINGS	Mary	Bartz-Altadonna Community Health Center	No Ryan White or prevention contracts
DAVIES	Erika	City of Pasadena	HIV Testing Storefront
			HIV Testing & Sexual Networks
DOAN	Pearl	No Affiliation	No Ryan White or prevention contracts
DONNELLY	Kevin	Unaffiliated consumer	No Ryan White or prevention contracts

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FINDLEY	Felipe	Watts Healthcare Corporation	Transportation Services
			Ambulatory Outpatient Medical (AOM)
			Medical Care Coordination (MCC)
			Oral Health Care Services
			Biomedical HIV Prevention
			STD Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment
FRAMES	Arlene	Unaffiliated consumer	No Ryan White or prevention contracts
FULLER	Luckie	Invisible Men	No Ryan White or prevention contracts
GONZALEZ	Felipe	Unaffiliated consumer	No Ryan White or Prevention Contracts
GORDON	Bridget	Unaffiliated consumer	No Ryan White or prevention contracts
GREEN	Joseph	Unaffiliated consumer	No Ryan White or prevention contracts
HALFMAN	Karl	California Department of Public Health, Office of AIDS	Part B Grantee
HARDY	David	LAC-USC Rand Schrader Clinic	No Ryan White or prevention contracts
HERRERA	Ismael "Ish"	Unaffiliated consumer	No Ryan White or prevention contracts
KOCHEMS	Lee	Unaffiliated consumer	No Ryan White or prevention contracts
KING	William	W. King Health Care Group	No Ryan White or prevention contracts
MAGANA	Jose	The Wall Las Memorias, Inc.	HIV Testing Storefront
			HIV Testing Social & Sexual Networks
MARTINEZ (PP&A Member)	Miguel	Children's Hospital Los Angeles	Ambulatory Outpatient Medical (AOM)
			HIV Testing Storefront
			STD Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment
			Biomedical HIV Prevention
			Medical Care Coordination (MCC)
			Transportation Services
			Promoting Healthcare Engagement Among Vulnerable Populations
MAULTSBY	Leon	Charles R. Drew University	Biomedical HIV Prevention
			HIV Testing Storefront
			HIV Testing Social & Sexual Networks
MINTLINE (SBP Member)	Mark	Western University of Health Sciences (No Affiliation)	No Ryan White or prevention contracts
MURRAY	Derek	City of West Hollywood	No Ryan White or prevention contracts
NASH	Paul	University of Southern California	Biomedical HIV Prevention

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NELSON	Katja	APLA Health & Wellness	Case Management, Home-Based
			Benefits Specialty
			Nutrition Support
			HIV Testing Social & Sexual Networks
			STD Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment
			Sexual Health Express Clinics (SHEX-C)
			Health Education/Risk Reduction
			Biomedical HIV Prevention
			Oral Healthcare Services
			Ambulatory Outpatient Medical (AOM)
			Medical Care Coordination (MCC)
			HIV and STD Prevention Services in Long Beach
			Transportation Services
			Nutrition Support
OSORIO	Ronnie	Center For Health Justice (CHJ)	Transitional Case Management - Jails
			Promoting Healthcare Engagement Among Vulnerable Populations
PATEL	Byron	Los Angeles LGBT Center	Ambulatory Outpatient Medical (AOM)
			HIV Testing Storefront
			HIV Testing Social & Sexual Networks
			STD Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment
			Health Education/Risk Reduction
			Biomedical HIV Prevention
			Medical Care Coordination (MCC)
			Promoting Healthcare Engagement Among Vulnerable Populations
Transportation Services			
PERÉZ	Mario	Los Angeles County, Department of Public Health, Division of HIV and STD Programs	Ryan White/CDC Grantee
RICHARDSON	Dechelle	AMAAD Institute	Community Engagement/EHE
ROBINSON	Erica	Health Matters Clinic	No Ryan White or prevention contracts
ROBINSON	Mallery	No Affiliation	No Ryan White or prevention contracts
ROBINSON	Redeem	All Souls Movement (No Affiliation)	No Ryan White or prevention contracts
ROSALES	Ricky	City of Los Angeles AIDS Coordinator	No Ryan White or prevention contracts
RUSSEL	Daryl	Unaffiliated consumer	No Ryan White or prevention contracts

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SATTAH	Martin	Rand Schrader Clinic LA County Department of Health Services	No Ryan White or prevention contracts

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SAN AGUSTIN	Harold	JWCH, INC.	HIV Testing Storefront
			HIV Testing & Syphilis Screening, Diagnosis, & inked Referral...(CSV)
			STD Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment
			Health Education/Risk Reduction
			Mental Health
			Oral Healthcare Services
			Transitional Case Management
			Ambulatory Outpatient Medical (AOM)
			Benefits Specialty
			Biomedical HIV Prevention
			Medical Care Coordination (MCC)
			Transportation Services
SOLIS *	Juan	UCLA Labor Center	See attached subcontractor's list
SPENCER	LaShonda	Oasis Clinic (Charles R. Drew University/Drew CARES)	Biomedical HIV Prevention
			HIV Testing Storefront
			HIV Testing Social & Sexual Networks
STALTER	Kevin	Unaffiliated consumer	No Ryan White or prevention contracts
TALLEY	Lambert	Grace Center for Health & Healing (No Affiliation)	No Ryan White or prevention contracts
VALERO	Justin	No Affiliation	No Ryan White or prevention contracts
WEEDMAN	Jonathan	ViaCare Community Health	Biomedical HIV Prevention
YBARRA	Russell	Capitol Drugs	No Ryan White or prevention contracts

The following list and addendum present the conflicts of interest for Commission members who represent agencies with Part A/B and/or CDC HIV Prevention-funded service contracts and/or subcontracts with the County of Los Angeles. For a list of County-contracted agencies and subcontractors, please defer to Conflict of Interest & Affiliation Disclosure Form.

Division of HIV and STD Programs Contracted Community Services		
ORGANIZATION	SERVICE CATEGORY	SUBCONTRACTOR
AIDS Healthcare Foundation (AHF)	Mental Health	
	Medical Specialty	
	Oral Health	
APLA Health & Wellness (AHW)	Ambulatory Outpatient Medical (AOM)	
	Case Management Home-Based	Libertana Home Health, Caring Choice, The Wright Home Care, Cambrian, Care Connection, Envoy
	Nutrition Support (Food Bank/Pantry Service)	AIDS Food Store, Foothill AIDS Project, JWCH, Project Angel
	Oral Health	Dostal Laboratories
	STD Testing and STD Screening, Diagnosis & Treatment Services (STD-SDTS)	
	STD-Ex.C	
	Biomedical HIV Prevention Services	
AltaMed Health Services	Case Management Home-Based	Envoy, Caring Choice, Health Talent Strategies, Hope International
	Mental Health	
	Vulnerable Populations (YMSM)	TWLMP
Bienestar Human Services (BEN)	Nutrition Support (Food Bank/Pantry Service)	
	Vulnerable Populations (Trans)	CHLA, SJW
Black AIDS Institute	HTS - Storefront	LabLinc Mobile Testing Unit Contract
Center for Health Justice (CHJ)	Transitional Case Management (Jails)	
	Vulnerable Populations (YMSM)	
Childrens Hospital Los Angeles (CHL)	AOM	
	Vulnerable Populations (YMSM)	APAIT
	HTS - Storefront	AMAAD, Center for Health Justice, Sunrise Community Counseling Center
Coachman Moore and Associates	STD Prevention	
East Los Angeles Womens Center	HERR	
East Valley Community Health Center (EVC)	AOM	
Essential Access Health (formerly California Family Health Council)	STD Infertility Prevention and District 2	
Friends Research Institute	HERR	
Greater Los Angeles Agency on Deafness, Inc. (GLAD)	HERR	LIFESIGNS, Inc., Sign Language Interpreter Services
Heluna Health	Linkage to Care Service for Persons Living with HIV	EHE Mini Grants (MHF; Kavich-Reynolds; SJW; CDU; Kedren Comm Health Ctr; RLA; SCC; EHE Priority Populations (BEN; ELW; LGBT; SJW; SMM; WLM; UCLA LAFANN; Spanish Telehealth Mental Health Services; Translation/Transcription Services; Public Health Detailing; HIV Workforce Development
In the Meantime Men's Group	Vulnerable Populations (YMSM)	Resilient Solutions Agency
JWCH Institute, Inc. (JWCH)	Mental Health	Bienestar
	Oral Health	USC School of Dentistry
	Biomedical HIV Prevention Services	
LAC University of Southern California Medical Center Foundation, Inc.	Community Engagement and Related Services	AMAAD, Program Evaluation Services, Community Partner Agencies
LAC-DHS Housing for Health (DHS)	Housing Assistance Services	Heluna Health
Los Angeles LGBT Center (LGBT)	AOM	Barton & Associates
	Vulnerable Populations (YMSM)	Bienestar, CHLA, The Walls Las Memorias, Black AIDS Institute
	Vulnerable Populations (Trans)	Special Services for Groups, Translatin@ Coalition, CHLA, Friends

Men's Health Foundation (Anthony Martin Mills, MD)	AOM	AMMD (Medical Services)
	Biomedical HIV Prevention Services	
	Vulnerable Populations (YMSM)	
	Sexual Health Express Clinics (SHEX-C)	AMMD - Contracted Medical Services
Minority AIDS Project (MAP)	Case Management Home-Based	Caring Choice, Envoy
Northeast Valley Health Corporation (NEV)	AOM	
	Mental Health	
	STD Testing and STD Screening, Diagnosis & Treatment Services (STD-SDTS)	
Project New Hope (PNH)	Residential Facility For the Chronically Ill (RCFCI)	
Public Health Foundation Enterprises (PHF)	Transitional Case Management (Jails)	
St. John's Well Child and Family Center (SJW)	HTS - Social and Sexual Networks	Black AIDS Institute
St. Mary Medical Center (SMM)	AOM	
	Case Management Home-Based	Envoy, Cambrian, Caring Choice
	Oral Health	Dental Laboratory
T.H.E. Clinic, Inc. (THE)	AOM	
The Wall Las Memorias Project	HTS - Storefront	
	HTS - Social and Sexual Networks	
Tarzana Treatment Center (TTC)	AOM	New Health Consultant
	Case Management Home-Based	Always Right Home, Envoy
	Mental Health	
The Regents of the University of California (UCLA)	Oral Health-Endo	
	Oral Health-Gen.	
University of Southern California School of Dentistry (USC-Ostrow)	Oral Health-Endo	Patient Lab - Burbank Dental Lab, DenTech; Biopsies - Pacific Oral Pathology
	Oral Health-Gen.	Patient Lab Services
Venice Family Clinic (VFC)	AOM	UCLA
	Benefit Specialty	UCLA
	Medical Care Coordination	UCLA
Watts Healthcare Corporation (WHC)	Oral Health	



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COMMITTEE MEMBERS			
P = Present A = Absent EA=Excused Absence AB2449=Virtual			
Luckie Fuller, Co-Chair (LOA)	EA	Kevin Donnelly	P
Joseph Green, Co-Chair, Pro Tem	P	Lee Kochems, MA	P (AB2449)
Danielle Campbell, PhDc, MPH	P	Katja Nelson, MPP	P
Miguel Alvarez (EXEC At-Large)	P	Mario J. Perez, MPH	P
Al Ballesteros, MBA	A	Kevin Stalter	A
Erika Davies	EA	Justin Valero	EA
COMMISSION STAFF AND CONSULTANTS			
Cheryl Barrit, MPIA; Lizette Martinez, MPH; Dawn Mc Clendon; Jose Rangel-Garibay, MPH; and Sonja Wright, DACM			
DHSP STAFF			
No other DHSP staff in attendance			

Meeting agenda and materials can be found on the Commission’s website [HERE](#)

I. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

1. CALL TO ORDER & MEETING GUIDELINES/REMINDERS

Danielle Campbell, PhDc, MPH, commenced the Executive Committee meeting at around 1:12PM and provided an overview of the meeting guidelines. Quorum was not reached.

2. INTRODUCTIONS, ROLL CALL, & CONFLICTS OF INTEREST STATEMENTS

D. Campbell initiated introductions and requested that Committee members their state conflicts of interest. Cheryl Barrit, MPIA, Executive Director, led roll call.

ROLL CALL (PRESENT): Miguel Alvarez, Kevin Donnelly, Lee Kochems (AB2449), Katja Nelson, Mario Pérez, Joseph Green, and Danielle Campbell.

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2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION #2: Approve the Agenda Order, as presented or revised. *(Not approved; quorum was not reached).*

3. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

MOTION #3: Approve the Executive Committee minutes, as presented or revised. *(Not approved; quorum was not reached.)*

II. PUBLIC COMMENT

4. OPPORTUNITY FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE COMMISSION ON ITEMS OF INTEREST THAT ARE WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF THE COMMISSION.

Alasdair Burton voiced concerns about persistent technical difficulties in conducting hybrid meetings and expressed a strong desire to address these issues. Additionally, he highlighted ongoing concerns about the consistent absence of a quorum at committee meetings and stressed the importance of reminding members about the necessity of regular attendance.

III. COMMITTEE NEW BUSINESS ITEMS

5. OPPORTUNITY FOR COMMITTEE 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, OR WHERE THE NEED TO TAKE ACTION AROSE SUBSEQUENT TO THE POSTING OF THE AGENDA.

No committee new business items.

IV. REPORTS

6. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR/STAFF REPORT

A. Commission (COH)/County Operational Updates

(1) 2023 Annual Report Planning

Chery Barrit, MPIA, Executive Director, reported that the draft of the 2023 Annual Report is in the meeting packet for the members' review and feedback. The final version will be submitted to the Board of Supervisors and posted on the COH's website.

(2) 2024 Meeting Schedule Review

C. Barrit referenced the proposed 2024 Meeting Schedule from the meeting packet for the Committee's review and input. The schedule serves as a framework to guide the COH's planning, prioritizing topics relevant to ending the HIV epidemic and enhancing meeting effectiveness and efficiency.

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- Kevin Donnelly requested that the PY 32 Service Utilization Reports, presented to the Planning, Priorities & Allocations (PP&A) Committee, be added to the 2024 Meeting schedule for presentation to the Commission and community.

(3) COH Affiliation & Disclosure & PIR Forms | REMINDER

C. Barrit reminded the group to submit their affiliation and disclosure and PIR forms to ensure compliance with HRSA guideless; hard copies are available if members are not able to submit electronically.

7. Co-Chair Report

A. January 11, 2024 COH Meeting | FOLLOW UP & FEEDBACK

Concerns were raised about the challenge of addressing all COH business, particularly standing reports, within the scheduled meeting time. Participants emphasized the need to avoid frequent extensions due to mismanagement. It was noted that Jim Stewart, the parliamentarian, should provide better support to the COH co-chairs in managing meetings effectively.

- D. Campbell requested that a large clock/timer be incorporated as a tool to assist in managing members and public's comments.

B. February 8, 2024 COH Meeting Agenda Development

The Committee reviewed the agenda for the February 8 COH meeting, focusing on time allocations to accommodate standing reports from the previous meeting. It was suggested to use comment cards to gather offline feedback for better meeting time management. Comments collected will be addressed and documented in the meeting minutes.

The agenda will include the following items:

- (1) Standing Report & Motions from January 11 COH Meeting
 - Collapse January and February standing committee reports
- (2) National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day (NBHAAD) Presentation
 - Allocate 45 minutes to 1 hour; agendize at top of the agenda – first presentation
- (3) HOPWA 3-Part Series Presentation
 - Allocate 1 hour; agendize after the break
- (4) Executive Committee At-Large Open Nominations
 - Three at-large seats are available
 - Miguel Alvarez was nominated

a. 2024 Committee Co-Chairs Open Nomination & Elections | STATUS UPDATES

Congratulations to the following 2024 Committee Co-Chairs:

- Planning, Priorities & Allocations (PP&A): Kevin Donnelly & Felipe Gonzalez
- Operations: Jose Magana & Justin Valero
- Standards & Best Practices: Kevin Stalter & Ericka Davies
- Public Policy: Katja Nelson & Lee Kochems
- Aging Caucus: Kevin Donnelly & Dr. Paul Nash
- Black Caucus: Danielle Campbell & Leon Maultsby
- Consumer Caucus: Lilieth Conolly, Ish Herrera & Damone Thomas

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- Transgender Caucus: Xelestíal Moreno-Luz & Jade Ali
- Women's Caucus: Shary Alonzo & Dr. Mikhaela Cielo

D. Conferences, Meetings & Trainings | OPEN FEEDBACK

a. [2024 International AIDS Conference](#) (July 22-24, 2024)

b. [2024 NMAC Biomedical Prevention Summit](#) (April 19-20, 2024)

COH scholarship for sponsorship is open for two unaffiliated consumers; see staff for information.

C. Barrit shared that the National Ryan White Conference will be held on August 20-23, 2024 in Washington DC and will be held in person, with a virtual option. As a standing practice, DHSP has informed us that two COH members are designated to attend, suggested attendees are COH Co-Chairs and/or Consumer Caucus Co-Chairs contingent upon availability.

E. **Member Vacancies & Recruitment** Refer to *Operations Committee report*.

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

A. Fiscal, Programmatic and Procurement Updates

(1) Ryan White Program (RWP) Part A & MAI

Mario J. Peréz, MPH, Director (DHSP), provided the following key highlights and updates:

- DHSP is tracking the number of COVID cases and CDC's new rules regarding masking.
- Four cases of Mpox were reported last week yet the overall cases are relatively low. 26% of PLWH have had at least one vaccine dose.
- M. Peréz attended the Health Deputy's meeting to discuss the recommendation to renew 56 Ryan White Program contracts, contract amendments for contractor Audacity (managing many DHSP promotional campaigns), and increased investments to contractor Rescue Agency for syphilis awareness campaigns. DHSP will present a Ryan White Program overview at a future Health Deputy meeting.
- DHSP launched a new website, [I'm + LA](#), a compliment to its [Get Protected LA](#) website. This addition highlights RWP services and resources for people living with HIV.
- DHSP will soon launch a provider training campaign around Doxycycline for STI PEP to ensure physicians feel comfortable prescribing DoxyPEP as a STI prevention tool. Medical mistrust and the past performance of the PrEP roll-out are major considerations in how DoxyPEP will be promoted and marketed.
- Thanks all those who participated in the development of the PrEP marketing campaign for the Black community; campaign will launch soon.
- Given the triple syndemic of COVID, RSV, and flu, there was a strong recommendation for continued mask-wearing and for more people to receive their booster shots.

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9. Standing Committee Report

A. Operations Committee

J. Green, on behalf of the Operations Committee Co-Chairs, reported the following key highlights and updates:

(1) Membership Management

a. New Membership Applications

- Vilma Mendoza | Unaffiliated Consumer, SPA 7 MOTION #3 (*Quorum was not reached; motion elevates to February 8, 2024 COH meeting.*)
- Leonardo Martinez-Real | Unaffiliated Consumer, Supervisorial District MOTION #4
- Kerry Ferguson | Alternate MOTION #5 (*Quorum was not reached; motion elevates to February 8, 2024 COH meeting.*)

b. Seat Vacate | Redeem Robinson MOTION #6 (*Quorum was not reached; motion elevates to February 8, 2024 COH meeting.*)

Staff reported that efforts have been made to reach out to R. Robinson regarding resuming Commission membership after a leave of absence, but no response has been received thus far.

- The Committee agreed to proceed with vacating R. Robinson's seat, with the understanding that he may reapply at a later time if interested.

c. Attendance Review

Staff led the Committee through the Attendance Report, highlighting members with extensive unexcused absences per the Attendance Policy.

- The Committee directed staff to send out Attendance Letters to members Juan Solis and Pearl Doan.

d. Membership Application Lifecycle

Staff provided a refresher on the membership application process, outlining both the application and onboarding steps.

- The Committee requested that the presentation be uploaded to the COH's website for reference.

(2) Policies & Procedures

a. Proposed Bylaws Updates | REVIEW

- C. Barrit reviewed the one-page summary in the meeting packet, highlighting key proposed changes to the Bylaws as directed by the Bylaws Review Taskforce (BRT).
 - The Committee requested a comprehensive presentation for the February COH meeting, to which staff agreed. They will develop slides to support BRT leadership during the presentation.
- The Committee inquired regarding the status of increasing stipends. Staff noted that the discussion is pending with DHSP as they have governing authority to approve. Staff shared that the BOS representatives expressed support for increasing stipends.
- Joe Green proposed implementing a "range" for stipends, i.e., \$300 to \$500, based on the level of member participation. For instance, eligible unaffiliated consumer members who meet core eligibility requirements (attending 3 meetings) and hold

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leadership positions or serve on multiple committees or working groups would receive the higher end of the stipend range.

(3) Assessment of the Administrative Mechanism | UPDATE

Staff is currently working on directing a Sole Source Request through the County's procurement process to procure Collaborative Research in leading the AAM efforts. Updates forthcoming.

(4) 2024 Training Schedule

Refer to the schedule for the 2024 training series; the first session will focus on Co-Chair Roles & Responsibilities and will be held virtually February 13, 2024 4-5PM. Members in leadership positions are encouraged to participate; all trainings are open to the public.

(5) Recruitment, Retention & Engagement

The Committee continues to actively promote recruitment and engagement activities across the COH's various events and meetings. To further this initiative, a series will be initiated to highlight members' roles and responsibilities, allowing them to share their efforts in fulfilling these duties.

B. Standards and Best Practices (SBP) Committee *No updates reported.*

C. Planning, Priorities and Allocations (PP&A) Committee

Kevin Donnelly, PP&A Co-Chair, reported that the Committee last met on January 23, 2024 and shared the following key highlights and updates:

- The Committee elected K. Donnelly and Felipe Gonzalez as the 2024 Committee Co-Chairs.
- COH staff Lizette Martinez provided an overview of the draft Comprehensive HIV Plan Progress Report.
- COH staff requested the 2024 Solicitation Schedule from DHSP.

(1) Los Angeles County HIV & STI Status Neutral Service Delivery Framework MOTION #7
(Quorum was not reached; motion elevates to February 8, 2024 COH meeting.)

(2) Fiscal Year 2022 Utilization Report - Case Management (CM) Services: Benefits Specialty, Transitional CM-Jails, Home-Based CM and the Linkage and Re-Engagement (LRP)

DHSP presented on the Case Management Cluster service utilization data. The Committee noted that the revised utilization report format is easier to follow than previous reports and appreciated the concise format and highlighting key details needed to assist in the priority setting process.

(3) Draft Status Neutral Priority Setting and Resource Allocation (PSRA) Framework, Current Allocations and Priorities, and Prevention Planning Workgroup Recommendations

Due to time constraints, this discussion was postponed until the next PP&A Committee meeting. Members were asked to review the materials ahead of the February meeting and submit any feedback or questions to Commission staff.

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C. Public Policy Committee (PPC)

Katja Nelson, PPC Committee Co-Chair, reported the following key highlights and updates:

- On January 7, 2024, Congress reached an agreement on \$1.6 trillion top-line federal spending level which is aimed at averting a partial government shutdown. The first deadline was on January 19, 2024, which extended the Continuing Resolution to March 1, 2024. The Committee will continue to closely monitor any updates related to the federal budget.
- A proposed budgetary loan of \$500 million from the state's ADAP Rebate Fund to the General Fund should not impact People Living with HIV yet sets a dangerous precedence in exploiting safety net programs for vulnerable populations.
- Reference to AIDS United letter to Congress' appropriations committee expressing concerns regarding the severe reduction in FY24 funding for critical public health programs which help prevent, treat, care and support those affected by the HIV, viral hepatitis, and sexually transmitted infection (STI) epidemics.
- K. Nelson suggested to reach out to the Alliance for Healthy Equity to partner on advocacy efforts.

(1) Federal, State, County Policy & Budget

a. 2024 Legislative Docket

The Committee will begin monitoring the state Assembly and Senate for any bills introduced of interest to the PPC and the Commission. The last day for bills to be introduced is on February 16, 2024. The last day for each house to pass bills introduced in that house is May 24, 2024

b. 2023-2024 Policies Priority

c. DPH Memo in response to STD Board of Supervisors (BOS) motion

- The Director of the Department of Public Health, Barbara Ferrer, and the Director of the Division on HIV and STD Programs (DHSP), Mario Perez provided a report on Sexually Transmitted Infection Crisis to the Board on December 19, 2023. K. Nelson attended the BOS meeting in-person and provided public comment and shared that she was a bit discouraged by the low turnout of COH stakeholders and the low number of public comments submitted.
- Continued reminders for members' participation in Health Deputy and BOS meetings are sent out by COH staff, encouraging public comments to champion COH and HIV-related initiatives.

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10. Caucus, Task Force, and Work Group Reports

A. Aging Caucus

K. Donnelly, Aging Caucus Co-Chair, reported that the Caucus is collaborating with the Women's Caucus to address women 50+ living with HIV.

B. Black/AA Caucus

D. Campbell, Black Caucus Co-Chair, shared that the Caucus is currently planning for its NBHAAD presentation to be held as part of the February 8, 2024 COH meeting. Additionally, the Caucus continues its planning for the Community Listening Sessions.

C. Consumer Caucus

D. Mc Clendon, COH staff, shared that the Caucus elected its three Co-Chairs – Lilieth Conolly, Ish Herrera and Damone Thomas, thanking Alasdair Burton for his leadership and support as the outgoing chair. The Caucus is currently developing its 2024 workplan.

D. Transgender Caucus

C. Barrit reported that the Caucus is developing its 2024 workplan and will work with the Public Policy Committee in lifting policies that impact the rights of the Trans community and elevating issues around harm reduction.

E. Women's Caucus

D. Mc Clendon, COH staff, reported that the Caucus met on January 22, 2024 and elected its 2024 Co-Chairs – Shary Alonzo and Dr. Mikhaela Cielo. The Caucus is working on developing its 2024 workplan to include collaboration with the Aging Caucus and a virtual Lunch & Learn series.

F. **Bylaws Review Taskforce** *Refer to Operations Committee Report.*

V. NEXT STEPS

11. Task/Assignments Recap

- Due to lack of quorum, all motions elevate to the February 8, 2024 COH meeting.
- Members to review draft 2024 Meeting Schedule for feedback.
- COH staff to develop presentation slides for February 8th bylaws presentation.
- COH staff to work with HOPWA representatives to prepare for its 3-part HOPWA report series at the February-April COH meetings.
- Recommendation to incorporate raffles at the COH meeting as an incentive for attendance and engagement.

12. Agenda development for the next meeting

Refer to minutes.

VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS

13. Opportunity for members of the public and the committee to make announcements

- K. Donnelly updated his previous announcement to note that the Coping with Hope conference will be on May 10, 2024.
- CHIPTS Next Generation Conference will be held at UCLA on January 26, 2024.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment for the meeting of January 25, 2024 @ 3:00PM.

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2023 ANNUAL REPORT



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VISION

A comprehensive, sustainable, accessible system of prevention and care that empower people at risk, living with or affected by HIV to make decisions and to maximize their lifespans and quality of life.

MISSION

The Los Angeles County (LAC) Commission on HIV (Commission) focuses on the local HIV/ AIDS epidemic and responds to the changing needs of people living with HIV/AIDS (PLWHA) within the communities of Los Angeles County. The Commission provides an effective continuum of care that addresses consumer needs in a sensitive prevention and care/ treatment model that is culturally and linguistically competent and inclusive of all Service Planning Areas (SPAs) and Health Districts (HDs).



In 2022 in Los Angeles County, there are approximately 53,599 persons living with diagnosed HIV. There are approximately 1,400 new HIV transmissions a year in Los Angeles County. This disease continues to be a serious health epidemic necessitating continued local, state, and federal legislation, policies, planning, and service delivery efforts.

The Commission serves as the local planning council for the planning, allocation, coordination and delivery of HIV/AIDS and Sexually Transmitted Infections (STI) services.

The Commission is composed of 51 members appointed by the Board of Supervisors (BOS) and represents a broad and diverse group of providers, consumers, and stakeholders. Thirty-three percent of the members are people living with HIV/AIDS (PLWH) who are consumers of the federally- funded Ryan White Program.

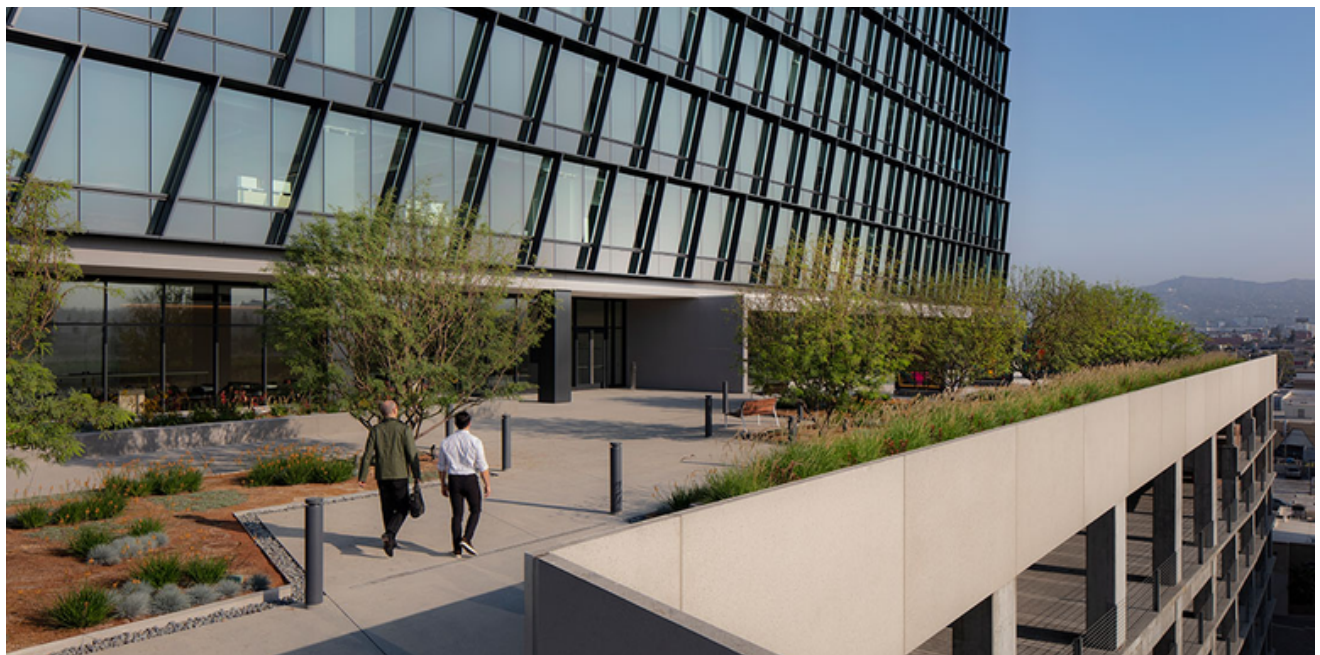
As an integrated planning body for HIV/STI prevention and care services in Los Angeles County, through its five standing committees (Executive, Operations, Planning, Priorities and Allocations (PP&A), Public Policy, and Standards & Best Practices (SBP), the Commission is responsible for:

- Setting care/treatment priorities/allocations
 - Developing a comprehensive prevention and care plan
 - Assessing the administrative mechanism of service delivery
 - Evaluating service system effectiveness
 - Service coordination
 - Conducting needs assessments
 - Setting minimum service standards/outcomes
 - Defining ways to best meet the needs of PLWH and communities at highest risk of infection
 - Resolving service system grievances
 - Promoting the availability of services
 - Evaluating other streams of funding
 - Advising the BOS on all County HIV and STI funding
 - Policy development and advocacy work
 - Advising the Board on other HIV and STI-related matters
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YEAR IN REVIEW

KEY ACCOMPLISHMENTS

2023 marked the resumption of in-person meetings, re-sparking community and personal connections that sustain and energize HIV movement. While the COVID-19 pandemic and the Mpox outbreak brought challenges that tested the service delivery capacity of the local HIV prevention and care network, the people behind the HIV movement – led by people living with HIV, stakeholders, community-based organizations, and partners- coalesced and mobilized together to respond to the shifting health and social needs of the community. 2023 underscored the continuing need to center the Commission’s planning, outreach, and educational efforts around communities that shoulder the disproportionate impact of HIV, and key intersecting health issues such as STIs, mental health, substance use, housing and poverty, and racism.



The Commission resumed in-person meetings at the Vermont Corridor in March 2023.

YEAR IN REVIEW

KEY ACCOMPLISHMENTS

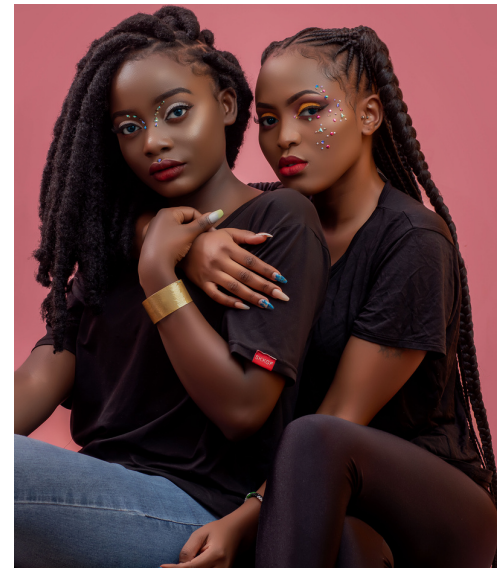
Given the nearly 3 years of virtual meetings due to the COVID-19 pandemic, 2023 provided an opportunity to re-engage with the community and take stock of the profound challenges that hinder the pace and scale of action required to end HIV. The affordable housing and homelessness crisis and rising cost of living put in danger the ability of PLWH to engage and remain in care and maintain viral suppression. Economic instability also heightens the risk for acquiring HIV and STIs for marginalized communities. Systemic barriers to accessing care such as insufficient insurance coverage; healthcare and public health staffing shortages; stigma and bias in the medical community; transportation and work-related barriers; and patient language barriers, continue to test the capacity of the Commission as a local HIV planning council to respond effectively to these challenges. Despite the enormity of these systemic barriers, they offer opportunities for improvement and efficiencies for the Commission. As such, the Commission's 2023 Annual Report highlights key accomplishments that demonstrate our commitment to keeping HIV/STI visible in the eyes and minds of the community and decision-makers and elevating the voices of PLWH and consumers as leaders of the HIV movement.



In commemoration of National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day (NBHAAD), the Black Caucus led a panel presentation titled, “Mobilizing Momentum: Building and Maintaining Movement of Black Communities Using the Principles of Kujichagulia (Self-Determination)” on February 9, 2023. Danielle Campbell and Gerald Garth, Black Caucus Co-Chairs, facilitated a robust panel discussion centered on mobilizing momentum and building and maintaining movement within Black communities. The panel was convened against the background of public health ills that affect the Black community. The purpose of the conversation was to further discuss how to continue to mobilize and change the negative health outcomes that are a result of historical systems of oppression. Panelists included Leisha McKinley-Beach, MPH, HIV expert, community mobilization trainer, and strategic planner for state HIV prevention programs; Abraham Johnson, MPH, “Urban Intellect;” and DaShawn Usher, an award-winning advocate, published researcher, and celebrated leader within the LGBT and HIV prevention field. The presentation was given in commemoration of NBHAAD and Black History Month.



The Black Caucus continued its commitment to implementing the recommendations the group developed in 2019 to address the disproportionate impact of HIV/AIDS in the Black/African American communities of Los Angeles County. The Black Caucus collaborated with DHSP to develop a needs assessment aimed at understanding how to increase the number of Black-led agencies funded by the Division of HIV and STD Programs (DHSP) to advance efforts to end HIV in LA County. In LA County, Black people represent 21.3% of new HIV diagnoses despite comprising 8% of the total population. The Caucus helped design a needs assessment aimed at understanding the organizational capacity of Black-led and Black-serving agencies. The Black Caucus recommended agencies to interview for the assessment and provided input on the survey questions. The findings from the needs assessment are slated to be released by March 2024 and will outline specific ideas on tailored capacity-building activities to strengthen Black-led agencies in LA County and ways public health funders can improve upon their procurement processes to advance equity among its grantees.





The Black Caucus also collaborated with DHSP to promote PrEP services in the Black community and provided feedback on social marketing messages, collateral material designs, and outreach strategies that appeal to Black communities across diverse perspectives.



Additionally, the Black Caucus has further activated stakeholders in the Black community by planning a series of community listening sessions aimed at harnessing community-rooted and driven ideas on how to improve the prevention and care service delivery system to specifically address the sexual health needs of the Black community. The group has identified the following groups within the Black community as the focus of the listening sessions: interfaith community leaders; same gender loving men; youth; justice involved individuals; non-traditional providers; and non-U.S. born/Caribbean immigrants. The first round of listening session on the interfaith community leaders is anticipated to occur in March/April 2024.



The U.S. People Living with HIV Caucus states that MIPA is about ensuring that the communities affected by HIV are involved in decision-making at every level of response. The Consumer Caucus of the Commission serves as the primary mechanism for consumers of HIV/STI prevention and care services to weigh in on service, policy, funding, and programmatic matters in Los Angeles County. In 2023, members of the Consumer Caucus amplified their voices by attending Health Deputies and Board meetings to provide public comments regarding matters that impact their health and provided feedback to DHSP on how to improve services around DHSP’s customer support program, medical care coordination, emergency financial assistance, housing, and other services. The group also provided important feedback that helped shape the development of “I’M + LA”, a website promoting free or low-cost services funded under the Ryan White Program. The website features program fact sheets, eligibility and paperwork requirements, and contact information for enrollment. To further spur consumer leadership, the Consumer Caucus hosted its first community retreat to reflect on key successes and challenges for 2023 and outline how the group can support consumer education and empowerment for 2024 and beyond.



The Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), the federal agency with oversight of the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program, conducted an administrative site visit of Los Angeles County’s Ryan White program in February 2023. The Consumer Caucus advocated for and successfully secured a closed session meeting with federal officials which provided an opportunity for consumers to share their concerns and ideas for service delivery and planning council improvement directly with HRSA staff. While the meeting with HRSA officials was a listen only format, federal staff were impressed with the level of leadership, knowledge, and engagement of consumers in local HIV planning. The HRSA site visit team provided feedback to the Commission on measures to improve its operations and procedures to ensure compliance with the Ryan White Care Act. To that end, the Commission reviewed and updated its bylaws in response to HRSA’s review. A public comment period and the full body’s approval of the bylaws is slated for the first half of 2024.

The Commission is committed to supporting MIPA through leadership development and sponsorship of consumers to attend and represent the Commission at local, regional, state and national conferences. In 2023, consumer members of the Commission attended the virtual portion of the International AIDS Conference, Biomedical HIV Prevention Summit, US Conference on HIV/AIDS (USCHA), and the California Collaboration in Care Conference on Improving HIV and Aging Services. The theme of the 2023 USCHA Conference was “A Love Letter to Black Women” and celebrated the contributions of Black women to the fight against HIV. Commissioner Lilieth Conolly received a full scholarship to attend the USCHA conference and was part of the 50+ scholars for 2023.



Recognizing the importance of providing quality supportive services for women to remain engaged in care and achieve viral suppression, the Women's Caucus provided critical feedback to DHSP to help shape psychosocial support programs that are responsive to the health needs of women. The Caucus appealed for peer-based support groups with content that address mental health, coping with family and caretaking responsibilities, and HIV-related stigma. After many years of advocating for childcare services to be included in the menu of services funded under the Ryan White Program, the Women's Caucus provided input that helped shape the release of a request for proposals for childcare services. While the Caucus shares DHSP's disappointment that no proposals were received, the group remains hopeful that qualified agencies will apply and that more creative mechanisms for funding and operationalizing childcare services might emerge in the future.



Members of the Women's Caucus attending a special lecture at UCLA on harnessing Black girls' strength.

In keeping with the Aging Caucus' commitment to understanding and addressing the evolving experiences of long-term survivors, the group developed an additional set of recommendations that recognized the spectrum and onset of HIV-related health issues that occur at different ages. The Aging Caucus' additional recommendations aim to be inclusive of long-term survivors (LTS) under 50 years old and those who acquired HIV perinatally (also referred to as vertical transmission). These recommendations were derived from speaker presentations, scientific articles, and feedback from Commissioners and the community-at-large.

The Aging Caucus' leadership in convening the Sexual Health in Older Adults Educational event held on September 22, 2023, demonstrated the Commission's commitment to ensuring that providers receive training on recognizing the health needs of older adults, including sexual health, mental health, and developing age-friendly, gender-inclusive and affirming care.



The Commission onboarded 15 new members, including alternates in 2023, making the demographic composition of the planning council more reflective of the diversity and the epidemiology of HIV in the County. To support members in fulfilling their duties, trainings were provided on the core functions of the Commission as the local HIV planning council for the County; health literacy and advocacy; sexual health and wellness; Public Health 101; oral and written public comments; Brown Act; and parliamentary procedures.

WEBSITE IMPROVEMENTS

In collaboration with the Executive Office’s Information Resource Management Team, the Commission launched its updated website with a more appealing look and greater content functionality. Staff continue to refine and improve the Commission’s website functionality, organization, and ease of use as the primary source and repository of information about the Commission.



Commission on HIV website

The Commission continued to engage the community in harnessing broad support and attention to the STI crisis. During the Board's 2023-2024 budget hearings, the Commission Co-Chairs, Bridget Gordon and Luckie Alexander Fuller wrote a letter to the Board which called for sustained investments in STI-related public health infrastructure and comprehensive sexual and reproductive health services. The Co-Chairs, on behalf of the Commission, expressed strong support for DPH's appeal for \$19.25 million to close the gap in unmet funding needed to respond to the County's STI crisis. Some members of the Commission provided ongoing written and oral public comments at Health Deputies' and Board meetings to keep the STI crisis conversation at the forefront of policy-making efforts.

SERVICE PRIORITIZATION AND FUNDING ALLOCATIONS

The Planning, Priorities and Allocations (PP&A) Committee leads the multi-year priority and allocation setting process for the Commission. The PP&A Committee moved to a multi-year (3 years) service rankings and funds allocations by percentages in 2019 which facilitated a smooth preparation for HRSA's multi-year Part A application and non-competing continuing progress report process and cycles.

For FY 2023, the Commission ranked the following as the top ten Ryan White Part A service categories: 1) housing; 2) non-medical case management; 3) ambulatory outpatient medical services; 4) emergency financial assistance; 5) psychosocial support; 6) medical care coordination; 7) mental health; 8) outreach; 9) substance abuse outpatient; and 10) early intervention. The FY 2023 service rankings were determined under the following key realities: 1) lack of affordable housing and increased risk for homelessness will remain a significant crisis for PLWH; 2) financial instability will persist due to inflation and unlivable wages; and 3) ongoing demand for culturally competent medical and mental health services. Furthermore, the ongoing methamphetamine crisis in Los Angeles will likely compound substance use conditions.

Under the leadership of the Black Caucus, the Commission made its inaugural participation in the 2023 Taste of Soul LA Family Festival, where Commissioners hosted a booth featuring HIV/STI prevention education, resources, testing, and opportunities to serve on the Commission, and become part of the movement to end HIV. The Black Caucus' strong presence at the Taste of Soul and community engagement activities, sought to normalize conversations about HIV and STIs, educate the community about the importance of testing and getting linked to care, and promote health wellness in the Black community.





LOS ANGELES COUNTY COMMISSION ON HIV

JOIN THE BLACK CAUCUS AT THE 17TH ANNUAL TASTE OF SOUL!

<https://www.tasteofsoulla.com/>

DATE: October 21 **TIME:** 10 AM - 7 PM

BOOTH: P20 (Locate us with the QR code at the event)

LOCATION: Historic Crenshaw Blvd, between Barack Obama Blvd & Stocker Ave

THE BLACK CAUCUS IS EXCITED TO BE PART OF THIS INCREDIBLE COMMUNITY EVENT. COME MEET US AT BOOTH P20 TO **WIN COOL RAFFLE PRIZES** **GRAB SOME AWESOME SWAG** **GET YOUR PASSPORT STAMPED AS YOU EMBARK ON A MISSION TO LEARN MORE ABOUT US** **TEST YOUR LUCK WITH THE SPIN-THE-WHEEL GAME** **CHALLENGE YOUR WITS WITH OUR SUPER FUN TRIVIA GAME SHOW** ALL WHILE LEARNING MORE ABOUT OUR MISSION & THE WORK WE DO.

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**Images reflect actual members of the Black Caucus*

THE BLACK CAUCUS FOCUSES ON ADDRESSING THE UNIQUE HIV NEEDS OF BLACK AND AFRICAN-AMERICAN INDIVIDUALS AND COMMUNITIES ACROSS LA COUNTY. WE WELCOME ANYONE COMMITTED TO THE FIGHT AGAINST HIV, WORKING TO STOP ITS SPREAD, AND INCREASING ACCESS AND EDUCATION FOR LA'S BLACK COMMUNITIES.



The Commission held its successful annual conference on November 9, 2023 with over 110 individuals attending in-person and virtually. The conference featured presentations and community conversations on the County's response to the intersection of HIV and substance use, harm-reduction and related services; strategies for increasing access and utilization of PrEP, PEP, DoxyPEP among priority populations; HIV and housing; and enhancing access to mental health services for people living with HIV. The Division of HIV and STD Programs (DHSP) provided an update on progress and activities completed under the Ending the HIV (EHE) epidemic and shared the latest information on HIV and STI surveillance. A key feature of the annual conference was a facilitated community discussion on intergenerational perspectives on community building and resilience. Participants provided call to action ideas for each of the topics which will be used by the Commission to shape their 2024 workplans, drive the continued implementation of the Comprehensive HIV Plan, and inform their decision-making around service funding allocations.



LET'S TALK ABOUT SEX | AN EDUCATIONAL EVENT FOR SERVICE PROVIDERS TO PROMOTE SEXUAL HEALTH IN OLDER ADULTS

Under the leadership of the Aging Caucus, the Commission, and in collaboration with the Aging and Disabilities Department, APLA Health, and the Los Angeles LGBT Center, hosted a successful educational event focusing on sexual health and older adults. The event received high marks from attendees and featured expert speakers on STI and HIV prevention and a panel on initiating and navigating conversations about sexual health with doctors and older patients. Panelists and speakers shared inspirational messages about sex positivity and local policy efforts to bring attention to the issues of HIV and aging. A key component of the event featured a sex doula who led an engaging, fun, and honest discussion about confronting anxieties about aging and sexual health. The event underscored the demand and need for focused conversations about sex in older adults to mitigate risks and exposure to diseases, abuse, and isolation.



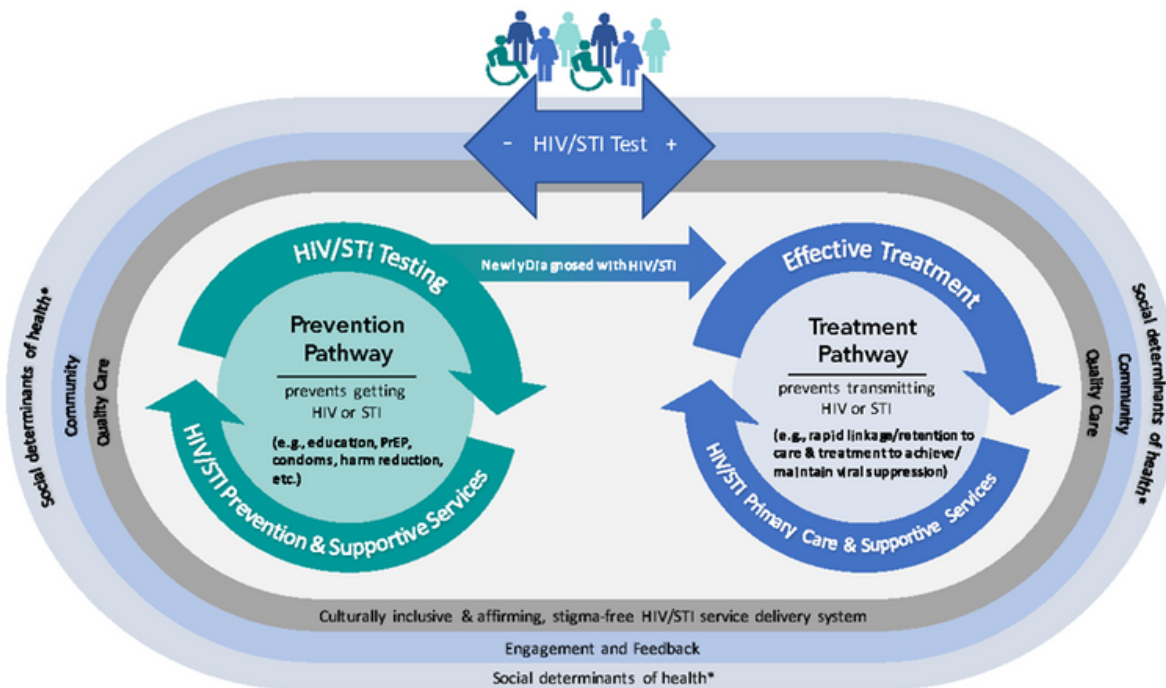
Under the leadership of the Transgender Caucus, the Commission, REACH LA, LA LGBT Center, and USC Keck School of Medicine, hosted the TGI Health Summit on November 2, 2023 where over 150 individuals participated in workshops on community and self-empowerment, health, and wellness, media representation and activism, transgender history, and advocacy. The summit also featured a panel on trans youth where speakers spoke of their journeys and the importance of supporting trans youth with leadership and employment opportunities.



LOSS, GRIEF AND HEALING | A WOMAN-CENTERED EDUCATIONAL FORUM

The Women’s Caucus convened a 2-part virtual workshop on Loss, Grief and Healing on June 21 and 28, 2023. Part I featured a panel discussion of women with lived experience who shared their personal stories of overcoming loss and their healing journey. The panelists spoke about different manifestations of loss due to life events, including but not limited to HIV, death, and coping strategies to navigate grief and healing. Part II was led by Gabrielle Elise Jimenez, Founder and Owner of The Hospice Heart, who provided tips and tools preparing for end-of-life conversations, remembering and honoring loved ones, self-care and extending grace to oneself, and seeking support from others to embark on a path to healing. Over 60 individuals attended the session and many expressed deep appreciation for holding space for such an important and often ignored topic for women living with HIV.

Under the leadership of the Prevention Planning Workgroup (PPW), the *Status Neutral HIV and STI Service Delivery System Framework* was developed in 2023 which will serve as a guiding tool for the Commission in informing its planning process and formulating recommendations for improved services across prevention and care.



* Social determinants of health include economic stability, education access and quality, health care access and quality, neighborhood and built environment, and social and community context. See [Healthy People 2030](#) for more details on the social determinants of health.

This framework functions to provide an overview of the comprehensive support and care critical to addressing the social determinants of health that create disparities, especially as they relate to HIV and STIs. The status neutral framework reaches beyond established HIV and STI prevention & care systems and works to create pathways to vital medical and supportive services that meet the needs of individuals regardless of their HIV or STI status and is not centered solely around meeting disease specific needs. The benefits of a status neutral approach include: a reduction in institutionalized stigma for PLWH, a reduction in stigma associated with STIs, increased efficiencies that improves resource utilization, and gained knowledge/insight from various service deliveries.

As part of its ongoing commitment to ensure that HIV care services are responsive to clients' needs, the Commission engaged consumers, providers, and public health partners in revising the following service standards: oral healthcare, nutrition support, medical care coordination, and universal service standards. The Prevention Planning Workgroup led the revisions to the Prevention Services standards, which were modernized to reflect the most up-to-date scientific evidence and clinical practices for rapid treatment, harm reduction, PrEP, PEP, and DoxyPEP, and comprehensive assessments and intake procedures that mirror the pathways described in the Status Neutral HIV and STI Service Delivery Framework.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR INTEGRATED PREVENTION AND CARE PLANNING

In addition to developing the Status Neutral Framework to help strengthen the Commission's integrated prevention and care planning infrastructure and capacity, the PPW developed additional operational measures to fully integrate prevention in the Commission's planning, priority setting, and resource allocation process, namely:

- Focus on the service delivery system, rather than individual or siloed services.
- Expand service allocation discussions beyond HIV to include STIs, such as HIV and STI testing, treatment and prevention services and biomedical and non-biomedical strategies.
- Put greater emphasis on a person-first, not a disease-first approach to planning discussions and analysis; this effort entails making intentional steps towards shifting away from disease-specific needs and towards a whole-person wellness and well-being approach.

- Ensure that supportive services are provided regardless of HIV status. These services include resources such as housing, mental health, and substance use/harm reduction to name a few, to support individuals at elevated risk for HIV/STIs. Furthermore, supportive services should address the social determinants of health such as economic stability, education access and quality, health care access and quality, neighborhood and built environment, and social and community contexts.
- Focus on priority populations identified in the Comprehensive HIV Plan: Latinx men who have sex with men (MSM), Black/African American MSM, transgender persons, cisgender women of color, people who inject drugs (PWID), people under 30, and people living with HIV who are 50 years of age or older.
- Strive to fully realize a culturally affirming, stigma-free HIV and STI delivery system – one that goes beyond training around cultural competency and biases, but embraces and operates from an organizational culture and value of diversity, inclusion, and authentic acceptance of people not despite of, but because of their differences.
- Engage in creative planning and thinking by using and braiding multiple funding streams to develop and fund a seamless menu of services that do not have disease-specific eligibility requirements.
- Recruit the active participation and contributions of diverse partners, including partners outside of the traditional HIV/STI spheres.
- Restructure the Planning, Priorities and Allocations (PP&A) Committee meetings to:
 - Intentionally include prevention service reviews and discussions
 - Use the Status Neutral Framework in all Commission discussions
 - Assess prevention funding and services within the County to help inform priority-setting and resource-allocation decisions
 - Update the prevention service standards to incorporate the Status Neutral Framework (completed)
 - Identify opportunities to increase prevention efforts within existing programs in the Division of HIV and STD Programs (DHSP)
 - Identify opportunities to increase prevention efforts within substance use disorder strategies and interventions

In collaboration with Fifth District Supervisor Kathryn Barger, the Commission hosted a community breakfast at The Arboretum on December 1, 2023 to honor those we have lost to AIDS and encourage community members to commit to working together to end HIV. The event featured special remarks from Supervisor Kathryn Barger, Mr. Paul Edmonds, who is one of only five people in the world to achieve full remission of HIV, and a panel of experts and people with lived experiences who shared their inspirational stories to raise awareness about HIV prevention and treatment, reduce HIV-related stigma, and enlist new partners to end HIV. Close to 100 community members attended and joined together to remember those we have lost to AIDS, celebrate the resilience of survivors, and to re-affirm our commitment to ending HIV. The event was a collaborative effort involving Via Care, City of Pasadena, APLA Health, AMAAD Institute, and other organizations dedicated to building a committed coalition of partners to accelerate our collective efforts to end HIV.



LOS ANGELES COUNTY SECOND DISTRICT
WORLD AIDS DAY 35 | REMEMBERING THE
JOURNEY TO HERE – CELEBRATING THE
EXPERIENCE OF BLACK PEOPLE IN THE HIV
MOVEMENT



In collaboration with Second District Supervisor Holly Mitchell and Charles Drew University, the Commission, under the leadership of the Black Caucus, hosted a special World AIDS Day that celebrated the contributions of Black leaders in the HIV movement, lifted the voices of PLWH, and featured community resources to prevent and treat HIV. The program featured a special message from Supervisor Holly Mitchell, artistic performances from local Black artists, and speeches from PLWH, faith leaders, and medical providers. Special Champions of Change Awards were given to Dr. William King and Dr. Wilbert C. Jordan (in memoriam) in recognition of their significant contributions to the HIV movement, both locally and nationally. The keynote speaker was local living legend, Phil Wilson, who challenged the community to be relentless and tireless in the fight to end HIV and to focus on the disproportionate impact of the HIV burden in the Black community. Over 100 individuals joined forces on December 6, 2023, to bring attention to Black leadership and excellence in the HIV movement.

The Commission staff provided programmatic, administrative, and technical support to the Commission’s monthly meetings for (5) standing committees, (5) caucuses, and the full council. In addition, staff hosted 8 pieces of training sessions for Commissioners and members of the public to nurture the knowledge and skills necessary to be a successful HIV planning council member. As the backbone organization for the Commission, the staff team strives for cohesion and teamwork. Commission staff developed “Team Agreements” to guide and reinforce commitments for accountability, open and honest communication, and courageous conversations about implicit biases in the workplace. The Commission staff team is committed to learning by doing and volunteered at Project Angel Food on May 30, 2023 for its annual community service day.



LOOKING AHEAD TO 2024

Reflecting on what's on the horizon for 2024 with the national movement to end HIV, there is general concurrence that while progress continues to be made in ending HIV, several factors are affecting our ability to reach the national goals of reducing new HIV infections in the United States by 75% by 2025 and by 90% by 2030:

- The shift in resources to the COVID-19 response slowed the pace of scaling up the wide-scale implementation of prevention and treatment services and innovations across the country. Disruptions in HIV testing and diagnosis from the COVID-19 pandemic social distancing and other disease control measures led to sharp declines in HIV testing and other services between 2019 and 2020. (<https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/volumes/71/wr/mm7125a2.htm>)
- Stigma, poverty, and racism continue to drive new HIV infections and disparities in access and utilization of biomedical interventions and HIV care continuum outcomes. Key social determinants of health (SDOH) including housing status, poverty, and recent incarceration, increase the risk of HIV acquisition and transmission. To coordinate federal resources toward addressing the social drivers of health inequities, the White House released the “U.S. Playbook to Address Social Determinants of Health” in November 2023. The Playbook sets the stage for agencies and organizations to re-imagine new policies and actions around SDOH, both inside and outside of government. The Playbook offers a strategizing framework for local communities to leverage, maximize, and braid resources and partnerships to employ an integrated approach to ending HIV.

- Affordable and safe housing remains the greatest unmet need for PLWH and communities most at risk for HIV/STI exposure and acquisition. As one of the strongest predictors of health outcomes, housing stability plays an important role in both HIV prevention and care. According to NASTAD, among individuals who are homeless or marginally housed, the rates of HIV infection are up to 16 times higher than those stably housed. Additionally, the homeless men who have sex with men (MSM) population is 15 times more likely to delay HIV testing than stably housed MSM. At any time, three to ten percent of all homeless persons are HIV-positive. Across the U.S., upwards of 70% of all PLWHA report experiencing homelessness or housing instability. This impacts entrance into care, as homelessness can delay this crucial step for an average of six months.
- The national political landscape continues to be hostile towards the HIV movement, people of color, LGBTQ communities, and women, as evidenced by the continuous onslaught of funding cut threats and legislative bills at all levels of government attacking access to healthcare, reproductive rights, access to HIV PrEP/PEP and other lifesaving medications, to name a few. The never-ending fight for equality adds to the HIV movement's collective trauma, physical and mental health toll, and fatigue – an unfortunate situation when all energies and passion should be directed to implementing the remarkable tools we now have in our arsenal to truly end HIV. Examples of promising and exciting tools to end HIV include newer generation HIV tests; self/at-home test kits; PrEP and PEP; integrated HIV and STI testing approaches; DoxyPEP; long-acting injectables; rapid anti-retroviral treatment; contingency management; harm reduction and safe consumption sites; and street medicine, to name a few. Given that the HIV movement is rooted in activism, stakeholders and leaders will remain vigilant in protecting civil rights and funding for HIV/STD and public health.

COMMISSIONERS (JANUARY – DECEMBER 2023)

- ***Bridget Gordon, Co-Chair, Unaffiliated Consumer, Supervisorial District 2***
- ***Alexander Luckie Fuller, Co-Chair, Provider Representative***
- Miguel Alvarez, HIV Stakeholder Representative
- Everardo Alvizo, MSW, City of Long Beach Representative (*Resigned October 2023*)
- Jayda Arrington, Unaffiliated Consumer, Service Planning Area 6
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- Alasdair Burton, HIV Stakeholder Representative
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- Sandra Cuevas, Ryan White Part F Representative
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- Shontae Daniels, Unaffiliated Consumer, At-Large (*In Memoriam*)
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- Pearl Doan, HIV Stakeholder
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- Anthony Mills, MD, Provider Representative
- Carlos Moreno, Provider Representative (*Resigned February 2023*)
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- Ronnie Osorio, Alternate
- Jesus “Chuy” Orozco, Housing Opportunities for People with AIDS (HOPWA) Representative
- Mario Pérez, MPH, Ryan White Part A Representative
- De’chelle Richardson, Alternate
- Erica Robinson, Alternate
- Mallery Robinson, Alternate (*Resigned August 2023*)
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**Los Angeles County Commission on HIV (COH)
Meeting Schedule and Topics - Commission Meetings**

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FOR DISCUSSION /PLANNING PURPOSES**

- **Bylaws:** Section 5. Regular meetings. In accordance with Los Angeles County Code 3.29.060 (Meetings and committees), the Commission shall meet at least ten (10) times per year. Commission meetings are monthly, unless cancelled, at a time and place to be designated by the Co-Chairs or the Executive Committee. The Commission’s Annual Meeting replaces one of the regularly scheduled monthly meetings during the fall of the calendar year.

Meeting Schedule and Topics - Commission Meetings		
	Month	Community Discussion Topic
HOUSING	2/8/24 @ St. Anne’s Conference Center	City of Los Angeles Housing Opportunities for People with AIDS (HOPWA) Program and Service Overview (Part 1 of 3)
	3/14/24 @ MLK BHC	City of Los Angeles Housing Opportunities for People with AIDS (HOPWA) Program Client Demographics and Service Data (Part 2 of 3)
	4/11/24 @ MLK BHC	Housing Funders Roundtable and Community Problem-Solving Discussion: Discuss key program successes, challenges and best practices for coordinated planning and resource sharing. HOPWA, DHSP, LAHSA, County CEO’s Homeless Initiative, Los Angeles County DHS Housing for Health, City of Los Angeles Housing Department, Los Angeles County Development Authority, Housing Authority of the City of Los Angeles (Part 3 of 4)
	5/9/24 @ Vermont Corridor	Housing Funders Roundtable and Community Problem-Solving Discussion: Discuss key program successes, challenges and best practices for coordinated planning and resource sharing. <i>Hold for additional housing discussion, as needed. (Part 4 of 4)</i>
STI	6/13/24 @ Vermont Corridor	Mobilizing County-wide STI Response Key Partners Roundtable DHSP, DHS, Community Clinics, Health Plans, ETE Coalition

	7/11/24 @ Vermont Corridor	<i>CANCEL</i>
MH + SA	8/8/24 @ TBD	Leveraging Mental Health and Substance Use Programs and Partnerships DMH, SAPC
	9/12/24 @ TBD	HIV and Aging (Collaborative panel/presentation with Aging and Women’s Caucus)
	10/10/24 @ TBD	<i>CANCEL</i>
	11/14/24 @ TBD	ANNUAL CONFERENCE
	12/12/24 @ TBD	<i>CANCEL</i>

Potential Topics/Wish List: Could be components of the Annual Conference

1. Planning Council Community Review – Aligning Expectations, Duties, and Improving Overall Effectiveness/Impact (Part of Annual Conference?)
2. AMAAD Institute’s HIV.E Community Engagement Program (August?)
3. Aging and Isolation (presentation from Dr. Nash; Sept?)
4. Housing (ongoing)
5. National HIV Awareness Days-Related Presentations
6. Comprehensive HIV Plan Temperature Check
7. Linkage and Retention Program (LRP) Service Utilization Report (consult with DHSP regarding month)



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February XX, 2024

Honorable Holly J. Mitchell, Supervisor
Honorable Hilda L. Solis, Supervisor
Honorable Lindsey P. Horvath, Supervisor
Honorable Janice Hahn, Chair
Honorable Kathryn Barger, Supervisor
Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors

Dear Chair Horvath and Supervisors Solis, Mitchell, Hahn, and Barger,

While the latest continuing resolution keeps the government going until March 1 for some agencies and March 8 for others, the persistent threats to funding for HIV, Sexually Transmitted Infections (STIs), housing, substance use, and mental health continue to put in peril our collective efforts to end HIV and achieve health equity for all. With these important intersecting and syndemic health conditions, we cannot achieve health equity and justice for people living with HIV (PLWH) and communities that shoulder the burden of HIV and STIs without sustained and significant federal and state investments to support a vigorous community-wide response in Los Angeles County. We urge you send a five-signature letter to Congress urging them to protect funding for STIs, HIV, housing, mental health, and substance use programs. In addition, we urge you to include our community appeals in your Sacramento and Washington DC advocacy efforts.

The most recently released 2022 STD Surveillance Report from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) shows that syphilis and chlamydia numbers have climbed to record highs and that the nation continues to struggle to gain control of the epidemics of STIs. The data show an 80% increase in syphilis over five years, as well as an alarming 3,755 congenital syphilis cases. The reported STI numbers are from 2022 and do not reflect the impact of the shortage of congenital syphilis treatment drug Bicillin L-A, which started last spring, or last summer's STI workforce cuts in the debt ceiling deal.

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In partnership and solidarity,

{List Names of Commissioners}