

HIV HEALTH SERVICES PLANNING COUNCIL

Meeting Minutes

March 22nd, 2023

10 am-12 pm

Meeting Location: 4600 Broadway, Sacramento, CA

95820, Community Room 2020

Facilitator: Richard Benavidez, Council Chair

Scribe: Danielle Caravella, County Staff

Council Member Attendees: Christopher Kendrick- Stafford, Dennis Poupart, Jake Bradley- Rowe, Kane Ortega, Kaye Pulupa, Kelly Gluckman, Keshia Lynch, Kristina Kendricks-Clark, Melissa Willett, Richard Benavidez, Ronnie Miranda, Shy Brown, Tracy Thomas, and Zach B.

Members Excused: David Contreras, Chelle Gossett, Josh Kooman, Judy Vang, Michael Ungeheuer, and Steve Austin

Members Absent: Beth Valentine, Melody Law, and Minerva Reid

Guests: Zach Reau-Gilead, Alan Lange- Valley Vision, Angelina Olweny- Valley Vision, LeRoy Blea- CDPH, and Jenna Koontz-CDPH

Topic	Minutes
Welcome, Introductions, and Announcements	<p>The meeting began at 10:01 a.m.</p> <p>Alan Lange and Angelina Olweny from Valley Vision introduced themselves as the new individuals who will be taking over staffing the Planning Council. Alan previously staffed the Council in the past and their organization is a local non-profit with a focus on building coalitions and being data informed. They look forward to working with County Staff and Planning Council members for a smooth transition.</p> <p>Richard Benavidez announced that annual acknowledgments should be completed and that Danielle will reach out to anyone who is missing theirs. He asks that all participants be courteous and respectful. There is to be no texting between members and if you need to take a phone call, please step outside. He is glad to be back in person with everyone after almost 3 years.</p> <p>Jake Bradley-Rowe announced that Sunburst Projects will be hosting an Open House on April 12th from 5-7 pm to celebrate the expansion of their office. They will also be hosting their annual golf tournament on May 13th, for more information please visit https://sunburstprojects.org/.</p>
Public Comments-Agenda Items	No public comments were made.
March 2023 Agenda*	Kane Ortega motioned to accept the March 2023 agenda as presented and Kristina Kendricks-Clark seconded the motion. The motion was passed with a majority. Please see the meeting roll call voting on page 12.
Minutes of February 2023*	Dennis Poupart motioned to accept the Minutes of the February 2023 meeting as presented and was seconded by Kane Ortega. The motion passed with a majority. Please see the meeting roll call voting on page 12.

State Office of AIDS (OA) March 2023 Update

Kaye Pulupa presented the March 2023 OA Voice updates.

Strategy A: Improve Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP Utilization)

As of February 24, 2023, there are 203 PrEP-AP enrollment sites covering 189 clinics that currently make up the PrEP-AP Provider network. A comprehensive list of the PrEP-AP Provider Network can be found at

<https://cdphdata.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=6878d3a1c9724418aebfea96878cd5b2>.

Data on active PrEP-AP clients can be found in the three tables displayed on page 4 of the newsletter.

Strategy B: Increase and Improve HIV Testing

OA has expanded its Building Healthy Online Communities (BHOC) self-testing program to allow for rapid OraQuick test orders in all jurisdictions in California. The program, TakeMeHome® (<https://takemehome.org/>), is advertised on gay dating apps, where users see an ad for home testing and are offered a free HIV-home test kit.

Strategy G: Improve Availability of HIV Care

Request for Applications for Funding

OA's HIV Care Branch is looking for a new Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) Program provider for Santa Cruz County. They will be releasing a Request for Application (RFA) (#23-10079) later in March. The RFA will be posted on their website at https://www.cdph.ca.gov/programs/cid/doa/pages/oa_rfa.aspx

Strategy J: Increase Rates of Insurance/Benefits Coverage for PLWH or on PrEP

The number of ADAP clients enrolled in an ADAP Insurance Program is on

page 5.

Strategy K: Increase and Improve HIV Prevention and Support Services for People Who Use Drugs

The X-Waiver is Eliminated: Now What?

As of Jan 1, 2023, and effective immediately, clinicians no longer need to apply for an X-waiver to prescribe buprenorphine for medication for opioid use disorder (MOUD), thus significantly reducing barriers to MOUD access. The DEA posted a letter explaining these changes, and it includes encouragement for clinicians to start prescribing for patients with opioid use disorder. **Please share widely.**

Strategy M: Improve Usability of Collected Data

Action Needed by ARIES Users

To help prepare for the launch of HIV Care Connect (HCC), the system that will replace ARIES in Fall 2023, agency managers should review and confirm the contact person on their Agency screen in ARIES.

Strategy N: Enhance Collaborations and Community Involvement
HOPWA Annual Action Plan Public Comment Period

A public comment period for the 2023-2024 Annual Action Plan (AAP) of multiple state housing programs, including OA's Housing Opportunities for Persons with HIV/AIDS (HOPWA) Program, begins on March 6, 2023, and ends on April 7, 2023. The AAP will be posted to <https://www.hcd.ca.gov/policy-and-research/plans-and-reports>. Comments and questions can be emailed to ConsolidatedPlan@hcd.ca.gov.

The California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) is also hosting a Public Hearing Webinar on Thursday, March 16, 2023, from 2:00 – 3:30 PM. The hearing will summarize updates to the 2023-2024 AAP, provide public comment opportunity, and allow time for questions. Register for the webinar at <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0uceuvqDopE9LBMeY4p5Pa>

	<p>SW7QEUzeEkQ-</p> <p>Women’s Health Summit</p> <p>On March 12, 2023, The Sacramento Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated, Sacramento National Coalition of 100 Black Women, and One Community Health will host the 2023 Women’s Health Summit. The summit will bring together women leaders, health experts, and advocates from California to address the critical issues of reproductive health, mental health, and HIV care and prevention. The theme for this year’s summit is “Learning from Our Legacy: Dismantling Health Inequities Among Women.” Registration is now open. Interested participants can visit the summit’s event page at https://2023WomenSummit.eventbrite.com to learn more and register for free. If you have any questions, please contact Keshia Lynch at klynch@onecommunityhealth.com.</p> <p>For questions regarding this issue of <i>The OA Voice</i>, please send an e-mail to angelique.skinner@cdph.ca.gov.</p> <p>Members inquired if there is a distribution list they can get on to receive the OA Voice directly when it is released. Paula will follow up on adding Council Members to the distribution list. A comment was made that MAT is more commonly used than MOUD. Kaye informed members that she would follow up on the use of this language.</p>
<p>Presentation on CA Statewide Integrated Strategic Plan</p>	<p>LeRoy Blea from the California Department of Public Health presented “CA Statewide Integrated Strategic Plan: Addressing HIV, HCV, and STIs: Process Update”</p> <p>After completion of the presentation participants would be updated on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CA Integrated Strategic Plan Process and Progress • Community Engagement

<p>➤ HRSA Part A Ending the Epidemic Update</p>	<p>locations to reach our unhoused populations. Some side fundraising was done to provide pet supplies to unhoused/unstably housed individuals to build trust and rapport in the communities the mobile unit is serving. As well, there is also a plan in the works to provide mobile showers to these communities. LeRoy Blea gave a great presentation on what is happening at the State Office of AIDS regarding Ending the HIV Epidemic.</p> <p>HRSA Part A Ending the Epidemic Update The Sexual Health Clinic has on-boarded new providers and is providing HIV services 5 days a week. The clinic is in the process of trying to secure additional Infectious Disease doctors in conjunction with UCD. The clinic provides an incentivized HIV Clinic program for those most in need of services and support.</p>
<p>Committee Updates</p> <p>➤ Reflectiveness</p>	<p>Administrative Assessment Committee: The next meeting will be on June 15th, 2023 for the FY22 year-end assessment. You must be a seated Council Member to participate and are required to sign a confidentiality agreement. There will be a training for participants.</p> <p>Affected Communities Committee: Zach B. advised that ACC did meet this month. ACC reported they had a successful 2nd community outreach event with over 30 registered and 20 participants in attendance. The topics for this event focused on HIV among Black/African Americans as well as Women and Girls. The next event will be held on May 15th and will be focused on youth aged 30 and under. Tracy Thomas commended Zach B., the chair of ACC on the community presentations. Richard Benavidez commented on how beneficial he found the presentations and that they helped educate him on some misconceptions he had.</p> <p>ACC has changed its meeting frequency schedule to meet on the even months of the year. So the months of February, April, June, August, October, and December.</p> <p>The way Council Reflectiveness is calculated has been updated. Previously</p>

HRSA was not as specific with how reflectiveness needed to be calculated, but they have highlighted it in the new contract this year. To be counted for reflectiveness a member needs to be a non-aligned consumer who is receiving Part A services. Moving forward this will be a part of screening new members for the council but will not affect recruitment moving forward. There are currently open seats for Affected Community Members designated as Parole and Native American. There was a concern about the 20 vacancies on the Council including the 9 open alternate seats. It was explained that the seats were created over 20 years ago and that there has never been a full roster. But that there is a continued effort to fill as many seats as possible and that membership recruitment is being conducted at the community presentations. There are currently 2 new individuals interested in joining the Council and 1 was recruited from these presentations. There was also a comment by Kane Ortega about how there is a lot required of volunteers to serve as a council member, such as all the required paperwork and time. And that volunteers do not get anything out of it and that he participates for the Affected Community to have a voice. With these new changes, reflectiveness is currently at 30.4% but two new members are soon to be appointed who are not consumers and thus reflectiveness will go down. The Recipient has addressed this with their project officer and is working with them on this.

Zach B. highlighted that there is a standing agenda item at ACC for service concerns and that the meeting is open to the community for anyone to voice those concerns.

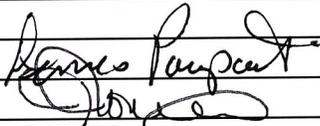
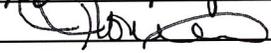
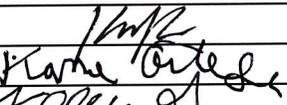
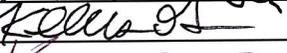
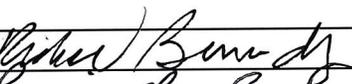
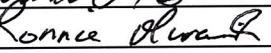
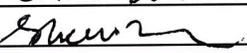
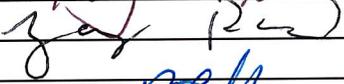
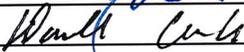
Priorities and Allocations: Jake Bradley-Rowe shared that PAC did not meet this month as there were scheduling conflicts. There are things that PAC needs to consider so they will be meeting on April 5th. Due to responses to the RFP, PAC needs to consider doing a Re-Allocation. No one applied for Health Education/Risk Reduction but there is money allocated to that service. As well, more providers applied for Non-Medical Case Management than in previous years, and funding for that service should be revisited. A memo from PAC will be sent to the Council on what is

	<p>discussed.</p> <p>Executive Committee: Richard Benavidez shared that the Executive Committee will next meet on April 13th and that Valley Vision will join to discuss the next steps moving forward.</p> <p>Quality Advisory Committee: Kristina Kendricks-Clark shared that QAC met last month and they updated their Overview and Work Plan for FY23. There was a 17% return rate for the postcard surveys and the results will be ready to be shared at their June meeting. The return rate is about 10% higher than in the past few years. This may be in part to more patients receiving services in person again, as well as sending the postcards out earlier this year. This is also due to the hard work of agencies to make sure they were distributing the cards to clients.</p> <p>Needs Assessment Committee: Ronnie Miranda shared that NAC did meet last month and they updated their Overview and Work Plan for FY23. There were 191 needs assessments submitted to Lili, the county's consultant who analyzes the data and writes the report. A draft has been submitted to the County staff and is currently being reviewed. There were some changes made to the format of the survey this year which may have helped increase the response rate. As the large report is to be conducted every three years there is an idea to conduct focus groups for follow up such as surrounding housing in FY23. A big thank you to all of the providers that helped get these completed.</p> <p>Governance: Nothing to report.</p>
Planning Council Assessment	Richard Benavidez asked Council members to please complete their Planning Council Assessments as they are an important way to get honest feedback on how the Council is doing. The surveys are anonymous.
Binder Updates	Danielle Caravella shared that as we are now in FY23 many binder updates will be coming as many items will be updated.

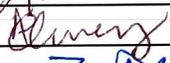
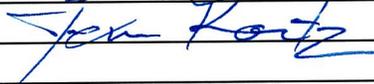
Public Comments-Non-Agenda Items	Paula Gammell shared that there is mileage reimbursement available for Affected Community Members to help them in getting to and from the meetings. Please reach out to Paula if you are interested.
Technical Assistance	Please address all questions and/or concerns to Richard Benavidez or Kristina Kendricks-Clark.
Adjournment	The meeting adjourned at 11:57 AM Next meeting: April 26th, 2023

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Seated Members	Signature	Agency/Affiliation
Beth Valentine		Volunteers of America
Chelle Gossett		Sacramento County Public Health
Christopher Kendrick-Stafford		N/A
David Contreras		SHRA
Dennis Poupart		N/A
Jake Bradley-Rowe		Sunburst Projects
Joshua Kooman		N/A
Judy Vang		AIDS Education and Training Center
Kaye Pulupa		California State Office of AIDS
Kane Ortega		N/A
Kelly Gluckman		OCH
Keshia Lynch		OCH
Kristina Kendricks-Clark		Harm Reduction Services
Melissa Willett		Sierra Foothills AIDS Foundation
Melody Law		Sacramento County Public Health
Michael Ungeheuer		County of El Dorado Public Health
Minerva Reid		N/A
Richard Benavidez		Sierra Foothills AIDS Foundation
Ronnie Miranda		N/A
Shy Brown		Peach Tree Health
Steve Austin		N/A
Tracy Thomas		N/A
Zachary B.		N/A
Staff: Paula Gammell		Sacramento County Public Health
Staff: Danielle Caravella		Sacramento County Public Health

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Guests:	Signature	Agency/Affiliation
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Alan L. Gage		Valley Vision
Angelina Olvera		Valley Vision
LeRoy Bled		CDPH
Jenna Koonitz		CDPH

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Seated Members	Agenda			Minutes			22 Jan Part A Monthly Rej					
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Beth Valentine												
Chelle Gossett												
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Michael Ungeheuer												
Minerva Reid												
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Ronnie Miranda	X			X			X					
Shy Brown	X			X			X					
Steve Austin												
Tracy Thomas				X			X					
Zachary B.	X			X			X					

Motion	Kane Ortega	Dennis Poupart	Jake Bradley-Rowe	
Second	Kristina Kendricks-Clark	Kane Ortega	Zach B.	

Amended Motion				
Amended Second				