#### **HIV HEALTH SERVICES PLANNING COUNCIL**

#### **Meeting Minutes**

January 24, 2024, 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

**Facilitator**: Kristina Kendricks-Clark, Council Chair

**Scribe**: Angelina Olweny, Council Staff

#### **Council Member Attendees:**

Arturo Jackson III, Austin Green, Brad Bartholomai, Chelle Gossett, Jake Bradley-Rowe, Judy Vang, Kane Ortega, Kelly Gluckman, Kristina Kendricks-Clark, Lenore Gotelli, Michael Ungeheuer, Melissa Willet, Minerva Reid, Ronnie Miranda, Steve Austin, Troy Stermer, Zach Basler

**Members Excused:** Kaye Pulupa, Yingjia Huang, Beth Valentine, Melody Law, Richard Benavidez, Keshia Lynch

Absent: Shy Brown, Christopher Kendrick-Stafford, Josh Kooman

**Guests:** Jasmine Montes, Mario Lopez-Mendez, Clarmundo Sullivan, Monique Maxwell, Tracy Lee, Michelle Monroe

County Staff: Danielle Caravella

Topic	Minutes								
Welcome,	Welcome and Introductions began at 10:05AM								
Introductions and, Announcements	CDPH and the State Office of AIDS contracted with OCH to initiate a program that gives 50 dollars to patients who are engaged in a care program and receive the MPOX vaccine. Patients who reengage in the care program will receive up to 100 dollars for getting the MPOX vaccine. Providers were encouraged to share this information with the patients they serve.								
	Strength in Numbers is a brotherhood that provides a forum for people living with HIV to come together for a sense of mutual strength and support. The organization hosts meetings at the LGBT Center.								
Public Comments-	N/A								
Action Items									
Agenda Review*	The January agenda was presented for review and approval. Kane Ortega motioned to accept the agenda as presented and Zach Basler seconded the motion. The following changes were made to the agenda. The FY23 Part B monthly report will not be included for discussion. The facilitator should be changed to Kristina Kendricks-Clark because Richard Benavidez is excused. Under Committee updates, the vote on the Waiver of the 10% directive is an action item that will be voted on so there should be an asterisk next to it. Kane Ortega motioned to accept the agenda with the changes made and Zach Basler seconded the motion. The motion passed with a majority. See vote sheet								
Minutes Review*	The December minutes were presented for review and approval. Jake Bradley-Rowe motioned to accept the minutes as presented and Lenore Gotelli seconded the motion. The following changes were made. Keshia Lynch needs to be added the attendee's list. On page four under SOA Ending the HIV Epidemic, the statement should read "Site staff were								

OA Voice January 2024 Update	impressed with the services that the Sacramento County of Public Health is providing" Under Priorities and Committee Updates, the FY23 Reallocation should be removed as an action item. Jake Bradley-Rowe motioned to accept the minutes with the changes made and Kane Ortega seconded the motion. The motion passed with a majority. See vote sheet.  There are 200 PreP-AP enrollment sites and 188 Clinical Provider sites that make up the PrEP-AP Provider Network. Strategy J of the OA Voice highlights that there is an increase in rates of insurance/benefits coverage for People Living with HIV (PLWH) or on PrEP. Strategy M talks about a report on the Epidemiology of HIV in California, 2017-2021. This report describes the state of the HIV epidemic in California over the specified five-year period, including trends in new diagnoses and progress towards viral suppression as well as the impact of social determinants of health on new diagnoses and health outcomes. This report also includes information regarding the care of HIV patients in California and HIV prevention among vulnerable populations.  The CDPH is seeking to add two or more committee members living with HIV to serve as community advocates on the Medical Advisory Committee (MAC). CDPH wants the MAC to be reflective of the communities impacted by HIV.
Presentation Facente Consulting	Sara Duran from Facente Consulting gave a presentation on the Strategic Plan and Implementation Blueprint. California Department of Public Health partnered with Facente Consulting to develop a strategic plan to address inequities and disparities in healthcare. Sacramento and six other counties are coauthors of the Strategic Plan and Implementation Blueprint. The plan has 30 strategies across six Social Determinants of Health with activities under each strategy.
	The objective is to adopt a de-siloed innovative problem-solving through traditional and non-traditional partnerships. Sacramento will adopt the Strategic Implementation Blueprint Plan tailored to Sacramento's needs.
	The Strategic and the Implementation Blue Print Plan identifies HIV, HCV, and STI as a

	syndemic. A syndemic is a condition with similar root causes that exacerbate each other.
	Approaching the plan through a syndemic lens ensures that impacted populations have access to services that provide holistic support.  The Strategic Implementation Blueprint Plan is intended to be used as a tool to develop a plan that aligns with the County's needs. While it is impossible to address all the challenges associated with racial inequities, housing, mental health and substance use disorders, and economic injustice, developing partnerships with stakeholders who work to address these issues will help create new approaches to improve outcomes.
HIV/STI Prevention Updates	A CDC grant application was submitted to support clinical services and funding for community agencies. If awarded, the funding will begin on June 1. The Prevention team is awaiting a Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for HIV prevention plans via the State Office of AIDS which will start on July 1. The prevention team had a strategic planning session and hired a new Health Educator. Lindsay Parks assumed the Sexual Health Manager position in January.
FY23 December Part A Monthly Fiscal Report*	The FY23 year to date monthly fiscal report was presented for review and approval. All invoices processed from the last cutoff date of Friday, January 19, are reflected in the report. \$25,000 worth of invoices have been processed since Monday, January 22. The expenditures should be at 83.3% through December 31. The current TGA spending for El Dorado County is at 68% and TGA spending for Placer County is at 62.7%. The current TGA spending for Sacramento County is at 65.6 %. The overall direct expenditure for the Sacramento Transitional Grant Area (TGA) is 65.53%. Recipient expenditures are at 61.33%. The TGA Part A Direct Service Expenditures are at 63.98% and Part A MAI Direct Service expenditures are at 90.88%.
	If the remaining unobligated balance exceeds 5%, the Recipient could lose \$1.3 million in

	supplemental funding and the ability to have Carryover funding in the future. Ronnie Miranda motioned to accept the year to date Part A Monthly Fiscal report and Jake Bradley-Rowe seconded the motion. The motion passed with a majority. See vote sheet for details. See vote sheet for details.
SOA Ending the HIV Epidemic Update	A new grant application was submitted to HRSA as part of Ending the HIV Epidemic on January 16 for funding to support clinical services and community agencies.
HRSA Ending the Epidemic	There will be federal site visits on March 12, 13, and 14. During the site visit, federal regulators want to hold two meetings with affected community stakeholders and other community stakeholders.
Committee Updates	
AdAC	The next AdAC meeting is on June 13. It is a closed meeting as attendees need to sign a confidentiality agreement before attending.
Affected Communities Committee	The first two Community Conversation Meetings will be held on March 13 and May 19.  The meeting on March 13 will focus on HIV women and girls the meeting on May 29 will focus on HIV and the transgender community. All meetings will be held at the LGBT Center from 6:00PM 7:00PM.
Reflectiveness	Reflectiveness is at 34.3%. The ACC is looking to fill open transgender and Native American seats.
Priorities and Allocations Committee FY23 10% directive*	PAC met Jan 3 2024. The Priorities and Allocation Committee recommended waiving the 10% limitation on the recipient to move funding without Council prior approval. This would give Chelle Gossett full authority to re-allocate funds across all service categories for FY23 to make sure the most money is spent as possible. Ronnie Miranda motioned to accept the

Binder Update	There will be new updates in the coming months.
Vote on Council Chair	Richard nominated himself for the Council Chair position. Richard Benavidez offered to mentor a different candidate if they were selected. The Council unanimously voted to approve Richard Benavidez for another term as the Council Chair.
Governance	Governance looks for Council leadership to address issues from the committee. There are currently no legislative or regulatory changes that will affect HHSPC.
AdHoc	AdHoc will meet virtually on February 20 from 1-2PM. The focus of this committee will be housing and community involvement. The County has a new Public Information Officer. Chelle Gossett will follow up on the topic of a new website.
Executive Committee	Annual member acknowledgements were sent to Council members and should be completed and signed and returned to Angelina Olweny. Council members also have to complete form 700.
Needs Assessment Committee	The NAC will meet on March 5, 2024. The Needs Assessment report will be a topic of discussion in the March meeting.
Quality Advisory Committee	QAC will meet on March 5, 2024.
	PAC recommendation to give Chelle Gossett full authority to reallocate funding across all service categories and Lenore Gotelli seconded the motion. The motion passed with a majority. See vote sheet for details.

Public Comments Non-Agenda Items	A guest at the Council meeting stated that clients who receive Oral Healthcare through Ryan White funding need dental coverage for implants and dentures. They stated that currently, most Ryan White recipients are being referred to dentists who do not accept Ryan White dental coverage and as a result, clients use temporary solutions for dental issues that could be harmful because they are choking hazards. It was explained that Ryan White funding doesn't cover implants or dental procedures not typically covered by other governmental assistance programs such as Medi-Cal. Oral Healthcare is a service category funded under the Ryan White Program however, there are limits to the dental services that can be covered under the program as it is federally mandated. Information was shared regarding the current state of oral healthcare in this country and that typically not even the best of dental insurance plans covers implants. It was recommended that advocates for improved oral healthcare coverage reach out to their legislators to bring the issue to their attention.  A Council member stated that they could not get their calls returned when seeking information on rental assistance. A representative from OCH offered to be a point of contact for the individual so that they could receive the help they needed.  Harm Reduction Services is hosting an HIV Black Awareness Day on February 7 from 12:00 PM – 4:00 PM at their location. There will be raffles and \$10 incentives for people who get tested for HIV.
Tech Assistance	For technical assistance, reach out to Richard Benavidez.
Adjournment	11:42 AM

M												
Meeting Date: 1/24/24	Agenda			December Minutes*			Deceme	ber Part A	Report*		of 10% I	
Seated Members	Approve	Opposed	Abstain	Approve	Opposed	Abstain	Approve	Opposed	Abstain	Approve	Оррозе	Abstain
Beth Valentine												
Arturo Jackson III	×			x			×			x		
Austin Green	x			×			x			x		
Brad Bartholomai	x			x			×			×		
Chelle Gossett	x			×					×			×
Christopher Kendrick Stafford												
David Contreras												
Dennis Poupart												
Jake Bradley-Rowe	x			x			x			×		
Josh Kooman												
Judy Vang	x			x		x	x			×		
Kaye Pulupa												
Kane Ortega	×					x	x			×		
Keily Gluckman	x			x			x			x		
Keshia Lynch												
Kristina Kendricks-Clark	×			x			x			×		
Lenore Gotelli	×											
MacArthur Floumoy												
Melissa Willet	×			x			x			×		
Melody Law												
Michael Ungeheuer	×			x			x			x		
Minerva Reid	×			x			x			x		
Richard Benavidez												
Ronnie Miranda												
Shy Brown												
Steve Austin	×					х	x			x		
Tracy Thomas												
Troy Stermer	×			x			x			x		
Yingjia Huang												
Zach Basier	×			x			×			x		
Motion	Ortega		Bradley-Rowe		Miranda			Miranda				
Second		Basier		Gotelli		Bradley-Rowe			Gotelli			
Amended Motion		Ortega			Bradley- Rowe							
Amended Second		Baster			Ortega							