

**Sacramento County
Department of Health Services
HIV Health Services Planning Council
Affected Communities Committee**
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Meeting Agenda

April 3, 2023, 3:00 PM – 4:00 PM

Meeting Location

4600 Broadway, Sacramento, CA 95820
2nd Floor Conference/Community Room 2020

Facilitator: Zach B. – Chair

Scribe: TBD – Staff

Meeting Invitees:

- Affected Communities Committee Members
- Open to the Public

Public Comment: This provides opportunities for the public to address the Council as a whole in order to listen to opinions regarding matters within the jurisdiction of the Council during Regular meetings and regarding items on the Agenda at all other meetings. Public Comment time limit is three (3) minutes.

*Action items

Topic	Presenter	Start Time	Length
Welcome and Introductions	Zach B.	3:00 PM	As Needed
Announcements	All		As Needed
Public Comments-Agenda Items-3 Minute Time Limit	Zach B.		
Agenda Review*	Zach B.		

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Minutes Review of March 2023*	Zach B.	As Needed	As Needed
Service Concerns	Zach B.		
Reflectiveness Update	Zach B.		
FY23 ACC Work Plan*	Zach B.		
CY23 Training Calendar	Zach B.		
CY23 Outreach <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Website Visits • Advertising • Event Calendar 	Zach B.		
Community Presentation Discussion	Zach B.		
FY23 Spring Positive Advocate*	Zach B.		
Public Comments-Non-Agenda Items	Zach B.		
Technical Assistance	Zach B.		
Adjourn	Zach B.	4:00 PM	

*Action Items

Attachments:

Minutes of March 2023*

FY23 ACC Work Plan*

CY23 Training Calendar

CY23 Outreach Calendar

FY23 Spring Positive Advocate*

NEXT MEETING: June 5, 2023

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Meeting Minutes

March 6, 2023, 3:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Meeting Location: 4600 Broadway, Sacramento, CA 95820 Conference/Community Room 2020

Facilitator: Zach B. – ACC Chair

Scribe: Danielle Caravella, Paula Gammell – Council Staff

Meeting Attendees: Zach B., Dennis Poupart, Richard Benavidez, Kane Ortega, and Steve Austin

Members Excused: N/A

Members Absent: Kelly Gluckman

Guests: Shy Brown

Topic	Minutes
Welcome, Introductions and, Announcements	Welcome, and introductions began at 3:07 p.m. Richard Benavidez announced he has been in contact with the new Janssen Community Liaison, Noel Chavez, and discussed how they could support the ACC community presentations.
Public Comments- Action Items	No public comments were made on the agenda items.

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Topic	Minutes
<p>Agenda Review*</p> <p>February 2023 Minutes Review*</p>	<p>Motion to approve the Agenda as presented was made by Kane Ortega with a second by Richard Benavidez. Danielle Caravella wanted to make an edit to the agenda to specify which public comments were for agenda items and non-agenda items. Kane Ortega amended his motion to include the changes discussed and Richard Benavidez seconded the amended motion. The motion was approved by a majority.</p> <p>Approve: Poupart, Ortega, Benavidez, Austin, and Zach B. Oppose: None Abstain: None</p> <p>A copy of the February 2023 Minutes were presented for review and approval. The motion to approve the February 2023 Minutes was made by Richard Benavidez with a second by Steve Austin and was approved by a majority.</p> <p>Approve: Ortega, Benavidez, Austin, and Zach B. Oppose: None Abstain: Poupart</p>
<p>Service Concerns</p>	<p>Kane Ortega inquired as to when the consulting agency would be taking over and what changes will be happening. Paula Gammell shared that the consultants will be taking over in April and will be at the March Council meeting to introduce themselves.</p> <p>Dennis Poupart inquired if there are any life skill classes for newly diagnosed individuals. Currently, Sunburst Projects is offering these classes and are looking into offering DBT therapy. Danielle will reach out to other agencies to see if they are offering these.</p>
<p>Reflectiveness Update</p>	<p>Paula Gammell announced that HRSA requires changes to how the Council calculates reflectiveness going forward for the new Fiscal Year. For a member of the council to count for reflectiveness the member needs to be a Part A recipient. Previously reflectiveness was counted if a member was an unaffiliated consumer of HIV services in the TGA regardless of how their care was paid for. This can be problematic for the recruitment of new members as</p>

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	<p>most people do not know how their care is being funded. There are a few members who are consumers but they do not receive Part A services, it is recommended that they utilize the services if possible. Currently, there are only a few open seats for Affected Community members and a few of them are specific such as Parole and Native American. There are also alternate seats that could be occupied. Richard Benavidez suggested that the Council updates its interview questions to better screen members and assess their commitment to the Council. With these new changes, the Council is at 30.4% reflectiveness but two new non-consumer seats will be filled next month causing reflectiveness to drop. ACC is hoping to recruit some new individuals at their community event on March 8th.</p>
<p>Meeting Frequency Discussion*</p>	<p>With the return to in-person meetings, it was suggested that the ACC meeting frequency be adjusted to make it easier for members to attend. A motion was made by Kane Ortega to change the ACC meeting frequency to align with the PAC and Exec meeting schedule and a second was made by Dennis Poupart. It was discussed that ACC is a place for consumers to bring any concerns and that it could be good to have the ACC meetings opposite of all the other meetings to break them up a bit. An amended motion was made by Dennis Poupart to change the ACC meeting frequency to the even months of the year: February, April, June, August, October, and December. The amended motion was seconded by Kane Ortega. The motion was approved by a majority.</p> <p>Approve: Poupart, Ortega, Benavidez, Austin, and Zach B. Oppose: None Abstain: None</p>
<p>ACC FY22 Self-Assessment</p>	<p>Members were asked to complete the ACC FY22 Self-Assessment to assess how the committee members felt they did in meeting their goals for the 2022 fiscal year.</p>

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FY23 ACC Work Plan*	<p>Due to time restraints, there was a motion by Kane Ortega to table the FY23 Work plan until the next meeting. Dennis Poupart seconded the motion and it passed by a majority.</p> <p>Approve: Poupart, Ortega, Benavidez, Austin, and Zach B. Oppose: None Abstain: None</p>
FY23 ACC Overview*	<p>The FY23 Overview was presented for review and approval. Dennis Poupart motioned to accept the FY23 Overview as presented and Steve Austin seconded the motion. After discussion it was decided to remove the contact info at the top of the page since it was stated later in the document, the meeting frequency also needed to be updated to capture the new meeting schedule. Dennis Poupart made an amended motion to accept the document with the changes discussed and Steve Austin seconded the amended motion. The motion passed with a majority.</p> <p>Approve: Poupart, Ortega, Benavidez, Austin, and Zach B. Oppose: None Abstain: None</p> <p>As meeting time was running out Kane Ortega made a motion to extend the meeting by 10 minutes and Dennis Poupart seconded the motion. The motion passed with a majority.</p> <p>Approve: Poupart, Ortega, Benavidez, Austin, and Zach B. Oppose: None Abstain: None</p>

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CY23 Training Calendar	The CY23 Training Calendar was presented for review. CA Office of AIDS is scheduled to present to the Council on the State's Integrated Plan in March. There is a training scheduled for the May Council meeting on Inclusivity organized by Judy Vang at UCD AETC. There is a continued effort to secure training on the Mental Health Care System. There was a suggestion to reach out to the Gender Health Center and the LGBT Center for future presentations.
Outreach/Event Calendar	Outreach Events: Shy Brown indicated that Sac City College will no longer be hosting any health fairs. She also wanted to inquire about the Rainbow Festival and if that would be happening this year. Paula Gammell indicated she would follow up on that.
Community Presentation Discussion	Zach B. discussed that the next ACC event on March 8 th has 25 people signed up and are looking forward to the event.
FY23 Spring Positive Advocate	The Spring Positive Advocate topics were discussed. Danielle will reach out to Judy Vang at UCD AETC for an article with plans to highlight the awareness day that will take place during the timeframe of the issue. Steve would like to highlight the Healing Waters rafting trip from July 22-23 in the Spring issue.
Public Comment-Non-Agenda Items	Kane Ortega shared that he was grateful to be back in person and thankful for the County Staff.
Technical Assistance	If you need Technical Assistance, please feel free to contact Richard or Zach B.
Adjournment	The meeting adjourned at 4:11 p.m. The next meeting is on April 3rd, 2023.

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FY 2023-2024 WORK PLAN

DATE/ TIMELINE	ACTIVITY	MATERIALS
March 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Women & Girls AIDS Awareness Day (3/10) • National Native HIV/AIDS Awareness Day (3/20) • Review Outreach Calendar • Review Training Calendar • ACC Community Forum 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outreach Calendar • Training Calendar
April 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review/Approve Spring Positive Advocate 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spring Positive Advocate
June 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prepare for Summer Health Fairs • Caribbean American HIV/AIDS Awareness Day (6/8) • National HIV Testing Day (6/27) • Approve Summer Positive Advocate 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Calendar of Outreach Events • Summer Positive Advocate
August 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review Outreach Calendar • Review Training Calendar 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outreach Calendar • Training Calendar
October 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approve Fall Positive Advocate • Report on Effectiveness of Outreach Efforts • National Latinx HIV/AIDS Awareness Day (10/15) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fall Positive Advocate
December 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • World AIDS Day (12/1) • Approve Winter Positive Advocate • Review Outreach Calendar • Review Training Calendar 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Winter Positive Advocate • Outreach Calendar • Training Calendar
February 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Draft/Approve Work Plan • African American AIDS Awareness Day (2/7) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Draft Work Plan • Committee Assessment Tool

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Committee Self-Assessment • Review Outreach Calendar • Review HHSPC Training Calendar 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outreach Calendar • Training Calendar
<p>STRATEGIES from the CA Integrated HIV Surveillance, Prevention and Care Plan</p>		
<p>The following Strategies from the California Integrated HIV Surveillance, Prevention and Care Plan, known as, Laying a Foundation for Getting to Zero apply to the ongoing work conducted by the Affected Communities Committee in the Sacramento Transitional Grant Area:</p> <p>Strategy L: Increase General HIV Education and Awareness and Reduce Stigma Around HIV, Sexual Orientation, and Gender Identity.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Activity L2: Work with Service Providers to Develop Clear and Consistent Messaging around HIV Statewide ▪ Activity L3: Continue Widespread Condom Promotion and Distribution <p>Strategy N: Enhance Collaborations and Community Involvement.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Activity N1: Improve Utilization of Community Engagement Strategies at Both State and Local Levels, Especially Involving PLWH 		

Calendar Year 2023 HHSPC Training Schedule

January 25	UCD AETC Cultural Humility
February 22	UCD AETC Diversity & Equity
March 22	CDPH Strategic Plan
April 26	Mechanics of the Planning Council
May 24	UCD AETC Inclusivity
June 28	TBD
July 26	TBD
August 23	Suggestion: HIV & Aging
September 27	TBD
October 25	TBD
Nov/Dec: 13	TBD

Suggestion: Gender Health Center, LGBT Center

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National Native HIV/AIDS Awareness Day

March 20th, 2023, is National Native HIV/AIDS Awareness Day. According to HIV.gov "National Native HIV/AIDS Awareness Day was first observed in 2007. This day is observed on the first day of Spring each year. The 2023 observance is recognized on March 20th.

The theme for 2023 is "Weaving Our Horizon: Strength. Community. Equity." The [National Native HIV Network](#) plans the observance each year. The observance is a national mobilization effort designed to encourage Native people (American Indians, Alaska Natives, and Native Hawaiians) across the United States and Territorial Areas to get educated, get tested, get involved in prevention, and get treated for HIV.

You can learn more about HISstory, HERstory, THEIRstory, OURstory: Storytelling as Resilience, an initiative aimed at increasing awareness and knowledge of HIV and breaking down the barriers of HIV/AIDS stigma in indigenous communities through the tradition of story telling [here](#).

To support the development of comprehensive solutions to end the HIV epidemic in Indian Country, the Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board, alongside the Indian Health Service National HIV Program, and other partners, created [The Indigenous HIV/AIDS Syndemic Strategy: Weaving Together the National HIV, STI, and Viral Hepatitis Plans](#). This document contains emerging practices, existing initiatives, as well as traditional Indigenous knowledge that can be used by Tribal decision-makers to develop community-tailored interventions that address the syndemics of HIV, STIs, and viral hepatitis." (HIV.gov, 2023)

Reference:

[National Native HIV/AIDS Awareness Day #NNHAAD | HIV.gov](#)

National Youth HIV/AIDS Awareness Day

April 10th, 2023, is National Youth HIV & AIDS Awareness Day. [Advocates for Youth](#) and its partners direct this observance. According to Advocates for Youth "National Youth HIV & AIDS Awareness Day (NYHAAD), annually on April 10th, is a day to educate the public about the impact of HIV and AIDS on young people.

The day also highlights the HIV prevention, treatment, and care campaigns of young people in the U.S. Today's young people are the first generation who have never known a world without HIV and AIDS. The CDC reports that in 2018, youth aged 13 to 24 made up 21% of the 37,832 new HIV diagnoses in the United States (US) and dependent areas. Young people living with HIV are the least likely of any age group to be retained in care and have a suppressed viral load. Addressing the impact of HIV on young people requires they have access to affirming, culturally-competent, and medically accurate resources and tools.

The National Youth HIV & AIDS Awareness Day (NYHAAD) Collective is comprised of youth activists leading HIV prevention, treatment, and care campaigns in their communities. Their campaigns highlight the challenges faced by young people living with and impacted by HIV, offer insight on how they combat stigma and discrimination on local, state, and federal levels, and enhance the awareness among physicians, policymakers, and youth-serving organization staff, etc. about the existing disparities." (advocatesforyouth.org, 2023)

Reference:

[NYHAAD - Advocates for Youth](#)



National Transgender HIV Testing Day

April 18th, 2023, is National Transgender HIV Testing Day. Transgender individuals face many barriers to healthcare access, including transphobia, anticipated HIV stigma, and racial discrimination, which may make them hesitant to seek care such as HIV testing and treatment (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention [CDC], 2022). A Special Report by the CDC, which surveyed 1,608 transgender women in seven major U.S. cities between 2019 and 2020, found that 42.2% were HIV positive (CDC, 2021). The report also found that 35% of participants were Black/African American, and 40% were Hispanic or Latina. Of the participants surveyed, 17% did not have health insurance, 42% had experienced homelessness within a year before the survey, and 63% had a household income at or below the federal poverty level. Evidenced-based multilevel interventions delivering individual counseling, peer navigation, and community mobilization that addresses structural, biomedical, and behavioral risk as well as focusing on the disparities above, can help overcome healthcare barriers for transgender individuals (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 2022). For National Transgender HIV Testing Day social media and awareness resources, please visit the following site: <https://www.cdc.gov/hiv/library/awareness/nthtd.html>



For questions or provider education on the prevention, treatment, and care or those at-risk or living with HIV, please contact the Pacific AIDS Education & Training Center – Central Valley & Northern Interior
Website: <https://paetc.org/about/local-partners/central-valley>
Email: aetc@ucdavis.edu
Phone: 916-320-6764

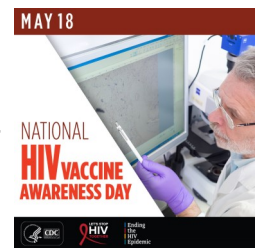
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Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. 2021, April. *HIV Infection, Risk, Prevention, and Testing Behaviors Among Transgender Women—National HIV Behavioral Surveillance, 7 U.S. Cities, 2019–2020*. HIV Surveillance Special Report 27. <http://www.cdc.gov/hiv/library/reports/hiv-surveillance.html>
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. 2022, April 13. *Prevention Challenges*. <https://www.cdc.gov/hiv/group/gender/transgender/prevention-challenges.html>

HIV Vaccine Awareness Day

May 18th, 2023, is HIV Vaccine Awareness Day. According to the CDC it is “Led by the [National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases](#), HIV Vaccine Awareness Day (HVAD) is observed on May 18. This event is an opportunity to recognize the many volunteers, community members, health professionals, and scientists who are working together to find a safe and effective vaccine to prevent HIV. It is also a day to educate communities about the importance of HIV vaccine research.” (cdc.gov, 2020)

Reference: [HIV Vaccine Awareness Day | Awareness Days | Resource Library | HIV/AIDS | CDC](#)



National Asian and Pacific Islander HIV/AIDS Awareness Day

May 19th, 2023, is National Asian & Pacific Islander HIV/AIDS Awareness Day. According to the National Institutes of Health it was “Founded by the Banyan Tree Project and the San Francisco Community Health Center on May 19, 2005, the National Asian & Pacific Islander HIV/AIDS Awareness Day raises awareness about the impact of HIV and AIDS-related stigma in Asian and Pacific Islander (API) communities.



Although the API communities are the fastest growing minority group, HIV diagnoses in this group have remained stable. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), in the U.S. and dependent territories, most new HIV diagnoses in API communities were among gay, bisexual, and other men who have sex with men. Other segments of the API population in the U.S. who experienced new HIV diagnoses were women and people who inject drugs. However, stigma is a primary barrier to HIV testing and access to services in

API Americans. Stigma related to HIV infection in API communities have created challenges regarding transmission, testing, and treatment. Intensified efforts are needed to support culturally tailored measures that meet the API communities’ HIV prevention, treatment, and care needs.” (HIVinfo.NIH.gov, 2023)

Reference: [National Asian & Pacific Islander HIV/AIDS Awareness Day | NIH](#)

Awareness Days

- March 20th is National Native American HIV/AIDS Awareness Day
- April 10 is National Youth HIV and AIDS Awareness Day
- April 18 is National Transgender HIV Testing Day
- May 18 is HIV Vaccine Awareness Day
- May 19 is National Asian & Pacific Islander HIV/AIDS Awareness Day

Upcoming Events

- May 20-21: NorCal AIDS Cycle—For more information visit [NorCal AIDS Cycle](#)
- July 22-23: Healing Waters Rafting Trip—For more information visit [Healing Waters](#)

One Community Health offers low cost & confidential walk-in and appointments for HIV, Hepatitis C & STD testing at its Midtown Campus.
Call 916-443-3299 to make an appointment or for more information.
No one will be turned away if they are unable to pay.

Free or Low-Cost STD/HIV/HCV Testing;
Contact the agency directly for dates, times and costs of testing
Golden Rule Services 916-427-4653
Harm Reduction Services 916-456-4849
Sacramento Sexual Health Clinic 916-875-1551

Partner Services:

County of Sacramento - 916-875-1100
One Community Health - 916-443-3299
Yolo County - 530-666-8670
El Dorado and Placer Counties:
Sierra Foothills AIDS Foundation 530-889-2437

The Sacramento TGA's HIV Health Services Planning Council and Committee Meeting Schedules
Committees may be canceled if there is no pressing business to conduct.
Go to www.sacramento-tga.com for the most updated meeting schedule.

1st Monday of Even Months: February, April, June, August, October, and December	Affected Communities Committee: 3:00—4:00 p.m. at Sacramento County Health Center, 4600 Broadway, Sacramento, CA. Community Room 2020
Quarterly on the 1st Tuesday of: March, June, Sept. and Dec.	Quality Advisory Committee: 2:00—3:00 p.m. at the Sacramento County Health Center, 4600 Broadway, Sacramento, CA. Community Room 2020
Quarterly on the 1st Tuesday of March, June, Sept. and Dec.	Needs Assessment Committee: 3:00—4:30 p.m. at the Sacramento County Health Center, 4600 Broadway, Sacramento, CA. Community Room 2020
1st Wednesday of the Months of: March, May, July, September, and January	Priorities and Allocations Committee: 9:00—11:00 a.m. at the Sacramento County Health Center, 4600 Broadway, Sacramento, CA. Community Room 2020
2nd Thursday of the Months of: March, May, July, September, and January	Executive Committee: 3:00—5:00 p.m. at the County of Sacramento Sacramento County Health Center, 4600 Broadway, Sacramento, CA. Community Room 2020
4th Wednesday of Every Month: Combined Nov/Dec on 12/13/2023	HIV Health Services Planning Council: 10:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m. at the Sacramento County Health Center, 4600 Broadway, Sacramento, CA. Community Room 2020

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The **POSITIVE ADVOCATE** Newsletter is a quarterly information and outreach project. We welcome submissions from the affected community. For additional information about the Affected Communities Committee (ACC), HIV Health Services Planning Council (HHSPC), or this newsletter, contact: Danielle Caravella at 916-875-6021
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The **Affected Communities Committee** addresses issues facing the HIV/AIDS community and advises the Planning Council on community affairs. The mission of the committee is to recruit, empower, and involve people living with HIV/AIDS in the strategic planning and advocacy of HIV/AIDS care and services. These goals will be accomplished with the assistance of the Council support staff toward the fulfillment of its mission. The committee encourages an environment of trust and safety in achieving its mission.

The Committee meets the first Monday of the Even Months of the year, 3—4 p.m., at Sacramento County Health Center
4600 Broadway, Community Room 2020, Sacramento, 95820.

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Direct HIV Service Line: (916) 842-5185

Sacramento Sexual Health Clinic

916-875-1551

Sierra Foothills AIDS Foundation

**** El Dorado and Placer Counties only ****
Main number: 530-889-2437

Sunburst Projects 916-440-0889

UC Davis Medical Center Pediatric Infectious Disease 916-734-1873

In the box to the right, is a list of Ryan White Part A and B funded Services.

Services may vary per provider and additional services may be available through other funding sources.

Please contact a provider above for additional information.

- ⇒ Ambulatory Outpatient Care
- ⇒ Medical Case Management
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- ⇒ Housing
- ⇒ Medical Nutritional Therapy
- ⇒ Medical Transportation
- ⇒ Mental Health
- ⇒ Non-Medical Case Management
- ⇒ Oral Health
- ⇒ Outreach Services
- ⇒ Substance Abuse—Outpatient
- ⇒ Substance Abuse—Residential