

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

December 4, 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: Angelina Olweny – Council 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 October 2023*	Zach B.	As Needed	As Needed
Service Concerns	Zach B.		
Reflectiveness Update	Zach B.		
CY24 Training Calendar	Zach B.		
CY23/24 Outreach <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Website Visits • Advertising • Event Calendar 	Zach B.		
Community Conversation	Zach B.		
Public Comments-Non-Agenda Items	Zach B.		
Technical Assistance	Zach B.		
Adjourn	Zach B.	4:00 PM	

*Action Items

Attachments:
 Agenda Review*
 Minutes of October 2023*
 CY24 Training Calendar
 CY23/24 Outreach Calendar
 Winter Positive Advocate

NEXT MEETING: **February 5, 2024**

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Meeting Minutes

October 2, 2023, 3:00 – 4:00 p.m.

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

Facilitator: Zach Basler – ACC Chair

Council Staff: Angelina Olweny

Meeting Attendees: Christopher-Kendrick-Stafford, Dennis Poupart, Richard Benavidez, Steve Austin, Zach Basler, Shy Brown

Members Absent: Kane Ortega

Excused: Kelly Gluckman

County Staff: Danielle Caravella

Topic	Minutes
Welcome, Introductions and, Announcements	Welcome, and introductions began at 3:06PM Dennis Poupart is ending at the end of the year and is not reapplying to the Council. The Latinx HIV Community Conversation is on October 12 at the LGBT Center. Noel Travis from Jansen will be conducting the conversation in Spanish at the Community Conversation. Committee members were encouraged to share the information about the meeting with Spanish speaking community members. Brad Bartholomae and Austin Green have been appointed as new Council members.

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Topic	Minutes
Public Comments- Action Items	No public comments were made on the agenda items.
Agenda Review* August 2023 Minutes Review*	<p>The agenda was presented for review and approval. Richard Benavidez motioned to accept the agenda as presented and Dennis Poupart seconded the motion. The motion passed with a majority. Approve: Christopher-Kendrick-Stafford, Dennis Poupart, Richard Benavidez, Steve Austin, Zach Basler, Shy Brown Oppose: N/A Abstain: N/A</p> <p>The August minutes were presented for review and approval. Richard Benavidez motioned to accept the minutes as presented and Dennis Poupart seconded the motion. The following changes were made: Tracy Thomas was not listed as a guest in the August minutes but was present at the meeting. On page three under Service Concerns, the statement was clarified to state that Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS funding provides rental assistance and Ryan White Part A housing funding aids convalescent patients. On page 4 under Positive Advocate, Richard Benavidez stated that the statement be corrected to reflect that awareness days are not only state and county awareness days but national awareness days. Richard Benavidez motioned to accept the amended minutes and Dennis Poupart seconded the motion. The motion passed with a majority.</p> <p>Approve: Christopher-Kendrick-Stafford, Richard Benavidez, Steve Austin, Zach Basler, Shy Brown Oppose: N/A Abstain: Dennis Poupart</p>

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Service Concerns	<p>The food bank outreach survey being distributed by providers only reflects that individuals who complete the survey get home-delivered meals and food bank services but not gift cards.</p> <p>Referrals to specialists from One Community Health are not processed on time. The process involves One Community Health completing the referral paperwork which is then completed by River City Medical Group.</p> <p>Committee members were encouraged to communicate with their Medical Case Managers or OCH HIV Services with concerns. Medi-Cal recipients also have Medical Case Managers. Other members reported that they were able to get assistance by calling the Medi-Cal helpline.</p> <p>Zach Basler gave an update on concerns that were raised during the August meeting. OCH is hiring three new case managers and more telephone representatives.</p> <p>The pharmacy is now fully operational. Committee members were advised to contact their Medical Case Manager to transfer their prescriptions to the new OCH pharmacy system because the process cannot be completed via the online portal.</p>
Reflectiveness Update	<p>Two new members were appointed to the Council. The reflectiveness will change slightly given the new appointments and their assigned seats.</p>
CY23 Training Calendar	<p>Committee discussed recommendations for training presentations for 2024. Suggestions included presentations on the Medi-Cal waiver program, Rx Healthcare and the services they provide, information on how SCPH responds to cluster infections, a presentation by the State Office of AIDS and their integrated plan and information from the California Planning Group once it is approved to be shared with the planning bodies.</p>
CY23 Outreach Website Visits	<p>Sacramento TGA website visits have increased.</p>

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Community Presentation Discussion	<p>Latino HIV Awareness day is on October 15. Sunburst and the LGBT Center will be working together to host a community event on Worlds AIDS day.</p> <p>Zach Basler commented that in 2024, plans to coordinate participation for the Council in health fairs at Los Rios Community colleges, California State University Sacramento and UC Davis.</p> <p>During the discussion on outreach efforts, PrEP navigators were identified as a helpful way to provide youth peer support services.</p>
FY23 Winter Positive Advocate Discussion	<p>There is no Winter Positive Advocate for review as updated information on upcoming awareness days has not been provided. The committee agreed to publish it without approval when the information becomes available.</p>
Community Conversation	<p>The last Community Conversation day is on October 12th 6:00 PM -7:00PM at the Sacramento LGBT Center.</p> <p>The committee is looking to have more youth representation and participation at Community Conversation meetings. One suggestion was to hold some meetings on college campuses to make them more accessible. Other possible locations were the Community Youth Center at Del Paso Blvd.</p> <p>Richard Benavidez discussed implementing alternate seats.</p>
Public Comment-Non-Agenda Items	<p>NorCal AIDS Cycle is hosting a fundraising pumpkin ride from Land Park to West Sacramento on Saturday October 28</p>
Technical Assistance	<p>For technical questions reach out to Zach Basler.</p>
Adjournment	<p>The meeting adjourned at 3:58p.m.</p>

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Calendar Year 2024 HHSPC Training Schedule

January 24	Integrated Plan Blueprint
February 28	TBD
March 27	TBD
April 24	TBD
May 22	TBD
June 26	TBD
July 24	TBD
August 28	TBD
September 25	TBD
October 23	TBD
Nov/Dec 11	Medi-Cal waiver program, Rx Healthcare Services, SCPH response to cluster infections, State Office of AIDS on integrated plan, information from the California Planning Group

2024 Community Event Schedule

Event Date	Event	Organization	Location	Time	Space Fee	Comments	ACC Event
2024 Jan. 17	ARC Carefest	ARC	ARC Student Center	10:00am-2:00pm	Free	Free Community Partner Tabling Event.	
Feb. 7	National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day	TBD	TBD	10:30 am - 2:00 pm	None		Y
Mar. 10	National Women and Girls HIV/AIDS Awareness Day	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD		
April 18	National Transgender HIV Testing Day	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD		Collab.
TBD	NorCal AIDS Cycle	NorCal AIDS Cycle	Sacramento		N/A	2 day event	Collab.
June 5	HIV Long-Term Survivors Day	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD		?
June 10-11	Sacramento Pride	LGBT Center	Capitol Mall	11 - 8 p.m.	\$\$\$	2 day event	N
June 27	National HIV Testing Day	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD		



Positive Advocate

Winter 2023

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World AIDS Day

December 1st, 2023, is World AIDS Day. According to HIV.gov "Every year on December 1st, the world unites to commemorate World AIDS Day. This annual event serves as a reminder of the global struggle to end HIV-related stigma, an opportunity to honor those we have lost, and a rallying cry to continue working toward a day when HIV is no longer a public health threat. In 2023, we mark the 35th commemoration of this important day with the theme "World AIDS Day 35: Remember and Commit".

The first World AIDS Day took place in 1988, providing a platform to raise awareness about HIV/AIDS and honor the lives affected by the epidemic. Over the past 35 years, we have witnessed significant progress in addressing HIV/AIDS thanks to advancements in medical research, increased access to treatment and prevention, and a broader understanding of the virus. We have also seen a tremendous global advocacy community unite to take on challenges and hold institutions accountable for ensuring access to these advancements.

"The 35th commemoration of World AIDS Day is an opportunity to reflect on our journey, acknowledge and celebrate the progress we've made, and recognize the challenges remaining," said Admiral Rachel L. Levine, MD, Assistant Secretary for Health at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. "However, many people with HIV still lack access to essential healthcare and support services. We must strive to increase equitable access and outcomes for HIV testing, prevention, treatment, and care services. The battle is far from over."

This year's theme, "World AIDS Day 35: Remember and Commit," pays tribute to those we have lost to HIV/AIDS. The impact of this epidemic has been profound, affecting individuals, families, and entire communities across the globe. Remembering the lives lost not only honors their memory but also emphasizes the urgency of our commitment to end the HIV epidemic.

Through remembrance, we draw strength and determination to redouble our efforts in fighting the disease and providing support to those with HIV. It's time to remind ourselves of the importance of compassion, empathy, and solidarity in the face of adversity.

The other aspect of this year's theme, "Commit," emphasizes our collective responsibility to act. Each one of us can make a difference, whether through working to improve health equity and ending the disparities in access to prevention, care, and treatment; promoting scientific education and awareness; or supporting organizations that work tirelessly to serve those at risk and living with HIV—we need a whole of society response to win.

"The progress we have made in the HIV/AIDS response required governments, the community, civil society, advocates, activists, the faith-based community, and public and private organizations to come together for the shared goal to save lives and change the course of the HIV/AIDS pandemic. It will require continued engagement, commitment, and will to end HIV/AIDS as a public health threat by 2030," said Ambassador Dr. John Nkengasong, U.S. Global AIDS Coordinator and Senior Bureau Official for Global Health Security and Diplomacy.

The 35th commemoration of World AIDS Day reminds us of the journey we have taken and the road that lies ahead. Together, through remembrance and unwavering commitment, we can look forward to a brighter, healthier future for us all. " (hiv.gov, 2023)

Reference:

[World AIDS Day 35: Remember and Commit](#)

World AIDS Day Events in Sacramento

Golden Rule Services The 35th Commemorative World AIDS Day "Remember and Commit"

Friday, December 1, 2023, 9 a.m.—10 a.m.
4433 Florin Rd., Ste. 860, Sacramento, CA 95823
For more information call 916-427-4653

World AIDS Day Press Conference
Friday, December 1, 2023, Starts at 12 p.m.
Sacramento County Headquarters
700 H St, Media Room, Sacramento, CA 95814

World AIDS Day 35, Friday, December 1, 2023
Remember and Commit
[University Union Ballroom at Sacramento State](#)
Doors At 6 PM | Program At 7PM



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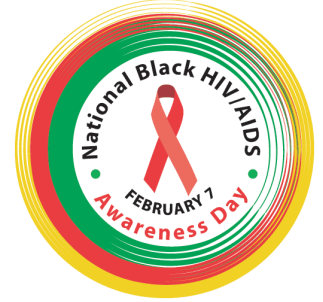
WORLD AIDS DAY 35
Remember and Commit

National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day

February 7th is National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day. According to a dear colleague letter from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) "February 7 is National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day (NBHAAD), a day to highlight the progress of HIV testing, prevention, and treatment efforts and consider our ongoing challenges to reducing HIV among Black or African American people (hereafter referred to as African American people) in the United States. We have made strides in reducing the disproportionate impact of HIV on African American communities. Despite this progress, racism, poverty, and stigma continue to drive health disparities and make it more difficult for African American people to access HIV testing, prevention, and care services.

This NBHAAD, we invite our colleagues in HIV care and advocacy, health care, and public health to join us in challenging these systemic root causes of HIV disparities in African American communities in the United States. HIV surveillance data show us that African American people are disproportionately affected by HIV, making up 12% of the population, but accounting for 42% (12,827) of the 30,635 new HIV diagnoses in the United States and dependent areas in 2020. African American gay and bisexual men are the group most affected by HIV, making up 65% (8,294) of new HIV diagnoses among African American people in 2020.*

Intersecting racial and economic factors create structural barriers to HIV prevention and treatment in African American communities. Our nation's troubled history of medical racism and experiences with discrimination from health care providers have contributed to high levels of mistrust in the health care system among African American people. These same factors increase disparities for other illnesses, including mpox, other sexually transmitted diseases, and viral hepatitis. We can all work to address stigma and racism within our institutions and look for ways to connect African American people with HIV testing and prevention services, as well as compassionate, patient-centered, stigma-free HIV care." (cdc.gov, 2023)



Reference:

[National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day \(NBHAAD\)](#)

HIV Is Not A Crime Awareness Day

According to hiv.gov "February 28 is HIV is Not a Crime Awareness Day, which was first observed in 2022 by the Sero Project in collaboration with the Elizabeth Taylor AIDS Foundation. This awareness day is an opportunity to amplify the voices of those who have been criminalized based on their HIV status.

Living with HIV is not a crime, but in more than 30 U.S. states, people are being imprisoned due to their HIV status. HIV criminalization laws consist of using a person's positive HIV status in a criminal prosecution, increasing charges or punishments because the person has HIV." (hiv.gov, 2023)

Reference:

[HIV Is Not A Crime Awareness Day](#)



Awareness Days

- December 1st is World AIDS Day
- February 6th is National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day
- February 28th is HIV Is Not A Crime Awareness Day

ACC Community Conversations

The Affected Communities Committee, ACC, a Committee of the HIV Health Services Planning Council, is once again, hosting Community Conversations related to the most current information on HIV. We look forward to seeing you there. All sessions will be held at the LGBT Center from 6 to 7pm with dinner provided. Please reach out to Zachary Basler at 415-299-7027 if you have questions. To register for an event please visit www.sacramento-tga.com

Upcoming Events: Dates for 2024 have not yet been finalized, please visit www.sacramento-tga.com/community-hiv-related-events.html for the most updated information.

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.

Sunburst Clinic:916-299-6810, SunburstClinic.org

Free confidential walk-in HIV/HCV/STD testing

Monday – Friday, 8 am – 6 pm in Arden Area.

PrEP Starter Pack issued same-day. PrEP-AP and ADAP enrollment or recertification

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

Sunburst Projects - 916-440-0889

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 5th, April 1st, June 5th,
August 7th, October 2nd, and
December 4th

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 5th, June 6th, Sept. 5th,
and Dec. 5th

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 5th, June 6th, Sept. 5th,
and Dec. 5th

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 6th, May 1st, June 7th,
Sept. 6th, and January 3rd

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 14th, May 9th, June 8th,
Sept. 14th, and January 11th

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

Primary Care Parking: There is free parking on the LOWER LEVEL in the parking structure. Entrance off Broadway only. The Stockton Blvd entrance is closed.



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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
www.sacramento-tga.com

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.

RYAN WHITE CARE ACT SERVICE PROVIDERS

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916-403-2910 x1077

Golden Rule Services 916-427-4653

Harm Reduction Services 916-456-4849

One Community Health 916-443-3299
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
- ⇒ Child Care
- ⇒ Emergency Financial Assistance
- ⇒ Food Bank/Home Delivered Meals
- ⇒ Health Insurance Assistance
- ⇒ Housing
- ⇒ Medical Nutritional Therapy
- ⇒ Medical Transportation
- ⇒ Mental Health
- ⇒ Non-Medical Case Management
- ⇒ Oral Health
- ⇒ Outreach Services
- ⇒ Substance Abuse—Outpatient
- ⇒ Substance Abuse—Residential