

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

**Meeting Minutes**

June 5, 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:** Richard Benavidez, Christopher Kendrick-Stafford, Dennis Poupart, Zach Basler, Shy Brown, Steve Austin

**Members Absent:** Kane Ortega

**Excused:** Kelly Gluckman

**County Staff:** Danielle Caravella

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Topic	Minutes
Welcome, Introductions and, Announcements	<p>Welcome, and introductions began at 3:05</p> <p>OCH has an HIV Pride welcome event at 11-2 on Friday. NorCal AIDs Cycle was on Saturday May 25<sup>th</sup> and Sunday May 26<sup>th</sup>. Respondents have a booth.</p> <p>Sac LGBT center has free tickets for PRIDE event. David Heitstuman, Executive Officer at the LGBT Center put out announcements for volunteers for PRIDE event.</p> <p>RX Healthcare Staffing is partnering with service providers to offer food, gas and transportation services, and housing for surgical needs. To receive this service, the consumer has to be HIV positive and have Medi-Cal. There is also an income requirement. Mention Richard as referral.</p>
Public Comments- Action Items	None
Agenda Review*       Minutes Review*	<p>The June 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.</p> <p>Approved: Richard Benavidez, Zachary Basler, Steve Austin, Shy Brown, Dennis Poupart, Oppose: N/A Abstain: N/A</p> <p>Dennis Poupart motioned to approve May minutes as presented and Zachary Basler seconded the motion</p> <p>Approve: Richard Benavidez, Steve Austin, Zachary Basler Oppose: N/A Abstain: Dennis Poupart, Shy Brown</p>

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<p>Service Concerns</p>	<p>Members reported that OCH's phone number is not always reliable. At times, the line goes to an individual's voicemail phone number. One consumer wanted a referral but was not called back. During the meeting, a suggestion made was to send an email to Keisha Lynch to let her know about the mentioned issue of not having calls returned for accessibility to services.</p> <p>A question of transportation to and from medical appointments was brought up. It was stated that Sunburst has transportation but because of the grant status, the funds for transportation ebbs and flows. Sunburst doesn't have continuous funds allocated for transportation under the Sunburst grant.</p> <p>It was stated that RX Healthcare Services provides transportation services to clients.</p>
<p>Reflectiveness Update</p>	<p>The current reflectiveness is at 33%. More consumer appointments are pending. Christopher Kendricks-Stafford will be moved to the Affected/Underserved parolee open seat. He can continue to be part of ACC as the reapplication paperwork is being filed.</p>
<p>CY23 Training Calendar</p>	<p>In June the LGBT Center will have a presentation at the planning council meeting. There will be no meetings in July. A training on HIV/AIDS and Aging is tentatively set for August. September – Keisha to do a presentation on OCH's Gender Affirming Care Services.</p> <p>There is a possibility for a presentation on Housing in October – Danielle has reached out to the council member with SHRA to see if they are able to provide a training on this.</p> <p>There has historically been no presentations at the Nov/December meeting.</p>
<p>CY23 Outreach</p>	<p>Website visits        The number of people who visited the Sacramento TGA website was in the low sixties. There were 60 unique website visits.</p> <p>Advertising</p>

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	<p>There is no active advertising.          Sac City College and Wellness event – Sacramento City College communicated that they won't have the capacity to do a health fair moving forward</p>
<p>Community Presentation Discussion</p>	<p>Zachary Basler spoke to the fact that in the community presentation, the LGBT Center was identified as a safe space for youth to talk about sexual identity and sexual health. The Community Meeting highlighted the fact that youth are using platforms such as Google to get information about sexual health and sexual identity because they are not having conversations with their parents about safe sex. They may have the misconception that there is an HIV vaccine, which is being confused with the HPV vaccine. Most youth are coming out at the ages of 14-18. It was pointed out that they are trying to figure out where they fit in given the number of sexual identities.</p> <p>Discrimination is an issue at home and out in the community. Youth want to have a safe space to have community discussions.</p> <p>Next Wednesday, June 12<sup>th</sup>, Gustavo from OCH is doing a presentation on PrEP. The information will be shared in an email. Human Rights Campaign (HRC) is trying to consolidate terminology on HIV because the list of definitions for gender identification and sexual identity is long. More outreach efforts to youth under the age of 30 are needed because there are barriers when it comes to reaching this demographic.</p>
<p>FY23 Summer Positive Advocate*</p>	<p>The FY23 Summer positive advocate draft was presented for review and approval. Richard Benavidez suggested that the acronym ACC should be spelled out as Affected Communities Committee in the Positive Advocate Newsletter. Also, the meeting schedule list should have the exact dates of the various committee meetings i.e. (July 1<sup>st</sup> 2023) as opposed to listing their frequencies i.e. 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of each month. Richard Benavidez motioned to accept the Summer Positive advocate as presented with the changes discussed and Dennis Poupart seconded the motion. The motion passed with a majority.</p> <p>Approve: Dennis Poupart, Richard Benavidez, Shy Brown, Steve Austin, Zachary Basler          Abstain: N/A</p>

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	<p>Oppose: N/A</p> <p>Members were encouraged to send Danielle articles that they would like to see included in the Positive Advocate Newsletter.</p>
Public Comment-Non-Agenda Items	<p>Ideas behind improving the website were discussed- The website as it is now is provider focused as opposed to consumer based. Some ideas proposed include having an ACC specific website. Content on this website would include information that would help widen the community's knowledge of the Ryan White Program, related services, and advertise outreach opportunities.</p> <p>It would cost money to have a new website. Additionally, the website will need to be maintained and updated frequently. The county currently manages the Sacramento TGA website and cannot permit an outside individual to manage the website.</p> <p>The next CQI meeting will be held on 6/20. HRSA has emphasized how important it is for consumers to be in attendance for these meetings.</p> <p>The Wisdom Project is a nonprofit organization for the elder LGBT community. The organization wants to participate in LGBT elder PRIDE. The AdAC Year-end assessment meeting is on Thursday, June 15<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM. Those interested in attending need to sign a confidentiality agreement. There is a training for those new to the meeting on June 8<sup>th</sup> at 10</p>
Technical Assistance	For technical questions reach out to Richard Benavidez and Zach Basler.
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