



LOS ANGELES COUNTY COMMISSION ON HIV

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PUBLIC POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

August 7, 2017



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MEMBERS PRESENT	MEMBERS ABSENT	PUBLIC	COMM STAFF/ CONSULTANTS
Aaron Fox, MPM, <i>Co-Chair</i>	José Munoz	Jason Brown	Cheryl Barrit, MPIA
Eric Paul Leue, <i>Co-Chair</i>	Maria Roman	Joseph Green	Carolyn Echols-Watson
Kyle Baker	Rebecca Ronquillo	Katja Nelson	Doris K. Reed
Jerry D. Gates, PhD		Siouxsie Q. James	
Terry Goddard, MA		Ian O'Brien	
Lee Kochems, MA			
Bradley Land			DHSP STAFF
Ricky Rosales			None
Martin Eddy Sattah, MD			

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- 5) **Memorandum:** AIDS Healthcare Foundation letter to Senate Appropriations Committee Chair: AB 1534 Letter of support *08/04/2017*
- 6) **Analysis:** California Health Benefits Review Program: Analysis of California Assembly Bill 1534 HIV Specialists *04/12/2017*
- 7) **Summary of Actions:** California HIV/AIDS Policy Research Centers: Follow-up From CHPRC March Roundtable *08/01/2017*
- 8) **Amendment:** AB 1534 HIV Specialists *05/06/2017*
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- 10) **Memorandum:** County of Los Angeles Chief Executive Office: Development of County Positions on Legislation and State Budget Items and Advocacy of County Interest in Sacramento *01/10/2017*
- 11) **Table:** Los Angeles County Commission on HIV, 2017-2018 Legislative Docket, *08/07/2017*
- 12) **Assembly Bill:** No. 1033: Rape: Condoms, *07/18/2017*
- 13) **Assembly Bill:** No. 1534: Health Care Coverage: HIV specialists, *06/26/2017*
- 14) **Article:** It's not Obamacare anymore. It's our national health-care system, *07/29/2017*

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Mr. Fox called the meeting to order at 1:05 pm.
2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**
Motion 1: Approve the Agenda Order (***Passed by Consensus.***)
3. **APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES:**
Motion 2: Approve the 06/05/2017 Public Policy Committee meeting minutes, as presented (***Passed by Consensus.***)
4. **PUBLIC COMMENT (*Non-Agendized or Follow-Up*):** There were no comments.

5. **COMMITTEE COMMENT (Non-Agendized or Follow-Up):** There were no comments.

6. **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

- Ms. Barrit updated the committee on Commission staffing issues. The Committee agreed to send get well cards to the two staff currently out on medical leave.

7. **CO-CHAIRS' REPORT:**

A. **Co-Chair Open Nominations:**

- Mr. Fox requested Ricky Rosales, Commission Co-Chair to conduct the co-chair election. Mr. Eric Paul Leue was nominated at the June 5, 2017 committee meeting. Mr. Rosales opened the floor for any additional nominations. There were none. Mr. Leue was unanimously elected to the position of co-chair.

8. **COUNTY LEGISLATIVE/POLICY ISSUES:**

A. **COH 2017 Legislative Docket Review:**

All highlighted bills on the August 7, 2017 docket indicated a change in position based on the June 5, 2017 committee meeting. The exceptions are bills AB 1033 and AB1534 which were under discussion or being watched, respectively.

- AB 182: Heroin and Opioid Abuse. The committee's position changed from Support w/Amendments to Support . There was a request for follow-up regarding expansion of drugs in the bill to include meth and to also amend the bill to include harm reduction language. Bill currently in Senate Appropriations. Doubtful if it will go through because of high cost associated with bill.
- AB 265: Prescription Drug Discounts. The committee's position changed from Oppose unless Amended to Support w/Amendment. Mr. Fox spoke with the chair of CAL/HEP about language in the bill. Bill amended to carve-out language for STRs and PrEP as requested. They are fine with the current HIV language as it doesn't affect individuals who are negative or positive, on HIV medication.
- AB 1033 Sexual Battery: Condoms. The committee **moved to oppose this bill** due to lack of clarity on what the law is attempting to address. In addition, there are current statuses to address issues identified in this bill. This bill is in the Appropriation Committee.
Motion 4: (Lee/Goddard) Recommended position on AB 1033 to OPPOSE. **(Passed by Consensus)**
- AB1534 Health Care Coverage: HIV Specialists; Primary Care Physicians: The committee will prepare questions surrounding issues of increased access, adequate resources, parity among healthcare providers and the potential impact on Ryan White funding. This bill is in the Appropriations Committee.
Motion 5: (Lee/Land): Recommended change to Commission position on AB 1534 from WATCH to OPPOSE. **(Passed 5 to 3)** in favor of the recommendation.
- SB 54 Law Enforcement: Sharing Data: This bill is moving forward and expected to be signed by the governor.
- SB 562 Single-Payer Health Insurance Program: This bill is in Assembly.

9. **STATE LEGISLATIVE/POLICY ISSUES:**

A. **Healthcare Access:**

- On the federal level no full repeal of the Affordable Care Act (ACA) is expected. An analysis on the ACA via Executive Order has not been initiated. Currently the ACA is as originally written and it appears fixes are now being proposed.
- Medicaid expansion may no longer be considered as well. The focus seems to be on stabilizing the insurance markets. There is still great uncertainty if the cost reduction subsidies will be paid by the federal government.
- There may be a surcharge on the Silver Plan.
- It was noted that confusion regarding the ACA exists and the Commission should work to decrease that confusion. This could be done by reminding individuals of the open enrollment period and providing information on the Commission resource table regarding covered California.
- A United Healthcare directive has created barriers to access PrEP. This is occurring mostly on the East Coast where individuals are being forced to use mail order or specialized pharmacies to access PrEP. In addition, the provider has sent denial letters to individuals citing "high risk homosexual activity" as the basis for the denial. This triggered push back from those receiving a denial and caused a reversal of the decision that has yet to be communicated to the direct support staff.

- Mr. Fox requested those that received notification about the AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP) breach contact him because there may be restitution available.
- ➡ Mr. Leue requested that the Committee discuss attempt to reverse the ACA on the filing of complaints “forced arbitrator” for those living in nursing homes, be put on the next meeting agenda.

10. NEXT STEPS:

- ➡ Update the legislative docket
- ➡ Create a list of questions for AB 1534
- ➡ Revise the August 10, 2017 Commission agenda to include a motion for the adoption of the revised docket.

11. ANNOUNCEMENTS: There were no announcements.

12. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 2:14 pm.