



# LOS ANGELES COUNTY COMMISSION ON HIV

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## STANDARDS AND BEST PRACTICES (SBP) COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES May 4, 2017



MEMBERS PRESENT	MEMBERS ABSENT	PUBLIC	COMM STAFF/ CONSULTANTS
Grissel Granados, MSW, <i>Co-Chair</i>	Joseph Cadden, MD, <i>Co-Chair</i>	Dahlia Ferlito	Cheryl Barrit, MPIA
Thomas Puckett, Jr.	Mathew Emons, MD, MBA	Louis Guitron	Jane Nachazel
Ace Robinson, MPH	Wendy Garland, MPH		Doris Reed
Octavio Vallejo, MD, MPH	Angélica Palmeros, MSW		
	Terry Smith, MPA	DHSP STAFF	
		None	

### CONTENTS OF COMMITTEE PACKET:

- 1) **Agenda:** Standards and Best Practices (SBP) Committee Meeting Agenda, 5/4/2017
- 2) **Minutes:** Standards and Best Practices (SBP) Committee Meeting Minutes, 4/6/2017
- 3) **Standards of Care:** Los Angeles County Commission on HIV, HIV Prevention Service Standards, Version 11.0, 5/4/2017
- 4) **Flyer:** Los Angeles County Commission on HIV, Community Review, HIV Prevention Service Standards, 5/19/2017, 5/4/2017
- 5) **Standards of Care:** Los Angeles County Commission on HIV, Proposed Standards of Ryan White Housing Services, Draft Version 2, 5/1/2017
- 6) **Table:** Financial Assistance, Appendix A, Federal Poverty Levels, 2017

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Ms. Granados called the meeting to order at 10:00 am.
2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**  
**MOTION #1:** Approve the Agenda Order, as presented (*Postponed*).
3. **APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES:**  
**Motion 2:** Approve the 4/6/2017 Standards and Best Practices (SBP) Committee meeting minutes, as presented (*Postponed*).
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 noted the Comprehensive HIV Plan (CHP) update was underway. Results will be due to the federal government in September or October 2017. The annual Ryan White application will also be due around the same time.
  - She requested SBP remain flexible to address topics for the CHP narrative as they arise. Many topics pertain to SBP, e.g., CHP Goal 2 includes multiple housing activities with some elements specific to the Housing Standards. The CHP update will show how the various Commission Committees and agencies working with them are driving communitywide efforts.
  - Additional specifics will be available once the federal guidance for the CHP is released, expected soon. The CHP update will definitely include updated HIV and STD surveillance data from calendar year 2015 from DHSP; integration of new community listening sessions data; and, most significantly, the narrative report on CHP implementation progress.

**7. PREVENTION STANDARDS UPDATE:**

- Ms. Barrit noted this is the Commission's first experience in developing prevention standards. The Commission does have a long history of developing standards for Ryan White care services, but developing prevention standards can be more challenging especially in measuring outcomes and expectations, and tying them to performance. The Health Resources Services Administration (HRSA) provides specific guidance on biomedical markers such as viral suppression rates to inform development of care standards. Prevention guidance, however, is minimal, so the Commission has the opportunity to lead.
- There were two Expert Review Panel (ERP) sessions, morning and afternoon, on 4/27/2017 and on 4/28/2017. Twenty-seven people attended the ERPs of the 57 invited. Several others were unable to attend, but offered to provide feedback.
- There will also be two Community Review sessions on 5/19/2017 at the Commission office. Sessions will use a presentation format highlighting key standards areas and feedback from the ERPs. Sessions will then elicit discussion on areas that may have been missed or need to be adjusted. The flyer for the sessions was in the packet with RSVP requested by 5/17/2017.
- Staff recommends postponing opening public comment at the Commission until after release of the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Prevention Flagship Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) expected in a few weeks. Few changes are anticipated, but some categories may be re-organized, e.g., syringe exchange may be couched under a broader category to avert undue attention. The proposed standards has incorporated that approach.
- The proposed federal budget line item for teen pregnancy prevention increases funding for abstinence only education. In 2009-2010, California rejected federal funding designated only for abstinence in order to fund comprehensive sex education. Consequently, it is important to evaluate both federal proposals and how the state may respond.
- Collaborative Research, the consultant, has worked with multiple jurisdictions in California and countrywide so bring a broad perspective. AJ King, former Commissioner and Co-Chair, CHP Task Force, brings local understanding as the lead consultant. The Los Angeles County jurisdiction is leading the country in attempting this work.
- Ms. Barrit reviewed the most recent updates reflected in Version 11.0. More introductory and explanatory information is provided and some language has been revised to better reflect goals, e.g., "risk assessment" was changed to "assessment" so that it is client-based and includes strengths. Referral and linkage to biomedical and non-biomedical services were separated to ensure equal attention to the latter. Cultural humility is incorporated throughout.
- Suggestions beyond the purview of the standards are being compiled into a document tentatively titled "Recommendations on Training and Other Best Practices." The completed document is planned as an attachment to the standards.
- ➡ Add incarcerated population to page 2, second set of bullets. Ms. Barrit will also review for possible inclusion how the CHP frames addressing those who are sexual partners of the formerly incarcerated and associated data.
- ➡ Revise page 14, items 2 and 3, to expand beyond CDC HIV testing standards to language similar to the Illinois model. Regarding item 4, Mr. Robinson will forward citations by Dr. Kathleen Jacobson, University of Southern California, to Ms. Barrit on most efficacious testing to identify acute HIV infections. Acute infections are generally identified only in blood draws during tri-part tests where all clients received antibody, antigen/antibody and blood draw.
- ➡ Revise page 16 to emphasize linkage to strong primary health care with a link to a list of other recommended vaccines including HPV, shingles, Hepatitis, and tetanus.
- ➡ Add language on page 17 pertaining to companionship as an expectation of PrEP navigators' work.
- ➡ Related to companionship language, explain or delete "vertical navigation" language on page 19.
- ➡ Consider how to open up discussion of "rapid start" treatment on page 19.
- ➡ Ms. Barrit will further review the standard's balance of Treatment as Prevention and other prevention services while being mindful that these are minimum standards for agencies which vary in their range of services. Language on reaching end goals must be flexible as some agencies may provide all services directly while others will refer for some services.
- ➡ Ms. Barrit will email a Word copy of the standards to SBP. Track-change or bullet point comments should be emailed back to Ms. Barrit by 5/25/2017.

**8. HOUSING STANDARDS:**

- Ms. Granados said the goal is to develop a new general standard that can be released quickly and is flexible enough to be applicable to a variety of providers. Housing Task Force and DHSP recommendations are highlighted in yellow.
- Ms. Barrit continued that the Residential Care Services Standards of Care for Transitional Residential Care Facility (TRCF) and Residential Care Facility for the Chronically Ill (RCFCI) provide valuable service recommendations and expectations for the new standard.

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- The previous standards do not specify income eligibility requirements, but several other jurisdictions do use a threshold. The current recommendation in the standard is 500% of Federal Poverty Level (FPL). The California HIV Research Group recently released a new affordable housing white paper that calculates a Los Angeles County one-bedroom apartment at Fair Market Rent (FMR) requires a housing wage of \$22.19 per hour (\$46,160 annual income). At \$10 per hour, a person would need to work 89 hours per week to afford that unit. FMR is a formulation used by the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to allocate funding and eligibility requirements for Section 8.
- Other recommendations expand eligibility from HIV diagnosis and homelessness to include imminent danger of eviction, homelessness and/or foreclosure consistent with discussion to avert homelessness.
- Ms. Barrit will review staffing and salary requirements in view of a living wage, especially as it relates to masters level staff.
- Ms. Barrit will invite the Housing Task Force to join the discussion of Housing Standards at the 6/1/2017 SBP meeting.
- Review language tying housing services to viral suppression as an outcome (page 3) in view of housing provider feedback on the difficulty of tracking that measure; and consider other outcome measures used by housing providers.
- Add language on Ryan White as the payer of last resort.
- Add language on Medical Care Coordination (MCC) linkage and the opportunity to reduce paperwork while improving integration of housing services on page 5.
- Open discussion on financial eligibility requirements, page 6, and related issues, e.g., including towels and sheets under "moving expenses."
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9. **NEXT STEPS:** There were no additional items.

### 10. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Mr. Robinson reported there is advocacy on ensuring hospice carve-outs for LGBTQ and PLWH in the next Office of Aging authorization. Nursing home and long-term care facility staff commonly lack sensitivity to the LGBTQ population and training in proper care for PLWH with co-morbidities.
- Mr. Guitron sees two to three Ryan White-only patients a year who need hospice. He attempts to negotiate admittance with larger providers, but resources are less available than in the past despite an aging population.
- Ms. Barrit recommended raising that issue as the Planning, Priorities and Allocations Committee reviews allocations and utilization data. The 5/11/2017 Commission colloquium also will focus on older adults living with HIV.
- Mr. Puckett announced he was appointed Co-Chair on his Client Advisory Board.
- Dr. Vallejo will forward information to Ms. Barrit on Golden Coast, a program that trains inmates in hospice care.

11. **ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting adjourned at 11:45 am.