



# LOS ANGELES COUNTY COMMISSION ON HIV

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## PUBLIC POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

May 1, 2017

**Approved**  
**6/5/2017**

The Public Policy Committee acts in accordance with the role of the Commission on HIV, as dictated by Los Angeles County Code 3.29.090. Consistent with Commission Bylaws Article VI, Section 2, no Ryan White resources are used to support Public Policy Committee activities.

MEMBERS PRESENT	MEMBERS ABSENT	PUBLIC	COMM STAFF/ CONSULTANTS
Will Watts, Esq., <i>Co-Chair</i>	Aaron Fox, MPM, Co-Chair	Katja Nelson	Cheryl Barrit, MPIA
Kyle Baker	Jerry Gates, PhD	Craig Pulsipher	Dawn Mc Clendon
Terry Goddard, MA	Eric Paul Leue		<b>DHSP STAFF</b>
Lee Kochems, MA	José Munoz		
Brad Land	Maria Roman		
Juan Preciado			
Ricky Rosales			
Rebecca Ronquillo			
Martin Sattah, MD			

### CONTENTS OF COMMITTEE PACKET:

- 1) **Agenda:** Public Policy Committee Agenda, 5/1/17 and 4/3/17
- 2) **Minutes:** Public Policy Committee Meeting Minutes, 4/3/17 and 3/6/17
- 3) **Document:** Final Draft 2017 Policy Agenda and Priorities
- 4) **Table:** Draft 2017 Legislative Docket, 5/1/17
- 5) **Documents:** Legislation corresponding to the 2017 Legislative Docket, 5/1/17
- 6) **Documents:** California HIV Alliance FY 2017-2018 Budget Proposals and Summary

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Co Chair Will Watts, Esq. called the meeting to order at 1:05pm.
2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**  
**Motion #1:** 5/1/17 Agenda approved. (*Passed by consensus*)
3. **APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES:**  
**Motion #2:** 3/6/17 and 4/3/17 meeting minutes approved. (*Passed by consensus*)
4. **PUBLIC COMMENT (Non-Agendized or Follow-Up):** No comments.
5. **COMMITTEE COMMENT (Non-Agendized or Follow-Up):** No comments.
6. **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**
  - Executive Director Cheryl Barrit informed the Committee that various PPC members are currently monitoring the status of the AHCA proposed bill and therefore could not attend the meeting but will keep the Committee updated on a possible vote of the bill. Ms. Barrit also indicated that DHSP is in ongoing communication with the County's CEO Legislative Office and Washington DC and is staying updated on the status of the AHCA.

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

- Will Watts, Esq., Co-Chair, expressed his appreciation to those who were able to attend the meeting given it was "May Day."

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

**A. COH 2017 Legislative Agenda Development**

**(1) 2017 Policy Priorities and Agenda**

- Ms. Barrit stated that the proposed document is the third iteration which includes one change, as recommended at the last PPC meeting, to include populations at risk. The final version will be utilized as the Committee's guide when determining priorities and making decisions.
- The Committee unanimously agreed to adopt the 2017 Policy Priorities and Agenda and forward to the full body.

⇒ Document to be placed on May Commission meeting agenda for adoption by COH.

**(2) 2017 COH Legislative Docket**

- Mr. Watts reminded the Committee that quorum was not reached at its last meeting and therefore the docket was not approved. Mr. Watts guided the Committee through a final review of the docket. *Please refer to draft 2017 COH Legislative Docket.*

**Motion #3:** Approve the 2017 COH Legislative Docket as presented. (*Passed by Consensus*)

⇒ 2017 COH Legislative Docket to be added to the May Commission meeting agenda for approval.

**9. STATE LEGISLATIVE/POLICY ISSUES**

**A. 2017-18 Governor's State Budget**

**(1) California HIV Alliance Budget Proposals**

- Craig Pulsipher reported that the budget proposals have been heard in the senate budget committees and are pending final negotiations with the governor. He indicated that the May revisions will be released May 15, 2017 at which point negotiations will initiate. The final budget will be issued June 15, 2017.
- Mr. Pulsipher added that among the budget proposals:
  - the ADAP Rebate Fund seemed likely to pass, especially given the challenges with ADAP
  - PrEP Assistance Program trailer bill language will more than likely be modified, given there is no budget attached
  - \$4 million General Fund – Increase provider reimbursement rates in the AIDS Waiver Program unlikely to pass
  - \$12.5 million General Fund – Support HIV and hepatitis C virus testing and linkage to care services, unlikely to pass

**10. FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE/POLICY ISSUES**

- Ms. Barrit reported that the Commission has been tracking all things related to AHCA, including HUD-related and healthcare access items.
- Kyle Baker reported that Congress reached an agreement to fund the government through September 30, 2017. Mr. Baker further reported:
  - Budget items were flat-funded, especially items related to HIV care and prevention
  - STD funding through CDC received a \$5 million cut, representing a 40% decrease over a ten year period of time
  - Slight decrease to Ryan White Part C
  - HOWPA received an increase based on the new formula that former Congress agreed to
- Mr. Baker informed the Committee that the HRSA announced its new Administrator and will forward information to Ms. Barrit
  - ⇒ Mr. Baker to forward HRSA Administrator information to Ms. Barrit.

**11. NEXT STEPS**

**A. Tasks/Recaps**

- Include 2017 Policy Priorities and Agenda on May Commission meeting agenda for adoption by the COH
- Include 2017 Legislative Docket on May Commission meeting agenda for approval by the COH
- Include California Alliance FY 2017-18 Budget Proposals in May Commission meeting packet

**B. Agenda Development for Next Meeting**

- Review legislation with “watch” and “opposed unless amended” positions to determine how best to move forward on those bills.

**12. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Mr. Pulsipher announced that Senator Mike A. Gibson is hosting a hearing on ADAP, tentatively scheduled for Monday, May 8, 2017. If anyone is interested in participating on the panel to please contact Mr. Pulsipher for details.
- Mr. Pulsipher announced that Equality California is holding a Lobby Day on May 16, 2017 and will focus on the HIV Criminalization bill and the California HIV Alliance budget proposals. If interested, please see Mr. Pulsipher as there are travel stipends available.

**13. ADJOURNMENT**

- The meeting adjourned at 2:25pm.