



LOS ANGELES COUNTY COMMISSION ON HIV

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PUBLIC POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

March 6, 2017



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MEMBERS PRESENT	MEMBERS ABSENT	PUBLIC	COMM STAFF/ CONSULTANTS
Will Watts, Esq., <i>Co-Chair</i>	Aaron Fox, MPM, <i>Co-Chair</i>	Jason Brown	Cheryl Barrit, MPIA
Kyle Baker	Jerry D. Gates, PhD	Katja Nelson	Dina Jauregui
Raquel Cataldo	Eric Paul Leue	Craig Pulsipher	Jason W. Jones, MA
Edd Cockrell	José Munoz		
Terry Goddard, MA	Maria Roman/Juan Preciado		DHSP STAFF
Joseph Green	Rebecca Ronquillo		None
Lee Kochems, MA			
Bradley Land			
Ricky Rosales			
Martin Sattah, MD			

CONTENTS OF COMMITTEE PACKET

- 1) **Agenda:** Public Policy Committee Agenda, 3/6/17
- 2) **Presentation:** 2016 Election Impact on the Los Angeles County HIV and STD Response, Kyle Baker, DHSP
- 3) **Table:** Draft 2017 Legislative Docket, 3/6/2017
- 4) **Article:** *The Opportunity Agenda*, "Messaging for Current Conversations: Talking About Recent Executive Orders," 2/2017
- 5) **Article:** *Health Care in Motion*, "House and the Administration Begin to Show Their Hands," 2/23/2017
- 6) **Article:** AIDS United et al., "National Organizations Join Forces To Ensure Continued Protections For People Living With HIV And Progress Toward Ending The HIV Epidemic," 2/27/2017
- 7) **Article:** Policy Brief, *The Williams Institute*, UCLA School of Law, "HIV Criminalization in California: What We Know," 2017
- 8) **Document:** Proposed 2017 Policy Agenda and Priorities

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Mr. Will Watts 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: There was no motion for approval of meeting minutes, as the Committee did not meet during the month of February 2017.
4. **PUBLIC COMMENT (Non-Agendized or Follow-Up):** There were no comments.
5. **COMMITTEE COMMENT (Non-Agendized or Follow-Up):** Mr. Edd Cockrell was recently appointed to the California Department of Public Health, Office of AIDS (OA), California Planning Group as an At-Large Member.
6. **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

- Ms. Cheryl Barrit, Executive Director of Los Angeles County Commission on HIV (Commission) directed the group's attention to the draft Legislative Docket for 2017 in the packet. As the Committee begins its discussion on the legislative docket, she reminded the group to keep in mind the legislative priorities that that Board of Supervisors has established. She reminded that Commission may only make recommendations to the Board and to follow the COH's policy on speaking in public.

7. CO-CHAIRS' REPORT:

- None

8. DHSP REPORT: HEALTHCARE LANDSCAPE

- Mr. Kyle Baker provided a PowerPoint presentation on the impact of the 2016 U.S. elections at the local, state, and federal levels. The presentation and ensuing discussion covered several topics impacting STD/HIV/AIDS related issues including, but not limited to, the following issues:
- Evolution of the demographic composition, representation, and make-up of the BOS
- The current partisan composition of the State Legislature and the political implications therein
- The representation of the County to leadership posts on key State legislative committees
- Governor Brown's budget released on January 10
- Progress made in coverage among County residents resulting from the federal Affordable Care Act (ACA), Medi-Cal expansion and Covered California
- The potential economic impact of the proposed repeal of the ACA
- The future of Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program and current levels of funding for the program
- The political impact of future national healthcare policies on undocumented immigrants
- The importance of politically sensitive messaging in discussing the ACA at public forums
- The Republican "Better Way" proposal for a potential ACA repeal
- Future legislative implications on Medicare and people living with HIV/AIDS (PLWHA)
- Potential impact of federal health policy being drafted based on non-evidenced-based programming
- Composition of political appointee staffing within Trump Administration national healthcare policy team – Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Disease Control, Office of National AIDS Policy, President's Advisory Council on HIV/AIDS, and other agencies.

9. COUNTY LEGISLATIVE/POLICY ISSUES

A. COH 2017 Legislative Docket, Draft

- The group briefly discussed development of the Committee's 2017-2018 Legislative Docket. It was determined that discussion on the docket would be held during an extended portion of the next Committee meeting. The next Committee meeting will be held on April 3 from 12 noon to 4 pm.
- The following topics were suggested for consideration in the legislative docket discussion: Hepatitis C as an HIV co-infection and substance abuse. The Committee recommended working with the Standards and Best Practices Committee to develop service standards on Hepatitis C.

B. COH Policy Agenda Priorities

- Mr. Watts provided the Committee with a Committee's Proposed 2014 Policy Agenda, a document outlining the political, administrative, and budgetary areas where the Commission should place emphasis. The group discussed preparing the same document in accordance with its 2017 priorities. Emphasis was placed on sensitivity of language, prescription drug affordability and accessibility, strategies for engaging various respective local, state, and federal agencies, HIV criminalization, housing, social determinants of health, stigma, and other pertinent issues. The group also discussed what level of detail should be included within the document, as well as how to go about determining which legislative bills the Committee should recommend the full Commission should support and oppose.
 - ➡ Ms. Barrit will email a draft 2017 Policy Agenda for the Committee to review. Committee members will provide comments.

C. Housing and Homelessness Initiatives

- Mr. Will Watts reminded the Committee members to vote on March 7 noting that there is a local initiative on homelessness on the ballot.

10. STATE LEGISLATIVE/POLICY ISSUES

- Discussion deferred to April 3 meeting.

11. FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE/POLICY ISSUES

- Discussion deferred to April 3 meeting.

12. NEXT STEPS

- Ms. Barrit will provide the group with a draft 2017 Proposed 2014 Policy Agenda and an updated draft to the 2017-2018 Legislative Docket will be agendized on the next meeting.

13. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Ms. Barrit referred the members to a copy of a letter in the packet from the State Office of AIDS announcing the termination of the contract for eligibility and enrollment services with A.J. Boggs & Company for ADAP. The services will be provided by the State Office of AIDS in the interim until a new vendor is contractor.

14. ADJOURNMENT

- The meeting adjourned at 3:00 pm.