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**PLANNING, PRIORITIES & ALLOCATIONS (PP&A) COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES**

March 16, 2021



PP&A MEMBERS PRESENT	PP&A MEMBERS PRESENT (CONTINUED)	PUBLIC	COMM STAFF/CONSULTANTS
Raquel Cataldo, <i>Co-Chair</i>	Maribel Ulloa	Katja Nelson, MPP	Cheryl Barrit, MPIA
Frankie Darling Palacios, <i>Co-Chair</i>		Victor Scott	Carolyn Echols-Watson, MPA
Everardo Alvizo, MSW, LCSW	PP&A MEMBERS ABSENT		Catherine Lapointe, Intern
Kevin Donnelly	Luckie Alexander		Abdul-Malik Ogunlade, Intern
Felipe Gonzalez	Al Ballesteros		
Bridget Gordon	(Alt. Damontae Hack)		
Joseph Green	Anthony Mills, MD		DHSP/DPH STAFF
Michael Green, PhD, MHSA	LaShonda Spencer, MD		Pamela Ogata, MPH
Karl T. Halfman, MS	Guadalupe Velasquez		
William King, MD, JD			
Miguel Martinez, MPH, MSW			
Derek Murray			

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CALL TO ORDER - INTRODUCTIONS - CONFLICT OF INTEREST: Ms. Cataldo called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm.

I. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION 1: Approve the Agenda Order, as presented (*Passed by Consensus*).

2. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

MOTION 2: Approve the 02/16/2021 Planning, Priorities and Allocations (PP&A) Committee Meeting Minutes, as presented (*Postponed*).

II. PUBLIC COMMENT

3. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC TO ADDRESS COMMISSION ON ITEMS OF INTEREST WITHIN COMMISSION JURISDICTION:

There were no comments.

III. COMMITTEE NEW BUSINESS

4. OPPORTUNITY FOR COMMISSIONERS TO RECOMMEND ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS, OR ITEMS REQUIRING IMMEDIATE ACTION DUE TO AN EMERGENCY, OR IF NEED FOR ACTION AROSE AFTER POSTING AGENDA: There were no items.

IV. REPORTS

5. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR/STAFF REPORT

Executive Director reviewed current activities of caucuses and task forces efforts.

The **Women's Caucus** hosted the director of the Positive Women's Network (PWN) on March 15, 2021. The director discussed Meaningful Involvement for People Living with HIV/AIDS (MIPA). MIPA is a form of advocacy. In addition, a panel of women living with HIV discussed their life experiences. The event was recorded and will be posted on the Commission website. Committee members were encouraged to view the recording which ways to engage people living with HIV/AIDS (PLWH/A) in meaningful and intentional advocacy.

The **Consumer Caucus** has focused its efforts on fostering leadership for people living with HIV/AIDS (PLWH/A) and supporting within the Commission, in community advisory boards (CABs) and other roles of leadership within the HIV movement. The Caucus is working with the National Minority AIDS Council (NMAC) to bring Building Leaders of Color (BLOC) training to the Commission. The training is tentatively scheduled for May 17-20th of 2021. Logistics to be clarified. The training will be expanded beyond Commission and Consumer Caucus members to the community at large. The training will be virtual. Once logistics are finalized the information will be disseminated. Committee members were encouraged to share the information throughout the community.

The Co-Chairs of the **Transgender Caucus** are working to strengthen and increase representation on the Commission. Of particular focus to the caucus is ensuring a strong partnership with the Public Policy Committee support legislation for the Transgender Wellness Fund and overall community wellness.

The **Black/African American Community (BAAC) Task Force (TF)** will meet with the Division on HIV/STD Programs (DHSP) on March 22, 2021 from 1 to 3PM. The meeting is dedicated to reviewing task force recommendations and clarifying DHSP's role and accountability in implementing the recommendations. DHSP will identify County resources associated with recommendations.

The **Aging Task Force** is monitoring DHSP's response to their recommendations presented. The TF next meeting is scheduled for April 6, 2021 from 1 to 3PM. The Task Force is reviewing models of care for PLWH who are over 50 to articulate some best practices to use within the Ryan right care system. The TF will sponsor community training on implicit bias with a focus on aging. The TF felt it important to understand the needs of the aging population. They are working with the SCAN Foundation to provide training sometime in May 2021. A flyer is forthcoming.

6. CO-CHAIR REPORT

a. Priority Setting and Resource Allocation (PSRA) Training – Decision Making Process

Co-Chair Raquel Cataldo reviewed the PSRA process using the PowerPoint included in the meeting packet, as a refresher for the committee.

- Common acronyms were reviewed.
- Program year versus fiscal year were clarified. A program year was defined as the Ryan White funding year which is March 1 to February 28 or 29th. The fiscal year was defined as the municipal government funding cycle which is from July 1 to June 30th.

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- Net County Cost (NCC) was clarified. NCC was defined as County funds not designated for a specific purpose, but for general County services/use.
- The Minority AIDS Initiative (MAI) Part A funds were clarified. The funds were defined as specifically designated to target services for underserved communities of color. The Committee was concerned about reconciling underspending or rollover of MAI funds. It was thought this gives the impression that funds are not being used to address the needs of communities of color.

DHSP addressed the use of Ryan White Part A and MAI funds and how communities of color are served through these funds. It was noted, current 2020 data is being prepared for reporting. DHSP explained RW funds are used as a payer of last resort. The uninsured and undocumented were noted as high users of RW services. DHSP provided examples of services serving communities of color. Transitional case management was identified as a program that ensures funds are serving communities of color, other services such as housing services through the (Housing for Health program) and mental health services were identified as well. DHSP noted surveillance data supports communities of color receiving services through Part A and MAI services.

It was noted a need for nutritional services in communities of color is needed. DHSP indicated funds are targeted for those services in areas of high density which include communities of color.

DHSP stated they are making efforts to ensure geographic distribution of services based on priority populations identified by the Commission.

DHSP provided an example of a solicitation specifically targeting parts of the county that include vulnerable/targeted populations for comprehensive prevention services. DHSP indicated marginal success was achieved. Further, DHSP indicated they try to meet the geographic disparities and health equities in the administration of grants and services.

- Directives were clarified. Directives are intended to clarify ranking and allocation recommendations made by the Commission. They provide specifics on why recommendations were made. Directives encompass Caucus and Task Force recommendations.
- Clarification of the allocation and prioritization task included the following.
 - Allocation funding percentages by service category requires assessment of other payers for the same services. Other available funding will impact percentage recommendations. It was noted, understanding payer systems such as Medi-Cal, Medi-Care and/or Affordable Care Act (ACA) assist in the decision-making of allocation percentages. Percentages are used because funding may fluctuate.
- The ranking of services was clarified as a separate task based on consumer need.
- Clarification was provided on the frequency of reviewing Paradigms and Operating values which is done annually. It was noted, the Committee recently reviewed and approved values for the PY 33 planning process.
- The committee requested clarification on the fiscal example included in the presentation. The table included 2019 and 2020 fiscal information. The Executive Director explained the 2020 allocations were added to answer a committee request for additional funding received by LA County for the End of the HIV Epidemic (EHE) and CARES Act services.
- The Committee requested clarification on what input is used to plan and fund EHE services. DHSP identified consumers, Commission Committees, and DHSP EHE Steering Committee as resources.

It was noted, the Committee did multi-year planning (PY 30, 31 & 32). Miguel Martinez reviewed the Committee's decision to move to multiyear planning. Due to concerns with maximizing RW funds, expediting the administration of services to consumers and to address County contract procedures (contract implementation) the Committee determined multi-year planning would provide DHSP with long term service goals. The Committee will review PY 31 & 32 service and allocation plans and plan PY 33. HRSA is initiating a multiyear application model for this year's application process. Funding will continue to be allocated annually.

The Service Category Rankings PY 30, 31 & 32 Table included a “NP” in the PY30 Priority Number. NP indicates “Not Prioritized”. The AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP) is not prioritized by the Commission because it is a State program and is not administered by the County.

b. “So, You Want to Talk about Race” by I. Oluo Reding Activity” – Excerpt selected from Chapter I

- a. Everardo Alvizo read a segment out of Chapter I of the “So You want to Talk About Race”.

7. DIVISION OF HIV AND STD PROGRAMS (DHSP) REPORT

a. Fiscal Update

DHSP is in the process of closing out PY 30.

- DHSP will report 2020 fiscal information at the April 2021 PP&A meeting. DHSP will provide the report to the Committee prior to the April 20, 2021 meeting.

b. Contracts and Procurement Update

DHSP will provide the Commission with a new solicitation list. The document is to inform the Standards and Best Practices Committee on standards development or review. The document includes contract end dates for service categories, which can be useful in planning services. DHSP indicated agency information has been added to the table.

- The ED will distribute the service standards review date tracker upon receipt from DHSP.

HRSA is requesting jurisdictions develop integrated comprehensive HIV plans (CHP) due December 2022. The current CHP was a 5-year plan. It was noted the EHE Plan includes 4 pillars of prevention and treatment. DHSP has not yet received HRSA guidance.

The State echoed DHSP concerns about the CHP. HRSA and CDC are on record as stating guidance will be joint and provided by June 2021.

- Karl Halfman will provide HRSA letter received by the State regarding the integrated plan due in 2022.

8. PREVENTION PLANNING WORK GROUP UPDATE

Maribel Ulloa updated the Committee. She encouraged attendance to the Prevention Planning Workgroup (PPW) meeting schedule for Monday, March 22, 2021 from 5:30-7:00PM. The agenda for the meeting is included in the PP&A meeting packet. This meeting will provide a grounding of prevention services and prevention funding provided in Los Angeles County.

The Committee sought clarification of the workgroup purpose and reporting process. PPW reports to PP&A. PPW is meant to provide a focus on prevention services in the PSRA process. It was explained, PPW will define the specific tasks as part of their work and will work to lay a foundation for prevention planning within the planning process. In addition, DHSP will provide an overview of the EHE plan with a focus on prevention efforts.

V. DISCUSSION

The Committee discussed Black African American Community (BAAC) TF and Women Caucus recommendations. To clarify how the recommendations impact planning, priority setting and allocation. Further, the Committee is seeking direction on prioritizing recommendations.

Cultural sensitivity training was discussed in decision making and implementation of recommendations. The Committee had concerns about effectively measuring implemented recommendations. The Committee sought clarity on BAAC TF recommendations and future revisions. It was noted BAAC TF is reviewing recommendations and will assign recommendations to Committees, TFs, Caucuses, and workgroups as appropriate. Once completed the BAAC TF Co-Chairs will work with Committees to clarify assigned recommendations.

- Current approved Directives will be reviewed at the April 20, 2021 PP&A meeting.

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- Staff will work with the BAAC TF for clarification on future recommendations anticipated from the TF. In addition, Dr. William King will take this issue back to the TF.
- Invite BAAC TF Co-chairs to the May 18, 2021 PP&A meeting.
- April 20, 2021 meeting will include a review of service categories and definitions.

10. REVIEW AND SELECT PARADIGMS AND OPERATING VALUES

VI. NEXT STEPS

11. **TASK/ASSIGNMENTS RECAP:** There were no additional items.
12. **AGENDA DEVELOPMENT FOR NEXT MEETING:** There were no additional items.

VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

13. **OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC AND COMMITTEE TO MAKE ANNOUNCEMENTS:** There were no announcements.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

14. **ADJOURNMENT:** Meeting adjourned.