



HIV HEALTH SERVICES PLANNING COUNCIL

Milton Marks Conference Center
25 Van Ness (Van Ness and Market)
Third Floor, Rooms 330 A and B
Monday, January 26, 2009
4:30 - 7:30 PM

Council Members Present: Allgaier, Andrews, Antonetty, Banks, Briones, Byers, Flores, Harris, Hicks, Jewell, Manley, Margolis, Molnar, Newell, Pearce, Penagos, Philip, Simmons, Siron, Spaeth, Sweetin, Thomas

Council Members Absent: Cooper, Frazier, Harrison, Hart (LoA), Heath, Pillatzke, Ramos, Soto

Others Present: Craig Richard (Marin Care Council), Michael Stout (Leland House RN Case Manager), Dean Goodwin (DPH-HHS), Manshia Herring (DPH-HHS), Peter Abbott, David Weissman (Filmmaker), Terry Young (Applicant), Matthew Miller (Larkin Street Youth Services), Jesus Guillen (Applicant), Salvatore Russo (Applicant), Michelle Long (DPH-HHS), Bill Blum (DPH-HHS), Mike Smith (HAPN President), Bill Hirsch (AIDS Legal Referral Panel), Robert Whirry (Grant Writer [via Phone])

Support Staff Present: Asis, Bryson, Lee, Lynn, Zhovreboff

DRAFT MINUTES

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order a 4:40 PM by Co-Chair Thomas.

2. Roll Call

Roll was called and quorum was established.

3. Review and Approval of Agenda—VOTE

The agenda was reviewed and approved by consensus.

4. Review and Approval of November 24, 2008 Minutes—VOTE

The November 24, 2008 minutes were reviewed. CM Manley noted that he misspoke on agenda item number ten. Instead of AIDS Emergency Fund, it should say Emergency Financial Assistance. The change was made and the minutes were approved by consensus.

5. General Announcements

- CM Simmons announced that starting March 1st Rita daCascia will be providing Case Management services to the Hazel Betsy project
- CM Flores announced that there is a new member on the Marin Care Council, Craig Richard. He was in attendance at the Council Meeting.

- CM Antonetty announced that on January 27th, 2009 the city will hold its homeless count, which occurs every two years and allows the city to apply for Housing and Urban Development Homeless Grants. She also announced that there will be another Project Homeless Connect held on February 11th 2009. If anyone is interested, they can contact CM Antonetty or visit www.sfdph.gov.
- CM Andrews announced that February 7th, 2009 is National Black HIV Awareness Day and San Mateo County is having a few special events on February 4th 2009 and 5th 2009. He also announced that Sonoma County will be holding its annual HIV Conference on Saturday, March 14th, 2009 which will discuss the latest breakthroughs in HIV treatment. If anyone is interested, they should contact John Andrews.
- CM Allgaier updated the Council on the President's financial stimulus package which will in part will give money towards shoring up state Medicaid programs. He noted that he would send this information out to the Yahoo! Group.
- CM Thomas thanked Council Support for their work on the CAEAR reception, and noted that it was a great success.
- CM Byers announced that the US Conference on AIDS will take place in San Francisco in October. CM Byers will be the State Representative to the host committee, and he noted that he will most likely be doing a monthly report back to the Council on any updates.
- CM Manley announced that Council Support has prepared Certificates of Appreciation for all Council Members for their work done in 2008. He called out the names, and they were handed out.
- CM Thomas apologized about being squished in the small room, and said that the Council has had to move from the State Building. She noted that Council Support is actively looking for new space.
- Council Director Greg Zhovreboff gave a quick Council Support update.
 - He announced that the Steering Retreat will take place on February 20th, 2009. The space is TBD.
 - He also announced that CMs Cooper and Pillatzke at the Lotus Project for HIV+ women, taking place in Los Angeles.
 - He explained the packet that went out to all Council Members explaining membership policy. He noted that Council Support is available if Council Members have any questions or need help.
 - He also acknowledged that Council Support is looking for a meeting space, and apologized that the Council will be meeting at 25 Van Ness until another space is found.

6. Public Comment

Mike Smith, the President of the HIV/AIDS Provider Network, started a discussion about the pending budget cuts from DPH. The HAPN standpoint is that they would like HIV Health Services to be passed over in cuts this time around. He noted that there is a possibility for the

Council to fall out of compliance for Care Act Funding and that absolutely no more cuts should be made. He hoped that the Council would join HAPN for a united front against the cuts.

Bill Hirsch from the AIDS Legal Referral Panel echoed Mike Smith's sentiments. He noted that the Council doesn't need to respond immediately and that they should take time to discuss it.

Mike Smith also stated that decisions can be made later, as this is only the first round of cuts in what will be a five month process, and he would prefer that the Council make an informed decision.

Michelle Long announced that the Ryan White Application was available in the back of the room and suggested that everyone pick up a copy before they left.

7. Membership Committee Update—VOTE

CM Hicks announced that Johnson Livingston has stepped down from the Council. She noted that the Membership Committee has an exit interview available and would like him fill it out to better understand why people leave.

- The Membership Committee recommended that the HHSPC renew membership for:

- **Mark Molnar**

Mark Molnar's renewal passed by consensus with one abstention.

- The Membership Committee recommended that the HHSPC approve Salvatore Russo for membership on the council. He had a chance to introduce himself and explain why he is interested in the Council and why he would be an asset.

Salvatore Russo's membership was approved unanimously.

- The Membership Committee recommended that the HHSPC approve the **Mentor Program Implementation Guidelines**. Council Director Zhovreboff explained the model to the Council and why it was brought to the meeting today.

The Council approved the Mentor Program Implementation Guidelines unanimously.

There was no public comment on this item.

8. Film Maker Presentation to Council

Noted filmmaker David Weissman introduced the council to his latest project, Heartbreak and Heroism. The film focuses on the AIDS epidemic and San Francisco.

CM Jewell asked Mr. Weissman to remind the Council about other work that he's done. Mr. Weissman noted that most of his films have been quirky and centralized around San Francisco.

CM Margolis asked how the Council can reach him, and Mr. Weissman noted that his email is on the synopsis sheet.

Public Comment on this Item

9. Funding Cut Scenarios—VOTE

Co-Chair Thomas gave the Council an update on the pending budget cuts and gave some background and how this could affect the Council. A discussion ensued surrounding how budget cuts are made. Bill Blum from DPH-HHS gave a presentation on funding cut scenarios based on prospective cuts that could be made. He wanted to know what the Council would recommend if there was to be a 12.5% cut. He then presented three different models: flat funding, proportional

reductions in general fund and Ryan White Part A funding and proportional reductions in general fund only from bottom of priority upward. He also presented a contingency plan based around the possibility of there being an additional 12.5% reduction. Michelle Long questioned what the Council's priorities are, what services they feel they can cut.

Bill Blum went through each scenario one by one, and the floor was opened up for questions. CM Simmons suggested that there be no recommendations from the Council until they find out if the city is in compliance with the Maintenance of Effort. CM Byers suggested that the Council have someone prepare a presentation on Maintenance of Effort. This was supported by CM Hicks.

CM Molnar attempted to wrap up the conversation and noted that there are two main strains of feedback from Council. One is that there be a more robust understanding of Maintenance of Effort, and two is, if the cuts must be done, what way should they be done?

10. Dinner

The Council broke for dinner at 6:23 PM and rejoined at 6:48 PM.

11. Continue Funding Cut Scenarios As Needed—VOTE

CM Flores questioned what would happen to the Council if they fall out of compliance. CM Molnar replied that the Care award from the Federal government would be reduced or eliminated entirely.

CM Allgaier noted that there is a need for a funding scenario with proportional cuts just from the General Fund and not just from the bottom up.

CM Simmons recommended creating two more funding scenarios with a 12.5% reduction only in the General Fund and one with a 25% cut only in the General Fund.

Public Comment on this Item:

CM Molnar initiated a Straw Poll to see if Council Members were interested in a presentation on the Maintenance of Effort rules and regulations. There was a consensus one objection.

CM Molnar initiated a second Straw poll to continue this discussion at the next Full Council meeting. There was a consensus on the Council.

There was no public comment on this item.

12. Comprehensive Plan Review—VOTE

Robert Whirry (via phone) updated the Council on how the Comprehensive Plan was developed this year. A discussion ensued. This issue was tabled and will be voted on at the next meeting.

There was no public comment on this item.

13. Presentation Schedule—VOTE

CM Antonetty introduced the plan to the Council and gave the history on how it was developed. A few problems arose and the schedule will sent back to the Committees to work out the kinks.

There was no public comment on this item.

14. New Business/Next Agenda

The next full council meeting date is tentatively scheduled for Monday, February 23rd, 2009, 4:30-7:30 p.m. 25 Van Ness, Third Floor, Rooms 330 A and B.

There was no public comment on this item.

15. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 PM by Co-Chair Thomas.
