



Planning Council Meeting
Ramon Jackson & Angela Moore | Co-Chairs

Minutes

Date: Wednesday August 25, 2021

Time: 1:00pm-3:00pm

Location: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85794622017?pwd=Wk9PMW1ndEtEY29BZ3g5dINwQ0x0dz09>

Attendees: Ramon Jackson, Angela Moore, Judy Eliachar, Barbara Green-Ajufo, Angel Dominguez, Freddie Smith, Dione Lien, George Ayala, Jessica Price, Brian Ragas, Megan Crowley, Felecia Greenly, Agripina Alejandres, Natalie Wilson, April Langro, Jessica Osorio, Shelly Stinson, Diana Dupree,

Staff: Dena Rifahie, Evette Brandon, Leah Fortin, Dot Theodore, Pam Casey, Phoenix Smith

Mission: The Oakland Transitional Grant Area Planning Council will provide comprehensive planning, prioritization, and resource allocation regarding HIV/AIDS services in Alameda and Contra Costa Counties that is inclusive, equitable, compassionate, and respectful of human rights.

TIME	ITEM	FACILITATOR
1:00pm	<p>Call to Order: 1:04 PM</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Introductions b) Moment of Silence c) Read Mission Statement d) Agenda Review and Approval <p>Motion to approve Agenda: Freddie Second: Barbara Status: Approved</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> e) Review and Approval of July Meeting Minutes <p>Motion to approve: Jessica O Second: Jessica Price Status: Approved and abstain from Natalie and Ramon</p>	Co-Chairs
	<u>UNFINISHED BUSINESS</u>	Angela/Ramon
1:20	<p>Recipient Reports (please review written reports, questions only)</p> <p>Contra Costa (Jessica):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Remains open to the public via appointment. • Sexual & Women’s Health clinics open evenings and Psychosocial support groups being facilitated late Monday afternoons. 	George Ayala Jessica Osorio Guadalupe Morimune



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- Home is Where the Swab Is: home testing for STD's and resumed contactless testing in Concord at Rainbow Community Center.
- Outreach and linkage to care- fewer people going out to get tested for HIV which affected the number of people who came back positive. HIV rate is consistent, though fewer are tested due to COVID.
- 59 new cases, there is a progressive shift: seeing more people in East County. Majority of cases male (88%). Latinx cases dropped since 2019 (40%), current (29%).
- Next Consortium meeting **Nov. 1, 2021 10am-12pm.**
- Staffing: Bringing on a temporary medical social worker next week. Public health Corps trainee coming for 2 years starting Sept. 13th

Alameda County (George):

- Minority Aids Initiative (MAI) 3/1/20-2/28/21
- Priority populations are young MSM of color and trans women of color.
- Successes: 98% of MAI clients medical specialty visits every 6 months due to expanded telehealth. 91% of clients improved or stable viral load tests. 87% success rate in linking to mental health services
- Challenges: Increased emergency housing support due to COVID is ending soon. Lack of affordable housing in Alameda & Contra Costa counties.
- EFA (Emergency Financial Assistance). Reviewing all recipient expenses to reallocate underspent funds to EFA.
- Federal Poverty Level (FPL)- We have opportunity to re-examine the FPL that we use for eligibility for RW care services. Assess how much to increase FPL in AC.
- OHC will recommend increase. There is concern that will increase # of clients while RW funding Part A and B have not increased funding.
- Procuring new HIV services. ACPHD preparing a new RFP.



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Phoenix added:

- Communities within MAI population are struggling to make sure they have min. of 2 visits a year and stable housing.
- Waiting on approval for funds to pay for newer RV equipped w/ showers to serve homeless PLWHA.

HRSA Grant application: (George Ayala)

- Due October 6, 2021.
- Goal- Provide optimal treatment and care to people living with HIV who are low-income, uninsured, and underserved.
- Primary care (75%) and Support Services (25%) OTGA may apply for up to \$7,350,499. Up to 52 grants will be awarded
- Funding period of 3 years: March 2022 thru Feb 2025

2:20

Committee Reports

Executive Committee: Allocations will move to September meeting.

Executive- Ramon/Angela
PLWHA – Diana
QSC- Angela/Judy
PPAC- Barbara

PLWHA (Diana) reported that Barbara has been coming to meetings to help with data interpretation. Expressed that it is sometimes difficult to comprehend information and acronyms in Planning Council meetings.

QSC (Judy) reported on resource inventory. Of the 15 service categories, 11 have been completed. Plan to do remaining 4 in September.

PPAC (Barbara) reported. There are 6 different sources of data to pull together:

- Fiscal report from AI, Service categories from Pam, Epi data for Alameda and CCC, Client satisfaction surveys, and Aries Data.
- Will select service category rankings from: recipients, council members and PLWHA.



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- eliminating categories with very low rankings.
- added category; Broadband/Telehealth which has expanded significantly since COVID.
- Will make final allocation recommendations at the next PPAC meeting.

2:30	Planning Council Staff Report Election Results: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Judy Eliachar was elected Vice Chair • Diana Dupree was elected PLWHA at-Large • Conflict of Interest Forms -Forms were sent out, please send back. 	Dena
	<u>NEW BUSINESS</u>	Angela/Ramon
2:35	Public Comments (please keep comments under 3 minutes) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Several people commented that they wished to provide support to Diana Dupree • Phoenix offered mentorship for new members. • Dot mentioned that case managers have asked about booster vax shot for people with qualifying conditions. People in that category can come in for 3rd dose and fill out Qualifying Condition form or bring doctor's note. • Kenneth mentioned providing services to clients outdoors due to increased risk of variant. Phoenix stated it's fine but be aware of HIPPA regulations. 	
2:50	Announcements <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vote September 14th • Meeting Evaluation is in chat please complete 	
3:00	Evaluation and Adjourn 2:53 pm	Co-Chairs

GROUP NORMS:

1. Do not take things personally.



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2. Be anchored in our mission.
3. Agree to disagree.
4. Active, intentional, attentive, listening/Eyes, ears, head, & heart
5. No retribution for what gets said here.
6. Be present in call to service/Be prepared & ongoing.
7. No judgement/Take a breath & set it aside.
8. Everyone's effort & time is valued.
9. Consciously arrive on same agenda as others
10. Encourage clarifying questions/Do not assume lack of preparation.
11. Exhibit patience with each other.
12. Be a welcoming body to all.
13. Respect each other as leaders.
14. Be more creative & efficient in deliberations.
15. Be on time.
16. Avoid using acronyms and abbreviations or explain what they stand for.

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