

**CHPG Meeting Minutes**  
**March 29, 2006**  
**Fresno, Ca**

**In Attendance:**

**Members:** Joe Acosta, Fritzic Allen Jr., Rachel Anderson, Bill Blum, Scott Boule, Sylvia Britt-Raven, Cesar Cadabes, Michael Cunningham, Kevin Farrell, Benjamin Ignalino Jr., Jeffrey King, Dorothy Kleffner, Sabina Laveaga, John Melichar, Bill Musik, Mario Perez, Mauricio Perez, Ricki Rosales, Joy Rucker, Bamby Salcedo, Paul Sanchez, Fernando Sanudo, Shoshanna Scholar, Jamila Shipp, Clarence Smelcer, Sharla Smith, Frank Strona, Ellen Swedberg, Peg Taylor, Laura Thomas, Steven Tierney, Jason Tokumoto M.D., Bonnie Williams, Freddie Williams, Kevin Williams

**Office of AIDS Staff:** Denise Absher, Bob Baxter, Kama Brockmann, Jeff Byers, Reggie Caldwell, Carol Crump, Christine Dahlgren, MacArthur Flournoy, Karl Halfman, Amy Kile-Puente, Brian Lew, Fred Moliter, Priscilla Perez, Clarissa Poole-Sims, Alessandra Ross, Carol Russell, Gail Sanabria, Kevin Sitter, Liz Voelkert

**Others Attending:** Sue Strong – Facilitator; Linda Begbie, Laura Thomas, Alex Zebelin – RDL Enterprises; Monique Collins (OAPP); Susan Carter, Judith Fitzpatrick – UARP; Tim Vincent (STD /HIV PTC)

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- 8:30 am Meeting called to order by Chair Jamila Shipp  
-Welcome to new and returning members  
-Moment of Silence
- 8:45 am Member Introductions
- 9:25 am CHPG Website – Frank Strona  
[www.cahivplanninggroup.org](http://www.cahivplanninggroup.org)  
\*Opportunity for members to contribute ideas and feedback
- 9:30 am Office of AIDS (OA) responds to 2005 CHPG November Recommendations – Kevin Farrell, LCSW, and Peg Taylor  
\*Refer to handout in March packet
- 9:45 am OA CARE Branch Update – Peg Taylor  
-Introduction of new Care Services Manager, Clarrisa Poole-Sims  
\*Refer to handout in March packet
- OA Education and Prevention Branch Services  
-Introduction of new Counseling, Testing and Training Section Manager, Brian Lew  
-Introduction of new CHPG Liaison, Priscilla Perez  
-Announcement of the upcoming retirement of Michael Montgomery, Division Chief, Office of AIDS and Steve Truax, Chief, Prevention, Research and Evaluation Section  
\*Refer to handout in March packet
- 10:35 am Introduction of presenters – Kevin Farrell  
“HIV Prevention Services: A Summary of Risk Groups Served and Allocation of Funds” by Christine Dahlgren, MA (OA) and Kevin Sitter, MSW, MPH (OA)  
*Questions and Answers*
- 11:25 am Task Force Presentations  
Resource Allocation Committee – Freddie Williams  
New Membership Committee – Freddie Williams  
CARE / Prevention Integration – Ricki Rosales  
IDU / Substance Use – Steven Tierney / Rachel Anderson  
Women’s – Bonnie Williams  
Gay Men / MSM – Cesar Cadabes  
Transgender Working Group – Bamby Salcedo

11:55 am Final Governance  
Steven Tierney motion to accept document  
Second – Freddie Williams  
Michael Cunningham – suggestion to include illustrated graphics of  
process and organizational charts (Sue Strong will make those  
additions)  
**Motion passed**

12:05 pm Lunch

1:00 pm Task Force Assignments

1:30 pm Task Force Breakouts

4:30 pm Re-assemble of general session  
Wrap up

4:50 pm Roll Call

5:00 pm Adjourn

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8:30 am Meeting Called to order by Co-Chair, Frank Strona  
-Agenda Review

8:45 am Task Force Cross Communication

9:45 am Public Comment  
\*Sheila McNab (Centerforce)  
\*Barry Zack (Centerforce)

9:50 am Task Force Breakouts

12:00 pm Lunch

1:00 pm Task Force Breakouts

3:20 pm Task Force Report Backs

1. IDU / Substance Use – Steven Tierney

Priority #1 – An IDU Health and Wellness framework. Useful for HIV Prevention AIDS services, Alcohol and Drug Program, Mental Health providers

- Statement of Rights and Responses
- Program Development and Evaluation
- Office of AIDS RFA instruction
- Provider and Local Health Jurisdiction training

Priority #2 – Crystal Meth position paper. What is being done Office of AIDS and other partners? What we can learn to be better prepared.

Priority #3 – Give a voice and advocate to

- Treatment on demand
- Expanded access to syringes
- Encourage coordination, collaboration (Office of AIDS, Alcohol and Drug Programs, Mental Health)
- Encourage improved quality, scope and utility of data at intersection of HIV and Substance Use/IDU.

## 2. Gay / MSM – Cesar Cadabes

Goal: To create a proactive approach with DHS/OA to collaboratively address the need of African American MSM.

### Objectives:

- Resource Allocation
  - What percent of the 17% is used for services targeting African American MSM
  - Other: CDC, UARP, US Conference of Mayors, etc.
  - Develop a gaps analysis is based on who is doing what where
- Data Collection, Research and Epidemiology
  - AA MSM specific epi: HIV/AIDS, STD, etc.
  - Statewide Policy and Local Health Jurisdiction
- Policy
  - Develop and define a working understanding of cultural competency to inform policy
- Programs/Interventions
  - Literature review on best practices/most effective interventions targeting AA MSM
- Care Services
  - Information on services provided to AA MSM
  - How can we determine/inform the value vs. formula utilized for funding care services

## 3. Resource Allocation – Sabina Laveaga

- Much discussion, many questions...
- Will merge documents to draft a framework (principles, questions) for OA to use when looking at funding reductions
- Look at programs, services
- Possibly look at other methods of distributing money
- Requested that OA make a presentation to CHPG about funding streams and programs at the state level.

## 4. Care/Prevention Integration – Ricki Rosales and Mauricio Perez

- Revise Prevention with Positives (PwP) guidelines with specific activities

- Add section on care elements and recommended guidelines of what PwP programs are in care and prevention
- Target populations at greatest risk/need based on PwP activities in care settings using co-factors and demographics
- Prevention guidelines for (PwP) Care counselors.
- Explain follow up letter to encourage collaboration amongst STD/HIV/Care/Prevention
- Gayle Bolan and Michael Montgomery explore multiple funding streams for a single position to provide integrated services for STD and HIV testing and HIV Care.
- Explore confidentiality and HIPPA concerns as it relates to interagency collaborations
- Feedback on State Office of AIDS programs that were successful in PwP activities

5. Women – Sylvia Britt-Raven

- Goal 1 – To increase access to HIV / AIDS prevention and care services for women.
  - Objective 1A – Identifying barriers to accessing prevention and care.
  - Objective 1B – Develop a women’s specific resource guide.
- Women’s task force Work Plan
  - We are in the process of gathering information to help us develop our women’s specific resource group. We will have a women’s panel in June to present to CHPG regarding barriers to care and prevention. We established our June agenda which included reviewing our scope of work.

Also in June, we will continue conversations in regards to developing a social marketing campaign aimed at especially those women who may not believe they are at risk.

6. Transgender Working Group – Kama Brockmann

Requesting opportunity to present about transgender issues during the general session.

3:45 pm Roll Call

4:00 pm Adjourn