

California HIV/AIDS Planning Group

Wednesday, March 12, 2008

9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Location: Anaheim, California

Members in Attendance:

Joe Acosta, Rachel Anderson, Maria Baldovinos, Cesar Cadabes, Fredy Ceja, Michael Cunningham, Terry Cunningham, Cynthia Davis, Kevin Farrell (OA Chair), Susan Forrest, Tari Gilbert, Nyrza Gonzales, Sharyn Grayson, Toni Harrison, Craig Hutchinson, Anthony Huynh, Precious Jackson, Michael Johnson, Dorothy Kleffner, Marge Kleinsmith-Hildebrand, Robert Lewis, Greg Mehlhaff, Debra Lyn McCarthy, John Melichar, Fernando Ocana, Dr. Christopher Ried, Adrienne Rogers, Ricki Rosales (co-chair elect), Joy Rucker, Paul Sanchez, Fernando Sanudo, Rosana Scolari, Terry Smith, Don Soto, Ellen Swedberg (co-chair), Peg Taylor (OA Chair), Steven Tierney, Eric Whitney, Denice Williams, Freddie Williams, Sylvia Young

Facilitator:

Sue Strong

Office of AIDS/CHPG Liaison:

Amy Kile-Puente

Office of AIDS Staff:

Dr. Michelle Roland (OA Division Chief), Gail Sanabria, Valorie Eckert, Kim Lucas, Carol Russell, Jeff Byers, Teena Evans, Joseph Arellano, Brian Lew, Dr. Juan Ruiz, Kama Brockmann, Liz Voelkert, Cynthia Smiley, Therese Ploof, Susan Sabatier, Chris Krawczyk, Dona Marshall, Dennis Fleming, Richard Iniguez, Judith Fitzpatrick (CHRP), Clarissa Poole-Sims

Members not in attendance:

Bart Aoki, Jeff Bailey, Mario Perez, Sharla Smith, Dr. Jason Tokumoto

Interested Parties:

Jonathan Kostka, Dianna Daly, Calandra Park, Diane Brown, Cheryl Barrit, Laura Thomas, Naina Khanna, Philip Yaeger, Vivian Ma, Nettie DeAugustine, Tamarra Jones, Chip Pope, Susan Carter, Jesse Lopez, Stuart Pappas, Bamby Salcedo, Kevin Reilly

9:00 a.m. – 9:25 a.m.

Welcome/Call to Order

Introductions
Moment of Silence
Agenda Review

Freddie Williams,
Chair

9:25 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

OA Branch Updates

HIV Care Branch

Peg Taylor, Branch Chief

Please refer to March update on the website

Highlighted:

- The CARE Act application has been completed and OA is waiting for the allocation
- CARE branch management and staff taking a look at all the Care programs funded and deciding if these are still the best models. Examining these programs to determine whether or not we are serving the clients the best we can.
- Introduction of attending Care Management Staff: Richard Iniguez (Community Based Care Section), Carol Russell (Early Intervention Section), Susan Sabatier (Care Research and Evaluation Section)

HIV Education and Prevention Services Branch

Kevin Farrell, LCSW, Branch Chief

Please refer to March update on the website

Highlighted:

- Counseling and Testing Restructured Program went statewide on January 1, 2008.
 - Recognition of Orange County for their contribution to the development of the new program by participating in the pilot
 - To date, the program has seen success in the rollout
- The C & T section has lost the Rapid Testing Coordinator, Vanessa Lee
 - OA is currently looking to fill that position with similar duties but expanding to encompass the new issues surrounding rapid testing
- AB 682 went into effect on January 1, 2008
 - This removes written consent for HIV testing. We are hoping this will increase the number of people testing in medical settings.
- New website launched www.choicehiv.org
 - Local health jurisdictions can look up CDC evidence based interventions as well as promising interventions. This website was developed by OA in collaboration with California HIV/AIDS Research Program (CHRP).

HIV/AIDS Epidemiology Branch

Juan Ruiz, MD, MPH, Dr Ph, Branch Chief

Please refer to March update on the website

Highlighted:

- Emergency regulations text became permanent on February 8, 2008
 - These regulations are accessible on the OA website.
 - OA hosting a HIV Reporting Regulation Stakeholder Meeting in Sacramento on April 10-11.
 - Introduction of Kim Lucas
 - Local Evaluation Online (LEO) phase 1 began on January 1, 2008
 - Phase 2 began final testing on March 12, 2008
 - LEO will be implemented in phases with the full program projected to be online by June 30, 2008
 - Michael Donahue, Branch Chief of the HIV/AIDS Case Registry Section, will be leaving OA this month. Teresa Lauchaire will be acting chief until a replacement is hired.
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Questions

What is the OA doing about high HIV rates in prisons? What is OA doing to get legislation in place?

The Office of AIDS cannot introduce legislation but many people in this room can take the steps. Kim Lucas of OA is working collaboratively with Department of Correction Public Health Unit.

Where will the condom project take place?

That information has not been released. The Center for Health Justice will be stocking the condoms.

What has OA done to help with the Orasure issue in San Diego County?

This is a statewide issue. OA is currently working with Lab Field Services to resolve. It is a priority.

How is OA dealing with the budget cuts in prevention?

A 6% cut across the board on general fund programs.

What programs are going to be affected?

1.6 million in the Education and Prevention Funding

ADAP

CARE?

Is the Counselor I utilized since AHP hasn't finished the curriculum? What are the successes of the C&T restructure?

We are not seeing a lot of uptake on the Counselor I position. Most LHJs are utilizing Counselor II's for this position.

The successes have been anecdotal. We have heard that the LHJs like the new model and the clients have also responded well to the new model.

CHPG 2007 Recommendations and OA Responses

Peg Taylor and Kevin Farrell

Please refer to handout

10:30 a.m. – 11:20 a.m.	Mental Health and HIV: Challenges and Opportunities	Shahara Godfrey, Ph.D, <i>Expanding the Paradigm</i>
	Mental Health, HIV and the Challenges Ahead	Steven Tierney, <i>CHPG Member</i>
11:20 a.m. – 11:40 a.m.	Break	
11:40 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Words from the Office of AIDS, Department of Public Health	Michelle Roland, MD <i>Division Chief</i>

Budget update:

The governor has decided to spread the cuts across all agencies. A ten percent general cut, but OA has been asked to take a six percent cut because a larger cut could affect HRSA funds. And OA was not asked to take a current year budget reduction.

The Office of AIDS has about a 428 million dollar budget; this works out to an 11 million dollar general fund cut.

OA is taking the same approach as the governor in attempting to take a six percent reduction to general funds across the board. 7 million from ADAP and 3.6 million from EPI, EPS, CARE, Support Budget

This is just a proposed budget and things could end up looking differently, but counties should be aware.

Is there a possibility that Medicare Part B will be jeopardized?

No. The Governor's office released guidelines for the cuts. Most likely we will see cuts in the form of elimination of drugs on the formularies (opportunistic drugs, co-infection drugs, drugs that counter side effects). All decisions will be made by our medical advisory committee. Clients will have to access these drugs through other programs like pharmacy programs.

Why isn't there more advocacies from OA?

Cannot respond.

Will there be an opportunity for the public's input on the drugs cut from the formulary?

Yes. Input will come from the medical advisory board, CHPG and other advisory bodies.

Michelle's role at this CHPG meeting:

She will be more of an observer until she is more comfortable with CHPG and its relationship with OA and how it all works.

No more questions at this time.

12:00 p.m. – 12:30 p.m. Task Force Presentations

The Substance Use Task Force is on a one year hiatus to allow time to work on the previous years' recommendations.

Gay Men/MSM Task Force

Presented by Craig Hutchinson

HIV/AIDS Statewide Architecture Task Force

Presented by Kevin Farrell

HIV Care Reassessment Task Force

Presented by Peg Taylor

Women

Presented by Precious Jackson

Membership Committee

Presented by Ricki Rosales

- Works on new member orientation
- Recruitment
- Changes as a result of the new three year term implementation

Task Force Sign ups

12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. Lunch

1:30 p.m. – 5:00 pm Task Force Assignments/Breakout
Roll call/Announcements/Adjourn

Members

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Dennis Hendrix, Patty Otsuji, Jane Chai, Tamara Jones, Jerry Lail, Jeanine Munford, George Ayala

9:00 a.m. – 9:10 a.m.	Welcome/Call to Order Agenda Review	Ellen Swedberg, <i>Co-Chair</i>
9:10 a.m. – 9:25 a.m.	Consumer Story	<i>Refugio Delacruz</i>
9:25 a.m. – 9:40 a.m.	Latino Advisory Board Update	Rosana Scolari, <i>LAB Chair</i> Mario Gonzalez, <i>LAB Chair</i>

PURPOSE OF LAB

Provides community perspectives and recommendations to CDPH/OA in the planning and development of HIV/AIDS services, related to the Latino community

HISTORY

- 1995 State HIV Prevention Plan
- CDHS/OA two statewide symposiums
- 2000 HIV Latino Summit
 - Recommendation of LAB
 - HIV Latino Specialist
- 2001 LAB formation

PROCESS

- Membership
- Plan of Action
- Prioritize Recommendations
- LAB Report- "*Entre Familia*"

"Entre Familia"

- Final Stages
- Become a Blue Ribbon Report
- Available statewide

Currently...

- Finalize and release LAB report
- Finalize LAB governance document
- OA overview of all programs and direct input on Latino services

LAB Co-Chairs

Rosana Scolari
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Mario Gonzalez
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Additional comments

Holding a meeting in May in Sacramento. At this meeting, OA will provide an overview of all the OA programs and projects focused on Latinos and offer a response to OA

To identify Latino issues is not difficult, however it is difficult to prioritize which issues to focus on

Preparing a presentation to take statewide, but that is in the future

Brian Lew is the OA contact regarding membership, Brian.Lew@cdph.ca.gov

LAB membership should return once the report is done.

LAB is encouraged to deliver updates regularly. This benefits CHPG so they are aware of the work being done statewide so work is not duplicated.

9:40 a.m. – 9:45 a.m. Public Comment

9:45 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. Break

10:00 a.m. – 10:25 a.m. Visioning Change Initiative

Michelle Roland, MD

Partnership project through California HIV/AIDS Research Project (CHRP)

Goal 1

Policy initiative (different from a research project)

- Long term view on changes in funding
- Taking a look at why HIV/AIDS is treated different
- Taking a look at integrating services

Goal 2

- The current HIV service delivery system is a fragmented series
- Services addressed the needs as they came about
- How would we do it now, if we could do it all over again

Other goals

- Facilitate communication and collaboration
- Concrete development of one voice regarding Ryan White

Tasks

- (Right now) Mapping project
 - What are all the HIV specific monies coming into California
 - What are the services offered in California
 - What is the penetration of those services? Are the needs being met?

A state work group is being formed to work as a liaison.

Michelle can give the CHPG an update at each meeting.

No timeline.

Who is funding this project?

- mostly foundation funding with a little OA funding

The Visioning Change Group has no authority to make changes. They will develop recommendations which would go through the normal process of review and stakeholder input.

10:25 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Task Force Breakouts

12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Lunch	
1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.	Task Force Breakout <i>*Rolling Break</i>	Members
2:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.	HIV Prevention State Plan Update <i>Refer to handout</i>	Laura Thomas, MPH
3:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.	Task Force Report Back to Membership	Members

Women’s Task Force presented by Leslie Poston

Elected Task Force Chairs: Dorothy Kleffner and Leslie Poston (non-CHPG member)

Things accomplished at March meeting:

Reviewed scope of work and set timeline for completion of work

The year ahead:

Maintain focus on:

- Data driven recommendations
 - Clarification of OA data sets
 - Accurate statewide picture of HIV/AIDS and women in California
 - Addressing disparities among relatively low prevalence in comparison to men, while also noting increasing percentage of diagnosis among women
 - More efficient use of OA liaison
- No Identified Risk – what that means
 - Literature in review
- Focus on new info re: HIV AIDS stats on inmates and recent parolees correlate with “hot spots” (for male and female)
- Examination of Department of Public Health Fact Sheets on women and HIV/AIDS
- Cross communication and involvement with other task forces
 - Avoid working in a vacuum or reactive participation

Care Services Task Force presented by Sharyn Grayson

Elected Task Force Chairs: Sharyn Grayson, Adrienne Rogers, Toni Harrison

Mission Statement:

Assess the effectiveness and efficiencies of the current care programs from the perspective of the client, Office of AIDS, fiscal agent/contractors, and service providers.

Vision Statement:

HIV infection is a critical problem and must be addressed on a broad societal basis. All people living in California who are HIV-infected must access to ongoing, appropriate HIV care, treatment and prevention services. All HIV services must be coordinated, comprehensive and high quality.

To Do List:

- Develop a current view of the care system.
- Look at programs from the perspective of the task force’s mission on what works and what doesn’t work.
- Make recommendation(s) for adjustments or changes to current service delivery model as needed.
- To develop survey to capture real life scenarios of clients across gender, citizenship, ethnicity, income, sexuality, race, co-morbid conditions, housing status and cultures.

Gay/MSM Task Force presented by Fredy Ceja and Craig Hutchinson

Elected Task Force Chairs: Fredy Ceja and Craig Hutchinson

Report

- Election of Co-Chairs
- Transition from AA Focus to Latino Focus
- Identifying Latino Needs
- LAB Members on Task Force
- LAB Recommendations (To Be Completed by Next CHPG Meeting)
- PCI Latino Needs Assessment
- Use AA Process as Template for Latinos
- New Areas of Research for Latinos
- George Ayala Presentation (Social Factors Affecting Latinos)
- LAB to meet with OA Sections to provide input
- LAB to provide studies on Latinos/MSM
- Elect note taker to keep minutes

African American Gay/MSM Action Plans

CHPG recommended that designated LHJs create an Action Plan to adequately address the HIV prevention needs of African American gay men/MSM.

Designated Tiers

Tier One

- Alameda
- Contra Costa
- Long Beach
- Los Angeles
- Riverside
- Sacramento
- San Bernardino
- San Diego
- San Francisco
- Solano

Tier Two

- Berkeley
- Fresno
- Kern
- Orange
- Pasadena
- San Joaquin
- San Mateo
- Santa Clara

Action Plan Goals

For C&T: To increase testing for HR AA gay men/MSM

For HERR: To provide effective HIV prevention services for AA gay men/MSM

Statewide Architecture Task Force presented by Eric Whitney

Elected Task Force Chairs: Steven Tierney and Cesar Cadabes

Task Force Description:

HIV prevention and care in California is facing many changes. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and Ryan White will change as budgets are shifted and reduced. As a statewide planning body, it is our duty to look forward, given our fiscal environment, and examine how the State of California overall HIV Care and Prevention structure could be modified or expanded to meet future challenges.

The purpose of this task force is to assist CDPH/OA in being "proactive" rather than "reactive". Instead, OA has a responsibility to try to anticipate changes in both the epidemic and in the fiscal environment and propose policy to address anticipated needs. The issues covered will include:

1. the most effective way to utilize the state-wide planning process by clearly defining the role of community planning in examining and creating a re-structured model, creating a work plan for 2008 that defines goals and outcomes, quantifying the time needed to effectively address the goals and outcomes (including in between meetings and possible non-CHPG input), and remaining focused on developing specific policy related recommendations;
2. the most effective way to deliver services which includes exploring all funding options;
3. taking a look at "the way things have always been done" and evaluating whether or not we are meeting what clients need now by taking a closer look at how HIV has changed, creating new challenges that have not been adequately addressed, including a discussion of services that may not have a significant role;
4. exploring ways to integrate service delivery for the benefit of the clients as well as to maximize resources – the discussion of integration will not be limited to Care and Prevention but integration, among STDs, TB, Hepatitis and other similar areas, including alcohol and drug, mental health, and education;
5. defining goals for the 2009 three-year term CHPG membership to address these "big picture" issues. The ultimate goal is to present a three year work plan to aggressively address statewide systematic changes for HIV epidemiology, prevention and care across the board.

Task Force Work Plan:

"Renewing the Vision"

As we approach the third decade in the battle against HIV and AIDS it is an appropriate time to look at the systems, institutions and structures that have been developed.

This committee will look at data, trends, best practices from CA localities, other states and nations, new technology and innovative public health technologies. We will look at how the HIV/AIDS system (prevention, care, treatment, epidemiology and research) are funded.

Based on the analysis the ATF will make recommendations to guide the design and implementation of an architecture for a system of care, reflective of the current client and community needs, best practices and resource realities.

Questions for analysis in year one:

- What is working well in California's HIV/AIDS system
- What is the 2008 definition of "effective" in HIV prevention and in AIDS care and treatment
- What are the internal and external factors (global health, US government, CA fiscal realities, etc) that may change the system with or without our input if we are not proactive?
- How do we determine when a service or initiative is not longer effective, how do we end services to make room for new initiatives
- Who are the partners that need to be involved: consumers, CDC, AOD, DMH, Criminal Justice, Education, etc. This list will be developed in Year One
- What does "think outside the box" mean to those working in and/or depending on an established system of health services.
- What are all of the budget and resource options currently at work in HIV (CDC, HRSA, SAMHSA, NIH, philanthropy, research, drug companies, state and local general funds, etc.) Are they coordinated and maximized?

Long Term questions of this task force:

- Can we really envision a system of prevention and care that moves beyond the initial responses and current
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structure

- Creating a new vehicle vs. tinkering with the Titanic
- Can we create a system in which clients/patients and communities are truly partners in the services (patient-centered care)
- Can we effectively engage the necessary partners to make this an effective effort vs. “just another report”

Year One Goals:

1. Review data and trends in CA HIV/AIDS data. What do we know, what do we need to know, how can we get the data?
2. Based on that data/those trends; what are the components of an effective system?
3. Establish a plan with specific goals, timeline and deliverables for this Task Force.
4. Establish and commit to an effectiveness-evaluation for our work.

3:30 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.

Announcements

Members

Meth Awareness Campaign presented by Michelle Roland, MD

The official launch is today

The targeted toward gay/bisexual men, non-gay identified men and women

This campaign is also offered in Spanish.

www.menotmeth.org

3:45 p.m.

Adjourn

**The next CHPG meeting is in Burlingame
June 25 -26
Crowne Plaza Hotel**