



LOS ANGELES COUNTY COMMISSION ON HIV

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JOINT PUBLIC POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

August 22, 2007

**APPROVED
7/2/2008**

MEMBERS PRESENT	MEMBERS ABSENT	PUBLIC	HIV EPI AND OAPP STAFF	COMM STAFF/ CONSULTANTS
Wendy Schwartz, <i>Co-Chair</i>	Carrie Broadus	Miki Jackson	Elizabeth Escobedo	Virginia Bonila
Whitney Engeran, <i>Co-Chair</i>	Ruel Nolloedo	Ted Liso	William Strain	Richard Diaz
Kyle Baker	Peg Taylor	Luis Lopez		Glenda Pinney
James Skinner		Rich Mathias		Craig Vincent-Jones
Dean Page		Max Schmidl		Nicole Werner
Lee Kochems				
Ruben Acosta/Chris Villa				
Jeffrey Goodman				

CONTENTS OF COMMITTEE PACKET:

- 1) **Agenda:** Public Policy Committee, 8/22/2007
- 2) **Agenda:** Revised Federal Agenda for the 110th Congress, 1/30/2007
- 3) **Agenda:** State Legislative Agenda for the 2007-08 Session, 1/9/2007
- 4) **Plan:** Year 17 Public Policy Committee Implementation Plan
- 5) **Memo:** Procedures for Development of Legislative Policy and Positions, and Advocacy of County Interests, 8/8/2007

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Meeting called to order at 1:10 pm.
2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Add Co-Chair elections to the agenda, as Item #5, per last Committee meeting
3. **PUBLIC COMMENT, NON-AGENDIZED:** There was no comment.
4. **COMMITTEE COMMENT, NON-AGENDIZED:**
 - Lee Kochems was elected unanimously as the Committee Co-Chair.
 - Corrections Workgroup to meet and discuss the forum scheduled for September 13; 11:30am – 2:00pm. The workgroup includes Jeff Goodman, Lee Kochems and Whitney Engeran.
5. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Add Co-Chair elections to the agenda, as Item #5, per last Committee meeting
6. **CALENDAR YEAR 2008 POLICY AGENDA:**
 - A. **Policy Format:** Issues that were raised in legislative, regulatory, benefits and budgetary areas.
 - 1) **Legislative**
 - Ryan White Principles: What comes next?
 - HIV Surveillance
 - CD4 reporting
 - Converting HIV code reports to name-based reports
 - Tracking HIV/HCV (Hepatitis C virus) co-infection
 - HIV/Corrections issues

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- HIV medical services in incarceration facilities
 - HIV testing in incarcerations facilities
 - Condoms in prisons/jails
 - Transitional care coordination for people leaving incarceration
 - HIV research and drug development
 - Vaccine initiatives
 - AIDS Clinical Trials Group (ACTG)
 - Syringe exchange: State/federal/local
 - Non-discrimination
 - Early Treatment for HIV Act (ETHA)
 - Comprehensive sex education
 - HIV/immigration issues
 - HIV counseling and testing
 - Medicare Part D/ True Out-of-Pocket (TROOP) Expenses
 - Health care reform
 - Availability of opt-out testing options
 - Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) Reauthorization
 - Federally funded programs for prevention/counseling/testing
- 2) **Budgetary**
- Increased funding for:
 - Ryan White
 - Surveillance
 - Prevention
 - Research
 - Testing
 - Substance abuse treatment/intervention
 - Housing
 - Housing Opportunities People with AIDS (HOPWA)
 - Section 8 housing
 - Multiple diagnosis
 - Substance use/homeless
 - Sexually Transmitted Disease (STD) programs
 - Crystal Meth: prevention/care/treatment/services
 - AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP)
 - ADAP savings to stay in ADAP/HIV portfolio
 - Therapeutic Monitoring Program (TMP)
 - HIV social marketing for communities of color
 - Funding for women/children
 - Mobile testing vans
 - Quick testing at emergency rooms
 - State backfills
 - Comprehensive sex education
 - Federally funded program for prevention/counseling/testing
- 3) **Regulatory**
- Counseling/testing regulatory reform
 - HIV surveillance/names-report clean-up
 - Title 15 (regulatory/prisons) reforms related to HIV
 - Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments (CLIA) waiver (lab test in non-lab settings)
 - Informed consent vs. written consent
 - Creation of surveillance system to track HIV/HCV co-infection
 - Title 22 reforms re: housing
- 4) **Benefits**
- Medicare Part D
 - Food stamp reauthorization

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- Medical calculation of shared costs
- Federally funded program for prevention/counseling/testing

B. Policy Level: Prioritizing Policy issues for the Commission/County at federal/state/local levels.

1) Federal

- ① Ryan White legislation
 - ➔ Reauthorization principles
 - ➔ Increased funding
- ② ETHA
- ③ Medicare Part D/TROOP legislation
- ④ Prevention
 - ➔ Increase funding/preserve current funding
- ⑤ Corrections

2) State

- ① HIV surveillance follow-up
 - ➔ CD4 reporting
 - ➔ Code-to-names conversion
- ② Corrections
- ③ Prevention
 - ➔ Increased funding
 - ➔ HCT (HIV Counseling and Testing) regulatory reform
 - ➔ Social marketing for testing in communities of color
- ④ Maintain ADAP
 - ➔ Preserve savings within portfolio
- ⑤ Maintain existing resources

3) Local:

- ① Corrections/jails
- ② Coordination with housing services
- ③ Coordination with other County entities and health jurisdictions
 - ➔ Alcohol and Drug Program Administration (ADPA)
 - ➔ STD Control
 - ➔ Department of Mental Health (DMH)
 - ➔ Department of Health Services (DHS)
 - ➔ Long Beach/Pasadena public health departments
 - ➔ LA City AIDS Coordinator's office

6. **WORK PLAN:** This item was postponed.

A. **Timeline:** This item was postponed.

B. **Prioritization:** This item was postponed.

C. **Assignments:** This item was postponed.

7. **PUBLIC POLICY ISSUES DOCKET:** This item was postponed.

8. **ANNOUNCEMENTS:** There were no announcements.

9. **ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at 4:45 pm.