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**LOS ANGELES COUNTY  
HIV PREVENTION PLANNING COMMITTEE (PPC)  
600 South Commonwealth Avenue, 10<sup>th</sup> Floor•Los Angeles CA 90005-4001**

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**APPROVED**

**MEETING SUMMARY**

Thursday, August 5, 2010

12:16 PM - 3:15 PM

St. Anne's Maternity Home - Foundation Conference Room  
155 N. Occidental Blvd.- Los Angeles, CA 90026

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Juli-Ann Carlos  
Philip Hendricks  
Lee Kochems  
Victor Martinez  
Ricki Rosales  
Sophia Rumanes  
Timothy Young

John Copeland  
AJ King  
Miguel Martinez  
Josh Riley  
Jill Rotenberg  
Enrique Topete

**ABSENT**

Scott Campbell (E)  
Trevor Daniels (U)  
David Giugni (E)  
Michael Green (E)  
Sandra Olivas (E)  
Ron Osorio (U)  
Terry Smith (E)  
Kathy Watt (E)

**OAPP STAFF PRESENT**

Kyle Baker  
Min Kim

Elizabeth Escobedo  
Jane Rhode

Maggie Esquivel  
Paulina Zamudio

Gary Garcia

**I. COLLOQUIA PRESENTATION**

“HIV Risk and HIV Infection among Young Black MSM”

Dr. Rosemary Veniegas of the Center for HIV Identification, Prevention and Treatment Services (CHIPTS) provided some background and introduced Gregorio (Greg) Millett, M.P.H., from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the Senior Policy Advisory in the Office of National AIDS Policy (ONAP) who provided a power point presentation.

Mr. Millett's power point presentation explored the racial/ethnic disparities in HIV among men who have sex with men (MSM), the correlation of HIV risk behavior among bisexual men of color, and the relationship between circumcision and HIV acquisition among MSM. The power point presentation included an epidemiological overview, paradoxical data, and an explanation for the disparities, implications and future research.

There was a question and answer period following the presentation.

**II. ROLL CALL**

Roll call was taken at 1:30 PM and a quorum was present.

AJ King welcomed everyone to the PPC meeting.

**III. REVIEW/APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA**

The DRAFT August 5, 2010 HIV Prevention Planning Committee (PPC) Meeting Agenda was reviewed with a recommendation to modify the August 5<sup>th</sup> PPC meeting agenda to move the State of California Office of AIDS Reduction of Tests Kits agenda item to the Governmental Co-Chairs Report and add an update from the Transgender People of Color Community Meeting to the Community Co-Chairs Report.

<b>MOTION #1:</b> Amend and modify the August 5, 2010 HIV Prevention Planning Committee (PPC) Meeting Agenda.	<i>Passed by consensus</i>	<b>MOTION PASSED</b>
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**IV. REVIEW/APPROVAL OF JULY 1, 2010 PPC MEETING SUMMARY**

The DRAFT July 1, 2010 HIV Prevention Planning Committee (PPC) Meeting Summary was reviewed and approved.

<b>MOTION #2:</b> Approve the July 1, 2010 HIV Prevention Planning Committee (PPC) Meeting Summary.	<i>Passed by consensus</i>	<b>MOTION PASSED</b>
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**V. PUBLIC COMMENT**

- Kevin Farrell, CHIPTS, announced the CHIPTS Community Advisory Board (CAB) is seeking new members and encouraged the PPC and the PPC audience to apply for the CHIPTS CAB. Applications are available on the CHIPTS website and paper applications are on the back table. Financial compensation is available (up to \$500.00 a year) and the first meeting is tentatively scheduled during the first week in September.
- Reverend Russell Thornhill, Minority AIDS Project (MAP), made two announcements:
  - There is a Save-The-Date Palm Card on the back table for the National Trans Faith Summit scheduled in October. This event will include members from the transgender community from all over the nation.
  - On August 6<sup>th</sup>, MAP and Unity Fellowship Church is hosting a fundraising event titled “Gigantic Yard Sale”. Flyers are on the back table.
- Ardriano Aldridge, In the Meantime Men’s Group, Inc., announced two events:
  - The official opening of the Men’s Drop In Wellness space named “The Kick Back” housed at 4067 W. Pico Blvd., Los Angeles. Palm cards are on the back table.
  - The 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Black Men’s Health and Wellness Conference scheduled on Saturday, August 14<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM at the Wilshire Plaza Conference Center. This event is free to the public. Palm cards are on the back table.
- Jeffrey King, In the Meantime Men’s Group, Inc. (ITMT), shared it is his hope that the PPC will continue with its commitment to the African American MSM (AA MSM) in Los Angeles County and announced ITMT is interested in participating in the planning of a community wide assessment of African American MSM who work in HIV and participate in a think tank that engages service providers who work directly with AA MSM. This inclusive process could help to inform how resources that could come to Los Angeles could be better evaluated to the existing framework created by the PPC. Mr. King requested the

PPC Executive Subcommittee review this request at their next meeting and provide a report back at the next PPC meeting during the Co-Chairs agenda item.

**VI. COMMUNITY CO-CHAIRS REPORT**

- National HIV/AIDS Strategy (NHAS)**  
 AJ King shared the National HIV/AIDS Strategy (NHAS) has been released and a link to the documents was emailed to PPC members. There was a discussion at the July 29<sup>th</sup> PPC Executive Subcommittee meeting regarding the PPC facilitating a community forum and/or a panel discussion to provide input on the NHAS. Sophia Rumanes shared that part of the August 26<sup>th</sup> PPC Executive Subcommittee will be used to discuss the planning for the community forum and/or panel discussion on NHAS. After the details have been finalized, the NHAS Community forum and/or panel discussion will be advertised and it is hoped that individuals who attend and participate in the NHAS community forum and/or panel discussion have read the documents and are prepared to discuss issues and how this will affect Los Angeles County. Lee Kochems reported the Joint Public Policy Committee has included NHAS on its work plan for the year and will be discussing NHAS at their next meeting on the third Wednesday of the month (August 18<sup>th</sup>).
- Discussion on Open Nominations for PPC Community Co-Chair**  
 AJ King reported his term of PPC Community Co-Chair expires at the end of December. AJ King provided some background on the duties and responsibilities of the PPC Community Co-Chair. There is a motion on the agenda to open nominations for PPC Community Co-Chair and Lee Kochems seconded the motion.

<p><b>MOTION #3:</b> Open nominations for PPC Community Co-Chair and the election/selection of the PPC Community Co-Chair to occur at the October 7, 2010 PPC meeting.</p>	<p><i>Passed by consensus</i></p>	<p><b>MOTION PASSED</b></p>
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- PPC Representation on the Commission on HIV (COH)**  
 AJ king reported the PPC continues to struggle in identifying PPC representation to the Commission. However, the PPC is working on collaborating with the Commission in general. AJ King encourages a PPC member to serve on the Commission as the PPC representative.
- Transgender People of Color Community Meeting**  
 Miguel Martinez reported the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) hosted a community meeting for Transgender People of Color last week. Mr. Martinez applauded the CDC’s conscious effort to include young people (providers and clients) in the community meeting. Approximately 100 to 120 people attended the community meeting. There was a strong presence from the east and south (limited participation from the west coast). Mr. Martinez reported the community meeting consisted of multiple presentations on nationally relevant data on the transgender population. Greg Millett provided an overview of the National HIV/AIDS Strategy (NHAS), there were breakout groups for Young MSM and Transgendered individuals, a focus on future funding opportunities, and feedback was solicited on eligibility requirements, future opportunities, capacity building

and which interventions might be useful for these populations. The CDC intends to develop a report from the Community Meeting.

**VII. GOVERNMENTAL CO-CHAIRS REPORT**

- PPC Interim Progress Report (IPR) Review  
Sophia Rumanes introduced Elizabeth Escobedo, OAPP, who provided background on the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Interim Progress Report (IPR) and motion #4 on today’s agenda. Ms. Escobedo reported the PPC review of the IPR is scheduled on Friday, August 13<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM at OAPP. Miguel Martinez seconded the motion.

<p><b>MOTION #4:</b> Schedule a meeting for the PPC to review the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Interim Progress Report (IPR) and authorize those members who participate in the IPR review to represent the full body of the PPC in voting for concurrence, concurrence with reservations, or non-concurrence.</p>	<p><i>Passed by consensus</i></p>	<p><b>MOTION PASSED</b></p>
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- Discussion/Update on State of California Office of AIDS Reduction of Tests Kits  
Sophia Rumanes provided some background on OAPP’s notification from the State of California Office of AIDS allocation reduction in funding for HIV test kits. It was shared on July 12<sup>th</sup>, OAPP received a letter from the State indicating there is a reduction to HIV test kit distribution to all jurisdictions (for Los Angeles County this would be a 75% reduction). OAPP has concerns regarding the formula used for the reduction in funding. It was shared the Los Angeles County Health Department is doing everything it can to ensure HIV testing in Los Angeles County is not interrupted because it is felt that testing is a prevention strategy. Ms. Rumanes shared it appears the State of California has taken another gouge out of prevention on the heels of having a “Think Tank” on testing and linkage to care by coming back and reducing testing and prevention again. The State of California used the same formula used for general prevention funding. Los Angeles County is 40% of the epidemic and is receiving 17% of the prevention funding and 17% of the allocation of test kits.

It appears the State of California Office of AIDS did not work with the community planning groups to obtain feedback/input prior to the implementation of the reduction to the distribution of test kits.

Kyle Baker, OAPP Governmental relations, shared OAPP and Los Angeles County are doing everything they can to reverse this decision. Lee Kochems shared there was a lengthy discussion at the July Joint Public Policy Committee meeting regarding this issue.

Sophia Rumanes paraphrased an email from Kathy Watt encouraging the PPC to either write a letter or communicate with the State of California Office of AIDS to determine if the California HIV Planning Group was involved in this decision to reduce test kit

distribution. Lee Kochems placed the following motion on the floor and suggested for the PPC Co-Chairs to write a letter to the State of California Office of AIDS to find out if the California HIV Planning Group (CHPG) weighed in on the test kits distribution plan and submit a request to the UCHAPS Co-Chairs to follow up on behalf of Los Angeles with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to see if the CDC's intention was for directly funded jurisdictions to receive their fair share of tests kits or is the allocation solely at the discretion of the State AIDS director. Phil Hendricks seconded the motion.

<p><b>MOTION #6:</b> Recommend for the PPC Co-Chairs to write a letter to the State of California Office of AIDS to find out if the California HIV Planning Group (CHPG) weighed in on the test kits distribution plan and submit a request to the UCHAPS Co-Chairs to follow up on behalf of Los Angeles with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to see if the CDC's intention was for directly funded jurisdictions to receive their fair share of tests kits or is the allocation solely at the discretion of the State AIDS director.</p>	<p><i>Passed by consensus</i></p>	<p><b>MOTION PASSED</b></p>
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Sophia Rumanes announced that after this afternoon's meeting, she is beginning her Maternity Leave until December, 2010. For the remainder of August through October, Maggie Esquivel will be responsible for OAPP's Prevention Services Division and from November through December; Paulina Zamudio will be responsible for OAPP's Prevention Services Division. All PPC requests are to be directed to Dr. Michael Green. Kyle Baker will assume Ms. Rumanes UCHAPS activities during her Maternity Leave.

**VIII. BREAK**

**IX. STRUCTURAL AD-HOC SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS FOLLOW-UP**

AJ King reported the PPC Structural Ad-hoc Subcommittee Recommendations were presented at the July 1<sup>st</sup> PPC meeting. At the July 1<sup>st</sup> PPC meeting, the PPC Structural Ad-hoc Subcommittee's Recommendations were approved with the condition that the PPC Structural Ad-hoc Subcommittee re-visit and develop procedure and protocol for participation on the Joint Public Policy and Community Participation. AJ King provided an overview of the approved motion from the July 1<sup>st</sup> PPC meeting regarding the restructuring of the PPC, which included:

1. The PPC meeting will become the Prevention Plan Planning Committee (main objective is the development of the Prevention Plan, overseeing the Prevention Plan, monitoring the Prevention Plan and PPC business)
2. Three (3) Subcommittees will be formed:

- Steering Subcommittee (provides oversight to the PPC, consisting of the PPC Co-Chairs and the Chairs of the other two (Internal and External) committees).
- Internal Activities Subcommittee (ensure the efficient operations of the PPC, responsible for membership, evaluating the PPC and appropriateness).
- External Activities Subcommittee (ensures broad based community participation, address policy issues, provides oversight to the ad-hoc groups).

The PPC Structural Ad-hoc Subcommittee met twice since the July 1<sup>st</sup> PPC meeting and their recommendations are as follows:

- Joint Public Policy

Question: What does the PPC need or want to do about public policy? The recommendation was to have a three (3) to six (6) month exploratory period to determine:

- How the PPC wants to define policy
- How the PPC wants to address public policy issues
- Educate the PPC and potentially the Commission on HIV on the PPC process and learn about the Commission on HIV’s process related to how decisions are made and how voting takes place, etc.
- Identify the type of public policy capacity building that the PPC needs to do internally (e.g. request presentations from organizations that construct public policy, invite OAPP’s public policy division to participate in PPC meeting to provide insight).
- Address areas for greater collaboration with the Commission on HIV.

A decision was not made regarding participation on the Joint Public Policy Committee. At the end of the 3 to 6 month exploratory period, the PPC will make a decision regarding participation the Joint Public Policy Committee.

- Community Participation

Assuming the new PPC structure is adopted, the PPC will commit to receiving community input and ensure that the community has a voice and is heard. It was suggested that the co-chairs take the temperature of the room more often, invite people to participate more freely, perhaps traveling to the different Service Planning Areas (SPAs) to receive feedback, explore other room set-up ideas and reserve time on the agenda for the audience to review recommendations.

Motion # 5 was printed on the agenda and Enrique Topete seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken.

<b>MOTION #5:</b> Adopt and move forward with the recommendations developed by the PPC Structural Ad-hoc subcommittee.	<i>Roll call vote taken</i> Yes: <i>Campbell, Carlos, Hendricks, King, M. Martinez, V. Martinez, Riley, Rosales, Rotenberg, Rumanes, Topete,</i>	<b>MOTION PASSED</b> YES: 12 NO: 1 ABSTAIN: 0
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	<i>Young</i> No: <i>Kochems</i> Abstain: <i>None</i>	
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The existing PPC subcommittees remain in effect and are meeting on an as needed basis. The next step in the PPC restructuring process is for the PPC Co-Chairs to meet with the Director of OAPP to outline and explain the PPC restructure and submit written documentation and obtain approval to implement the new structure. Once approval is received from the Director of OAPP, the process to inform the community (e.g. development of flyers, revising subcommittee descriptions, communication to OAPP funded providers, etc.) of the change can begin.

AJ King acknowledged and thanked the PPC Structural Ad-hoc Subcommittee for their hard work and dedication.

A PPC Subcommittee Request form was distributed to all PPC members in attendance. The members completed and submitted the form. The PPC Subcommittee Request forms will be reviewed and assignments made at the August 26, 2010 PPC Executive Subcommittee meeting.

**X. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS**

- Operations – Jill Rotenberg reported the Operations Subcommittee did not meet.
- Evaluation – Miguel Martinez reported the Evaluation Subcommittee continues to meet monthly in preparation for the September 3<sup>rd</sup> Data Summit at the California Endowment.
- Standards and Best Practices – Phil Hendricks reported the Standards & Best Practices Subcommittee did not meet.
  - HIV Counseling and Testing (HCT) Work Group – Phil Hendricks Reported the HCT Work Group did not meet.
- Joint Public Policy – Lee Kochems reported he mentioned the formation of the Joint Public Policy’s Health Care Reform Committee during the NHAS agenda item and mentioned the Joint Public Policy Committee discussed the State of California’s reduction to prevention services at the July meeting. Additionally, Mr. Kochems shared the next Joint Public Policy Committee meeting is Wednesday, August 18<sup>th</sup> at the Commission Offices and all are invited to attend.

**XI. LATINO TASK FORCE REPORT**

Victor Martinez reported the Latino Task Force continues to meet and anticipates forwarding their recommendations to the PPC Executive Subcommittee at the August 26<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**XII. STANDING REPORTS**

- City of Los Angeles – Ricki Rosales reported the City of Los Angeles Department of Disability celebrated the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Americans with disabilities Act on July 25<sup>th</sup> with a fair in the rotunda of City Hall.

The City of Los Angeles AIDS Coordinator’s Office is finishing up some contract negotiations with the Saaban Free Clinic and Planned Parenthood Los Angeles to provide funding to train their staff on disclosing HIV test results and to expand HIV testing at their facilities.

The RFP for Needle Exchange and other prevention programs is expected to be released in mid-October.

- City of West Hollywood – No Report
- City of Pasadena – No Report
- Substance Abuse Prevention and Control – Tim Young reported Substance Abuse Prevention and Control is in the process of re-writing their Strategic Plan with an emphasis on the 2014 Health Care Reform.

The general release and prevention RFP are no longer in county counsel.

- Sexually Transmitted Diseases Program (STDP) – John Copeland reported the Sexually Transmitted Diseases Program has received Institutional Board Review (IRB) approval for a new study that looks at guys who have been repeatedly infected with Syphilis within an 18 month timeframe.

John Copeland shared STDP is moving forward with the website for MSM for home test kits. STDP is looking at providing it English and Spanish and possibly for transgenders as well.

Mr. Copeland reported STDP submitted funding documents to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) for continuing funding.

- HIV Epidemiology Program (HEP) – Juli-Ann Carlos provided two updates:
  - About two years ago, a funding opportunity was released titled “Evaluating Locally Developed Interventions – Prevention Interventions for African American and Latino MSM”. The HEP program collaborated with In The Meantime Men’s Group, Inc to apply for this funding opportunity. Earlier this year (in May), HEP was notified they were awarded funding. For this five year study, HEP will be evaluating the “My Life, My Style” locally (In The Meantime Men’s Group, Inc.) developed intervention, targeting young African American MSM aged 18 to 29).
  - There is a correction to the HIV EPI Profile – the two charts in the back of the EPI Profile (page 136 and page 137) are incorrect. The charts will be corrected on the website and Ms. Carlos will provide hard copies of the corrections at the next PPC meeting.
- Urban Coalition of HIV/AIDS Prevention Services (UCHAPS) – AJ King reported a Community Planning track is scheduled at HPLS. UCHAPS Director, Anna Ford, is seeking assistance for the community planning workshops for HPLS.
  - Report back on UCHAPS “Test and Treat” Think Tank – No Report
- Incarcerated Task Force – No Report

### **XIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Jill Rotenberg announced the next SPA 4 Service Provider Network Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 19<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 Noon at Planned Parenthood Los Angeles.
- Miguel Martinez announced all of the 10-10 agencies are listed on the CDC website. There are twelve agencies in Los Angeles who work with youth.

- Phil Hendricks announced a fundraiser titled “Queer Art Walk” on Thursday, August 12<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 PM to 10:00 PM at 114 W. 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Los Angeles.
- Victor Martinez announced there is an open part-time clerical position at Bienestar (East Los Angeles location). Interested individuals should contact Victor Martinez.
- Enrique Topete announced The Wall-Las Memorias Project, Inc.’s 4<sup>th</sup> annual AIDS Awareness Night with Chivas Los Angeles is Sunday, August 29<sup>th</sup>.
- Enrique Topete announced The Wall-Las Memorias Project, Inc. is partnering with the Latino Equality Alliance to provide a faith-based LGBT discussion regarding Prop.8.

**XIV. CLOSING ROLL CALL**

**XV. ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 3:15 PM.

**Note: All agenda items are subject to action.**

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