

**Sonoma County**  
**COMMISSION ON AIDS**

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**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE SONOMA COUNTY  
COMMISSION ON AIDS/HIV CARE CONSORTIUM  
HIV HEALTH PLANNING COUNCIL  
May 13, 2009  
490 Mendocino Avenue**

**Members Present:** Dwayne Z., Anna B., Ruben C., Alix. S., Herb L. Lisa A., Lynn C.,  
Cerrissa M., Shari B., Susan C., and Steve B.  
**Members Absent:** Rick D., Celia B., Marion D., and Harold L.  
**Staff:** Eric A., Ellen S., and Claire E.

1. **Call to Order** – Lisa, chair, called the meeting to order.
2. **Memorial Moment** – A moment of silence was observed to keep in mind those who have passed during this epidemic.
3. **Announcements and Public Comment**
  - The room has been rearranged at the request of the People with AIDS Advocacy Committee (PAC) committee to be inclusive of the public who attend the meetings.
  - Carolyn, as some of you know has decided to resign and not return from her leave of absence.
  - The conflict of interest form 700 is due annually; it was available at the meeting and must be returned to Ellen. If needed it is available at: <http://www.fppc.ca.gov/index.html?id=6>
  - The FY2010 Federal HIV HCV and STD Appropriations handout was distributed.
  - Steve has resigned from West County Health Centers (WCHC) and will be working at the UCSF HIV family clinic. There is an interim plan and a search for a new physician at WCHC.
4. **Minutes from the April 8, 2009 Meeting** – A motion was made by Steve and seconded by Dwayne to accept the minutes. The minutes were approved as written.
5. **Positive Stories**
  - Lisa shared that she will be graduating from Santa Rosa Junior College with honors and has been accepted for fall admission to UC Berkeley. Congratulations to Lisa!
  - Cerrissa shared a story about a woman with twins who she spoke with recently who received her MBA degree.
6. **State of the Epidemic - Report from the Department of Health Services**
  - Ellen reported that as of April 20, 2009, there have been 2,030 AIDS cases reported and there have been 1,145 deaths. There have been 296 cases of HIV reported by name and 13 deaths.
  - Ellen provided a brief update on the FAWG. The next months meeting will be devoted to hearing the report and recommendations from the FAWG.

- Claire provided information regarding approximately \$45,000 in additional funding for the fiscal year beginning March 1. Currently funded providers responded to a request for proposals. Four responses are being reviewed and funds should be allocated in three weeks.

**7. Committee reports:** Lisa reported that there is a timeline and work plan for PAC and recommended tasks for commissioners. The committee will meet quarterly. During the months when there is no meeting there will be 1:1 outreach using a focus group format. PAC members have requested that Commissioners who represent agencies host events or groups at their agencies to get consumer input and provide information about the Commission. Commissioners indicated it was good to have additional consumer voices brought to the Commission. PAC will review this plan in August and November to decide if this is the best meeting format to get their work accomplished.

**8. Commission Structure** – Steve led the discussion of changing commission structure, integration of prevention and care councils, and engaging hard to reach consumers. There have been challenges to staffing meetings and the work still needs to get done. The services committee hasn't been doing the planning work that is the charge of the Commission, the group was a place for agencies to get together and if the group wants to continue that useful work they can do that outside of the Commission. Continuous quality improvement efforts might be a likely role for that group to take on. Prevention and care planning should be together as part of the continuum of prevention and care services and discuss all relevant issues as one commission. The business of the group can happen with the full Commission at monthly meetings. The previous presentation described the plan of the PAC committee to meet quarterly and continue to have the voice of the consumer at this body and work to outreach to additional consumers. Ad hoc task forces will occur as needed and the provision for an emergency meeting is available. Integration makes sense from a clinical perspective and a consensus vote of members instructed staff to draft a revision of the bylaws for review in June and vote in July, draft email or bring to June, vote in July. Consensus vote in favor.

#### **9. What's New in HIV?**

- The long term toxicity of medications is a complex situation. Pharmacists working with physicians help this effort.
- A member of the public had questions about the plan for the fall/winter flu season and getting information about H1N1 flu to HIV+ people. It's important to keep concerns in perspective and understand the benefits of personal hygiene. Anna provided links with accurate information. [http://www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu/guidance\\_HIV.htm](http://www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu/guidance_HIV.htm) or [http://www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu/HIV\\_flu.htm](http://www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu/HIV_flu.htm)

#### **10. Administration Business**

- Cerrissa provided information on the HRSA site visit scheduled for June 10-12, 2009.
- Cerrissa provided an update on current membership applicants. Commissioners decided to hold this agenda item until the end of the meeting to discuss in closed session. Members did make suggestions to conduct outreach to enhance prevention representation on the Commission and to get an individual representing Kaiser Permanente.
- The 2013 Service Planning will be a standing item on the COA agenda. All COA members will participate in the task of preparing services to adapt to the future needs of clients and the future availability of funding.

**11. Presentation: FY09/10 Education and Prevention Testing Program-** Staff presented changes to the county testing program. The changes were based on meeting the challenges of the evolving epidemic. Testing is now the basis of the County's prevention program. Testing will be done in targeted outreach, in emergency and urgent care settings and in primary care settings beginning with community clinics.

- 12. Items for next meeting agenda.** There will be time available for expanded public comment on the FAWG recommended priority plan presentation, discussion, and voting on the recommendations from FAWG. The draft of the revised bylaws will be available for discussion. HRSA staff will be at the June meeting.
- 13. Additional discussion** – The discussion of membership was deferred to the end of the meeting and was continued in closed session. A decision was made to accept both applicants to the Commission. Recommendations will be made to the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors next month.
- 14. Closure** – Meeting was adjourned at 6:20

***The next meeting is on June 10th, 2009 at 4:15 p.m.***  
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