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JOINT PUBLIC POLICY (JPP) COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

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MEMBERS PRESENT	MEMBERS ABSENT	PUBLIC	DHSP STAFF	COMM STAFF/ CONSULTANTS
Aaron Fox, <i>Co-Chair</i>	Sergio Aviña	Jim Chud	None	Jane Nachazel
Stephen Simon, <i>Co-Chair</i>	Joseph Cadden	Joe Green		Craig Vincent-Jones
Kyle Baker	Kathy Watt	Miki Jackson		
Cheryl Barrit		Lambert Talley		
Lee Kochems				
Elizabeth Mendia				
Jason Wise				

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- 5) **Spreadsheet:** State of California AIDS/HIV Program Funding Detail, Department of Public Health (DPH) and Department of Health Care Services (DHCS), 2012-13 May Revision
- 6) **Memorandum:** Important Update for ADAP Enrollment Application Processing, 6/19/2012
- 7) **Article:** Imminent Court Ruling Could Undercut California's Health Plans, 6/21/2012
- 8) **Memorandum:** 2009-2010 Policy and Legislative Agenda, 9/23/2010
- 9) **Table:** Commission on HIV 2012 Legislative Docket, California State Legislature 2011-12 Second Session, 5/9/2012
- 10) **Bill:** AB 491: HIV Testing, 6/20/2011

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Mr. Fox called the meeting to order at 1:13 pm.
2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**
MOTION #1: Approve the Agenda Order (**Passed by Consensus**).
3. **APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES:**
MOTION #2: Approve the 2/29/2012, 4/3/2012 and 5/2/2012 Joint Public Policy (JPP) Committee Meeting Minutes (**Passed by Consensus**).
4. **PUBLIC COMMENT, NON-AGENDIZED:** There were no comments.
5. **COMMISSION COMMENT, NON-AGENDIZED:** Mr. Chud reported the US House of Representatives did not object to returning \$2 million to the HOPWA budget.
6. **CO-CHAIRS' REPORT:**
 - Mr. Fox welcomed Mr. Wise to his newly appointed seat as JPP Community Member.
 - ⊖ Cancel July JPP meeting in lieu of the International AIDS Conference. Co-chairs may call a special meeting if the need arises.

7. FY 2012-2013 STATE BUDGET:

- Mr. Fox reported much activity on trailer language as Governor Brown needed to sign/veto the budget bill by midnight that night. Signature was expected as agreements have been reached on issues such as differences on the welfare-to-work program, Cal-Works, the Healthy Families move to Medi-Cal, and pay increases for State workers. Last year's cut in In-Home Health Services (IHSS) hours was continued into this year and the program will move to managed care, but clients can still hire/fire their service workers.
- There will be no increase in ADAP co-payments or reduction in Prospective Payment System (PPS) rates to Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs). PWH with Medi-Cal and Medicare will not be excluded from the Duals Demonstration Project, but can opt out on both the Medi-Cal and Medicare sides.
- Mr. Talley felt clients needed education on their rights and available services in order to utilize them to best advantage. Mr. Simon replied the Commission should prepare an informational release after the budget was complete.
- Mr. Vincent-Jones noted JPP agreed at its last meeting to send a letter to the State Office of AIDS (OA) regarding their authority over definitions of policy making, i.e., what changes OA could make without resort to trailer language. The letter could still be useful for next year's budget and might pertain to six-month ADAP eligibility screening implementation.
- Mr. Baker said OA is controlled by the State and HRSA. The latter has always mandated six-month ADAP screening, but the State felt it a barrier in so large a jurisdiction. The two agreed to disagree but, with implementation of the Low Income Health Program (LIHP), HRSA now wants compliance. He heard the State is still trying to resist and will try to find out more.
- Mr. Vincent-Jones noted the State often says it can only make policy changes via trailer language, but is making a key ADAP eligibility screening change without such language. A letter can highlight the contradiction and prompt a written response.
- Mr. Baker will contact the State to identify ADAP eligibility screening specifics. They are needed for planning purposes.
- Mr. Fox, LA Gay and Lesbian Center (LAGLC), will ask about the ADAP issue at the 6/28/2012 LAGLC LIHP stakeholder call.
- Mr. Vincent-Jones will draft a letter on policy changes without trailer language and email it to the group for input.

8. HEALTH CARE REFORM: It is estimated that California will lose \$45-\$55 billion in 2014-2019 Medi-Cal funding if the Supreme Court finds the Affordable Care Act (ACA) unconstitutional. The Court could uphold or strike the full law, strike aspects of it, e.g., the individual mandate that is key to funding, or defer the decision. The 7/12/2012 Commission meeting will update the situation.

9. LIHP IMPLEMENTATION:

- Mr. Baker reported he and Mr. Vincent-Jones spoke with Quentin O'Brien's staff person that day on LIHP consumer education. She supported Consumer Caucus efforts to develop materials and their suggestion for a Ryan White client warmline being developed by DHSP. The Commission and DHSP are also developing information palm cards to be passed out at clinics. One- and five-page FAQ sheets are on the DHSP website.
- Mr. Vincent-Jones said the purpose of anything from the Commission should be to assure clients that their care should not change so they need not panic. It directs clients to call their provider or the warmline if there are issues. It should be in English and Spanish.
- Ms. Jackson said her key concern was with the inherent challenges of implementing several large systems at once.

10. FY 2013 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES:

- Mr. Vincent-Jones noted JPP did not select priorities last year, but the 2009-2010 priorities offer a reference. Priorities shape activities and focus time to work toward goals through the County process. He recommended choosing just three or four priorities such as the budget, LIHP and possibly AB 491, HIV Testing. Fewer priorities allow time for effective action.
- Of Federal priorities, he noted 2. National HIV/AIDS Strategy (NHAS) has been incorporated into the Comprehensive HIV Plan (CHP). Other than 1. Health care reform implementation, items could be merged into 4. Funding. Several noted 5. HOPWA was separate due to specific issues, but Mr. Vincent-Jones replied the Commission is addressing it via its new grant.
- On State priorities, Mr. Baker suggested how to seek alternate funding has risen in importance in today's climate.
- Mr. Vincent-Jones felt that was more of a community issue than a Commission priority, e.g., the Commission supports syringe exchange but has done little on it as the County is active. Priorities are mainly to direct Commission staff time.
- Mr. Kochems noted the full document also has value in opening doors to discuss issues. Mr. Baker suggested it might be fruitful to develop two documents—one to address overall concerns and one to direct allocation of personnel resources.
- Mr. Vincent-Jones noted this framework was developed when the Commission was working on multiple policy issues, had more resources and did not face current pressures. The situation has changed, but the framework has not. The Commission would rise to take advantage of opportunities to work on any issues noted, but needs direction on time allocations.

- Mr. Kochems suggested the Commission also prioritize re-structuring OA, but several felt it a lower level issue especially as it is not as notable a consumer concern and some re-organization is anticipated once new leadership is selected.
- ➡ Agreed to the following FY 2012-2013 Policy and Legislative Agenda which will be forwarded to the 7/12/2012 Commission:
 - 1) Preserving continuity of care for local consumers under Health Care Reform/Medicaid expansion;
 - 2) Ryan White Reauthorization in 2013;
 - 3) State budget including ADAP, IHSS and FQHCs;
 - 4) Testing and Linkage to Care (TLC), including AB 491.
- ➡ Messrs. Vincent-Jones and Fox will revise the 2009-2010 Policy and Legislative Agenda into a broader policy issues document. That will be emailed to JPP for input and hopefully will be finalized in time for the 7/12/2012 Commission.
- ➡ Agendize discussion of restructuring OA for a subsequent JPP meeting.

11. RYAN WHITE REAUTHORIZATION PRINCIPLES: Mr. Vincent-Jones will complete the document and email it for JPP input. Input must be returned in one day to assure completion for presentation at the 7/12/2012 Commission meeting.

12. FY 2012 LEGISLATIVE DOCKET:

- Mr. Fox updated the 5/9/2012 table. He noted AB 491, HIV Testing, will not move forward this year. The AB 1553 sponsor, Western Center on Law and Poverty has been unable to persuade the administration to agree that medical exemption requests should be reviewed by the treating physician rather than someone in Sacramento. The several bills pertaining to Health Care Reform are contingent on the Supreme Court ACA ruling.
- Mr. Vincent-Jones reported an appointment could not be scheduled with Assemblywoman Holly Mitchell, Chair, Assembly Budget Health Subcommittee prior to the May Revise, but there are efforts to schedule one during the recess.

13. COMMUNITY COLLABORATIONS:

A. CA Center for HIV/AIDS Policy Research:

- Mr. Wise reported the California HIV/AIDS Research Program (CHIRP) has begun a new funding cycle and is developing a new structure. The Policy Research Advisory Committee (PRAC) will no longer be one statewide body, but will set up meetings in both Northern and Southern California to create dialogue with leaders in different areas on their issues.
- The first meeting will be 6/28/2012 with Mr. Vincent-Jones, Mr. Baker and Mario Pérez. Meetings will follow with Orange County, the Inland Empire and San Diego. Attendees are expected to bring information on needs in their areas.
- He added the two centers will also have a new research proposal form to spur more in-depth discussion on proposals.
- Mr. Fox felt the Rapid Response Research had been confusing as people kept asking, "What's the research question?" Instead, he suggested renaming it "Rapid Response Policy Analysis."
- Mr. Wise said the Southern California branch application emphasized "Rapid Response" would be developed more from the advocate side, such as by AIDS Project Los Angeles and other agencies. Projects are envisioned as ones that can be done by staff, rather than PhD researchers, and that will not need IRBs. It is anticipated that will speed work.
- A patient transitions project begun by Northern California has now developed into a joint northern/southern project. Provider interviews will gather numbers of patient migration, estimates of fiscal impacts and other anticipated changes.
- The UCLA team is reviewing Medi-Cal/Medicare data such as on quality of care measures and physician numbers. Data has been ordered for 2009 which will allow comparisons with 2007 data over time.
- Southern California is also in the early stage of research on the Duals Demonstration Project. A meeting is planned for 6/28/2012. The goal is to complete research by September, so it can be used to inform the State.
- The Southern California piece on the undocumented has been in the Memorandum Of Understanding (MOU) stage since February 2012. DHSP will be asked at the 6/28/2012 meeting whether there is any information from County Counsel regarding release of Case Watch data that can be used to generate data on the undocumented population. The team is also seeking data from Riverside and San Diego Counties.
- Mr. Vincent-Jones was frustrated with the slow pace of the undocumented study which he felt the most important project. He was told it would be ready in June 2012 yet, after a year, it is not. He added PRAC was to gather input from the policy community on research needs, but has not, e.g., patient transition information is already available locally.

14. WORK PLAN REVIEW: This item was postponed.

15. ANNOUNCEMENTS: Ricky Rosales will be the next City of Los Angeles AIDS Coordinator, effective 7/1/2012.

16. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 2:55 pm.