



**Minutes Consortium Meeting
Monday, September 12, 2016 10:00-12:00 noon
Rainbow Community Center
2118 Willow Pass Rd., Suite 500
Concord, CA**

Present:	
Betty Blackmore Gee- Community Resident	Irma Donaldson-NHNR
Teri Leichenger-Food Bank Contra Costa & Solano	Kristin Burnett, HIV/AIDS & STD Program
Vance Drouillard- RCC	Karen Schlein- HIV/AIDS & STD Program
Shawny Flores-CCIH	Obiel Leyva – HIV/AIDS & STD Program
S. L. Floyd-Community Resident	Nicole Lapointe, HIV/AIDS & STD Program
Janice Lipniskydabbs-Community Resident	Ervin Garcia, HIV/AIDS & STD Program
Bob Capistrano-Bay Area Legal Aid	Kristin Burnett, HIV/AIDS & STD Program

	Discussion
Call to Order	<p>Obiel Leyva, Education & Testing Manger, called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. The meeting began with a moment of silence to remember those individuals that we have lost to HIV/AIDS.</p> <p>Next, introductions were made and the agenda was reviewed. There was no quorum as there were no voting Consortium members present. Consortium bylaws require that voting members attend meetings regularly and complete a Form 700 Statement of Economic Interests. Since it is unclear if these steps have been followed, the individuals present can be categorized as having an “Affiliate Membership.” Affiliate membership allows for discussion of Consortium matters and voting on recommendations, however, the vote is non-binding.</p> <p>Approval of the July meeting minutes was tabled until the next meeting.</p>
System of Care Update	<p>Karen Schlein, Linkage to Care Manger, provided a budget and allocations update. For the 16/17 Ryan White budget, we added an Early Intervention Service category. Services under this new category will be used to identify new HIV-positive individuals in our County and link them to care. Funds were also moved from Substance Abuse to Mental Health services in the YWCA contract because the MH budget was depleted. For the 17/18 Ryan White budget, allocation recommendations were presented to the Planning Council in Alameda County. The recommendations were to fund all current services at flat funding for next year. The recommendations were approved by the Planning Council.</p> <p>Kristin Burnett, Client Services Manager, gave an update on the Request for Proposal (RFP) process for FY 17/18. She mentioned that the next RFP for Behavioral Health and Medical Case Management will go out on October 3, 2016 and proposals will be due on October 31, 2016. A review panel made up of public health professionals will make recommendations on which proposals to fund (if any). Awards will be for next fiscal year March 1, 2017 to February 28, 2018.</p> <p>Kristin also gave a staffing update for the HIV/AIDS & STD Program. Ervin Garcia, Health Services Planner/Evaluator, started with the program. He will be in charge of our data-to-care interventions. Katrina Bill, Medical Social Worker II, will start on October</p>

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	<p>17th and will work with clients mainly in East County. A new Deputy/Assistant Director for the HIV/AIDS & STD Program has been hired, Jessica Osorio, and will start work on October 24, 2016.</p> <p>Obiel provided an update on testing and prevention. The program is creating new interventions to look at two key populations in HIV prevention: high-risk negative individuals with a recent sexually transmitted disease diagnosis (syphilis, gonorrhea, and/or chlamydia) and HIV+ individuals who are co-infected with another sexually transmitted disease. Disease Intervention Technicians (DITs) will be contacting these individuals directly to make sure that they are connected to care, offer them risk reduction services, and discuss PrEP as option for high-risk negative clients and negative partners of HIV+ individuals. Nicole Lapointe, DIT, provided an explanation of the role and responsibilities of DITs in our department. She described how DITs provide testing, risk reduction, and linkage to care services.</p> <p>Obiel then reviewed the draft goals and objectives of the Oakland Transitional Grant Area Integrated HIV Prevention and Care Plan 2017-2021 that is required by the federal government as part of our Ryan White Funding. Contra Costa, as a member of the Oakland TGA, is a recipient of Part A funds, so members of Alameda and Contra Costa counties have met over the past year to review data and community input for the purpose of developing this plan. Members present gave positive feedback on the goals and objectives. Once the plan is finalized, Obiel will send a copy to each person on the Consortium mailing list.</p> <p>Obiel showed the film, <i>San Francisco's bold AIDS mission is 'getting to zero' by 2030</i>, by the PBS News Hour. The film depicts San Francisco's RAPID and PrEP programs. Karen led a discussion about our efforts in Contra Costa County to reduce the amount of time between and HIV diagnosis and the start of antiretroviral medications. Our current goal is to get individual on care within 30 days of diagnosis; the aim is to reduce that time in half. Obiel shared that Planned Parenthood, Kaiser, and CCRMC all currently offer PrEP in our County. The goal is to reach out to high-risk individuals, educate them on PrEP, and facilitate access to the medication.</p>
Public Comment	<p>A client shared about her housing situation. The apartment complex is getting increasingly more dangerous. Recently, there was a shooting very close to her apartment and her children are very scared. Shawny Flores, Housing Advocate, informed the group that she is working with the client to find her and her family a safer living situation.</p>
Announcements	<p>RCC is offering a PrEP education workshop for community residents on Wednesday November 9th from 6:30 to 8. A flyer will go out soon.</p>
Adjourned	<p>Meeting adjourned at 11:40</p>
Next Meeting	<p>Monday, November 14, 2016 from 10-12 noon at Monday November 14, 2016 from 10-12 in Supervisor Federal Glover's Office located at 315 E. Leland Rd. Pittsburg CA..</p>