

HIV PREVENTION PLANNING COUNCIL

Minutes

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The next HPPC business meeting will be held on **Thursday, April 13, 2006**

3:00 - 6:00 PM

Quaker Meeting House, 65 Ninth St, San Francisco

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Members Present:

Angie Baker
William Bland
Edward Byrom
Chadwick Campbell
Michael Cooley
Thomas Ganger
Isela Gonzalez
Amber Gray
Dee Hampton
Matt Jennings
Emalie Huriaux
Janetta Johnson
Billie-Jean Kanios
Tom Kennedy
Thomas Knoble
Weihaur Lau
Derrick Mapp
Joani Marinoff, Emeritus
Tie Okamoto
Tracey Packer
Colin Partridge
Ken Pearce
Perry Rhodes III
Joaquin Sanchez

Members Present,

continued...

Chandra Sivakumar
Gwen Smith
Frank Strona
Michael Underhill
Abbie Zimmerman

Members Absent:

Devin Anderson
Gayle Burns*
Michael Discepola, Emeritus
John Newmeyer*
Gail Sanabria*
Ken Vail, Emeritus

HIV Prevention Section:

Vincent Fuqua
Guillermo Gonzalez
Ju Lei Kelly
Betty Chan Lew
Eileen Loughran
Israel Nieves-Rivera
Lisa Reyes

Guests:

Michelle Bolekin, TARC
Catherine Geanuracos, Project Connect
to Protect
Kevin Gogin, SFUSD
Carolyn Hunt, CAPS
Jeff Klausner, SFDPH STD Prevention
& Control
Deborah Levine, ISIS
Toni Moon, Transgender Resource
Space
Taylor Morrison, Ark of Refuge
Jen Sarché, SFDPH Research Section
Sean Taylor
Hank Wilson

Process Evaluation Team:

Kevin Roe

Harder + Co.:

Aimee Crisostomo
Clare Nolan
David Weinman (Minute-taker)

* These members informed the Chair in advance of their absences.

Welcome, Introductions, and Announcements

Co-Chair Perry Rhodes III called the meeting to order at 03:07 PM. He welcomed attendees, noting that the space is open to the public and that attendees should therefore be mindful of their possessions. He then asked attendees to introduce themselves and make announcements.

- Thomas Ganger thanked everyone who visited or phoned while he was in the hospital.
- Abbie Zimmerman announced that earlier that day there had been a four-hour training session on Transgender issues for the SF Police Department.
- She also reminded attendees that Huckleberry House is looking for HIV positive people to share their story as part of their ongoing prevention program.

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- Billie-Jean Kanios announced a Transgender Leadership Summit the weekend of 02/17-19/06 at the University of Southern California.
- Michael Underhill announced that he is now contracted with a research project at UCSF.
- Michael Cooley announced a sneak-preview screening of "Meth, the film" (sic?) 02/28/06, from 7:00-9:00 PM at the LGBT Center, full details to follow.
- Thomas Knoble announced that he is working with the HPS on a SF disclosure initiative for both HIV (+) and (-) people.
 - ⇒ The program will ask for support from the prevention community to ensure the programs are culturally relevant.
- Amber Gray announced that in April the Arc of Refuge will sponsor its annual health fair, with details to be determined.
 - ⇒ Services providers that would like to participate should contact Bobby White at 861-1060, extension 1500.
- Joani Marinoff announced the formation of new courses at City College SF (CCSF) and asked people with experience in case management entailing drug adherence to contact her.
- Ju Lei Kelly announced the Fourth Annual Self-Healing Workshop for female survivors of violence and trauma, 03/04/06 at CCSF.
 - ⇒ She also distributed the flyer entitled, "*Sexual Healing*," copies of which are available to absent members upon request.

Review and Approval of Minutes of January 12, 2006

Perry Rhodes III noted a correction to the minutes of 01/12/06: where they read, "*Oral Fluid Test*", they should read, "*Oral Rapid HIV Test*." Motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes of the Council's 01/12/06 meeting as corrected. There were no other corrections, changes, or objections raised. The minutes were approved.

General Public Comment

Perry Rhodes III explained that each of the people who have asked to make comment were allotted three minutes. He then introduced Jeff Klausner, Deb Levine, and Hank Wilson.

- Jeff Klausner distributed the document entitled, "*Time (days) since prior HIV test ...*" copies of which are available to absent members upon request. He attended the 13th Conference on Retroviruses and Opportunistic Infections (CROI) and provided a highlight of prevention issues discussed.
 - ⇒ On 02/22/06 at the Mission Bay Campus of UCSF there will be an update and report back to the community regarding this conference.
 - ⇒ Four major prevention focuses of the conference were:
 - Importance of acute HIV Infection (RNA Screening);
 - Sero-sorting, which is somewhat effective, however, many men think they are HIV (-) when they are actually HIV (+)
 - * In SF about 20% of HIV (+) men are unaware of their status, which is the lowest of any major city in the US.
 - * To further reduce this percentage people should test more frequently than the average of every 10-12 months, as shown on his handout document.

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- The rollout of the CDC's recommendations referred to as, "*Routine testing*," which promotes increased access to testing, including in medical care settings.
 - * CA's laws would have to be changed to accommodate routine tests in some medical specialties, and people want to keep the tests confidential and voluntary.
 - * Interventions from medical providers have a demonstrable impact on behavior.
 - * In SF most infections are coming from people who are not in medical care.
- ⇒ He noted an article in the Bay Area Reporter (BAR) of 02/09/06 about *Gonorrhea*.
- ⇒ He also noted that there are discussions about *Lymphogranuloma Venereum (LGV)*.
- Deb Levine, Executive Director of Internet Sexuality Information Services (ISIS), introduced herself. Her comments included the following.
 - ⇒ The inSPOT website - she distributed printouts of web pages entitled, "*There's no easy way to say this...*" copies of which are available to absent members upon request.
 - She explained that inSPOT is their STD partner notification program.
 - Recently they added a module allowing users to select and customize an ecard (email postcard) notifying the recipient that he/she may have been exposed to HIV.
 - About 40% of ecard recipients have clicked through to information on testing sites.
 - They are also provided with links to HIV information, support and care services.
 - In December '05 and January '06 there have been 210 ecards sent out in SF.
 - There has been a lot of press about this program.
 - ⇒ No PNP/No BB- in association with hookinguponline.org ISIS is conducting a print campaign regarding Party and Play (PNP). She distributed cards entitled, "*Put 'No PNP' in your profile*," copies of which are available to absent members upon request.
 - This will be followed up with a similar "No BB" (Bare-backing) campaign.
 - The "No PNP" campaign is funded by HIV Prevention and the California AIDS Clearinghouse funds the "No BB" campaign.
 - ⇒ "Sex Text" - program to commence 04/01/06, funded by the STD Prevention & Control Section, ISIS will conduct a cell-phone text messaging service for youth, including:
 - STD symptoms and testing;
 - HIV transmission and testing; and
 - Contraceptive options, such as condoms.
- Hank Wilson from Tenderloin AIDS Research Center (TARC) wanted to address the Council's attention to issues relating to Crystal (Meth-amphetamine) and Housing, including the following.
 - People in recovery often have few options, especially with too little capacity at shelters, sometimes leading them to accept housing offers involving Crystal use; particularly young people.
 - There is nothing in the City's equation to help people dealing with Crystal challenges and emergency housing.
 - If SF's system had capacity it might be able to deal with this creatively.
 - Clients often raise these interconnected issues to him.
 - He emphasized that the need is for short-term housing.
- ⇒ In regards sero-sorting he pointed out that the City has lost the Shanti Lounge.
 - This was a facility for HIV (+) people that didn't require further disclosure.
 - It was a safe place for HIV (+) people to meet.
 - Although it was effective, due to funding difficulties it wasn't supported.

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- ⇒ Regarding Poppers (butyl/amyl nitrates), the FDA has decided not to enforce their regulatory authority, although Poppers are illegal to distribute and market.
 - The Internet is full of advertisements for Poppers, some of which also advertise the sale of Viagra - a lethal combination.
 - Rather than restricting sales, the FDA has decided to do educational intervention.
 - He recommends the HPPC inquire of the FDA when it is going to do something about Poppers and what do then intend to do.

Member Response to Public Comment

Perry Rhodes III invited members to respond to the Public Comment.

- Derrick Mapp asked Jeff Klausner about discussion of sero-sorting at CROI.
 - ⇒ Jeff Klausner said there was discussion of Harm Reduction, with an emphasis on sero-sorting.
 - ⇒ He noted that there appears to have been more sero-sorting in SF than elsewhere.
 - ⇒ He added that there was discussion about what can be done at the public health level to encourage sero-sorting.
- Janetta Johnson asked Jeff Klausner asked about the recommended frequency of testing.
 - ⇒ Jeff Klausner said the SFDPH is suggests sexually active people test every six months.
- Thomas Knoble expressed support and congratulations for both the "inSPOT" program, and work being done by the SFDPH, all of which is cutting-edge, nationwide.
- William Bland asked why people are unaware of their status, why they don't test.
 - ⇒ Jeff Klausner explained that this needs more investigation.
- Ken Pearce asked about the LGV article in the SF Examiner, noting that clients have wondered if they should be concerned, and if LGV increases the susceptibility to HIV.
 - ⇒ Kevin Klausner explained that LGV is a type of Chlamydia that affects the penis, lymph glands, and the rectum, and that it is responsive to antibiotics.
 - ⇒ Men who have participated in Unprotected Anal Intercourse (UAI) should be tested.
 - ⇒ Over the past several years about 5% of all of the rectal Chlamydia in SF has been LGV.
- Joani Marinoff expressed support for Hank Wilson's suggestion that the Council inquire of the FDA what they intend to do about enforcing Popper regulations.
- Matt Jennings suggested that the message in the inSPOT program should be, "*If you are HIV (-) or don't know your status you should be tested soon,*" rather than as it presently reads, "*If you don't know your status, please get tested soon.*"
 - ⇒ Deb Levine indicated that this was a good suggestion.
- Abbie Zimmerman asked incentives for people to get tested again in six months.
 - ⇒ Dee Hampton responded saying that the testing programs encourage people to come back if they have been sexually active, and that some places offer incentives and some don't.

HPPC Co-Chairs/Steering Committee Report

Perry Rhodes III provided an overview of the Co-Chairs and Steering Committee meetings, including the issues before the Council, addressed below. Other items discussed at the Steering Committee for members' attention include the following.

- How the Quaker Meeting House is working as a venue for meetings.

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- Committees' Community Members will have to be reviewed and voted on by the Steering Committee by its 04/27/06 meeting.
- Decision on the final names of the Committees:
 - ⇒ Membership and Community Liaison Committee;
 - ⇒ San Francisco Leadership Committee (SFLI);
 - ⇒ Points of Integration Between Prevention and Care Committee (POI); and
 - ⇒ Strategies and Interventions Committee.
- Lisa Reyes will work with HPPC Co-Chairs and Planning staff on follow up from previous year's Committees, including these issues from recent Council meetings:
 - Exemptions for people with HIV and AIDS to the HPPC Attendance Policy;
 - Support for CA Assembly Bill (AB) 699 - the 'Names Reporting' legislation;
 - Letter to CDC regarding SF's ability to conduct public health, to keep politics out of public health, and including that SF cannot be bullied;
 - Production of a brochure regarding Names Reporting;
 - Determine who is working on how to explain discordant test results to clients; and
 - Recommendations from members, Committees, and recent Systems Capacity Assessment by Neighborhoods (SCANS).
- ⇒ In response to Joani Marinoff's question, Perry Rhodes III said that the recommendations from last year's Committees would be followed up on by Lisa Reyes.
- The upcoming UCHAPS meeting 02/15-26/06, at which Rapid Testing will be discussed.
 - ⇒ SF HPPC representative are: Gayle Burns, Eileen Loughran, Israel Nieves-Rivera, and Perry Rhodes III.

Election of At-Large Steering Committee Member

Perry Rhodes III explained that there are two At-Large Steering Committee representatives and that the Chair has received nominations for William Bland, Lawrence Ozoa, and Frank Strona. He noted that Lawrence Ozoa has resigned his HPPC membership. He then asked for further nominations. None were offered. The nominees were invited to make a statement.

- ⇒ William Bland said that he has done a lot of work with Councils around the country including working with Parity, Inclusion and Representation (PIR).
 - He added that his work at the San Francisco AIDS Foundation includes overseeing programs for African-American and Crystal using MSM.
- ⇒ Frank Strona said that he has served on a number of HIV community planning groups and is currently the Co-Chair of the California HIV Planning Group (CHPG).
 - He has experience working with various Co-factors contributing to HIV transmission, including the interaction between HIV and STIs.
 - He observed that as an At-Large member he would be well suited to represent public voices not currently the focus of any of the HPPC's Committees.

Tracey Packer explained that the At-Large members were added to the Steering Committee to broaden the Committee's background and expertise. The vote was by roll call with each present member voting on each candidate's nomination with a "Yes," "No," or "Abstain."

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MEMBER	VOTE: W Bland	VOTE: F Strona	MEMBER	VOTE: W Bland	VOTE: F Strona
Devin Anderson	Absent	Absent	Thomas Knoble	Yes	Yes
Angie Baker	Yes	Yes	Weihaur Lau	Yes	Yes
William Bland	Yes	Yes	Derrick Mapp	Yes	Yes
Gayle Burns	Absent	Absent	John Newmeyer	Absent	Absent
Edward Byrom	Yes	Yes	Tei Okamoto	Yes	Yes
Chadwick Campbell	Yes	Yes	Tracey Packer	Yes	Yes
Michael Cooley	Yes	Yes	Colin Partridge	Yes	Yes
Thomas Ganger	Yes	Yes	Ken Pearce	Yes	Yes
Isela Gonzalez	Yes	Yes	Perry Rhodes III	Yes	Yes
Amber Gray	Yes	Yes	Gail Sanabria	Absent	Absent
Dee Hampton	Yes	Yes	Joaquin Sanchez	Yes	Yes
Emalie Huriaux	Yes	Yes	Chandra Sivakumar	Yes	Yes
Matt Jennings	Yes	Yes	Gwen Smith	Yes	Yes
Janetta Johnson	Yes	Yes	Frank Strona	Yes	Yes
Billie Jean Kanios	Yes	Yes	Michael Underhill	Yes	Yes
Tom Kennedy	Yes	Yes	Abbie Zimmerman	Yes	Yes

Both candidates were elected unanimously. The results of the elections were met with applause.

Drawing for Member Attendance at the HIV Planning Leadership Seminar (HPLS)

Perry Rhodes III explained that two members would be chosen with two alternates to attend the HPLS in June. It was also explained that this drawing is taking place far in advance so that attendees can clear this with their work/personal schedule and because it takes time to get the paperwork through the SFDPH for travel. The result of the drawings were:

Attendees:

Angie Baker
Billie-Jean Kanios

Alternates:

First - Amber Gray
Second - Chadwick Campbell

The results of the drawings were met with applause.

New Business

Perry Rhodes III explained that this is where members can suggest what will be discussed at the Council's agendas through the end of this year.

- Frank Strona suggested exploring and developing technological outreach as a model for other areas and organizing a conference to be held here.
 - ⇒ This should include establishing on-line outreach standards.
- Billie Jean Kanios suggested developing an effective program for Transgender people pre and post-release from incarceration, which should include drug treatment services.
 - ⇒ Janetta Johnson added that such a program should be on a harm reduction model, as not all such people are ready for drug treatment.
 - ⇒ Billie-Jean Kanios added that services need to go beyond drug treatment.
- Amber Gray suggested making housing specific to HIV (+) people available.

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- Weihaur Lau suggested strengthening outreach to the Asian & Pacific Islander (API) communities.
- Weihaur Lau also suggested educating and collaborating with businesses/venues.
- Isela Gonzalez suggested educating agencies including the Police, Sheriff, SFDPH departments, and other SF City workers about Transgender and other prevention issues.
- Thomas Knoble suggested inviting a CDC representative to explain the agency, hopefully dispelling misconceptions, and establishing a direct line of communication.

In response to Joani Marinoff's question, Tracey Packer explained that items could be added during the next Council's business meeting (04/13/06).

Presentation by SF Unified School District on In-School Youth

Perry Rhodes introduced Kevin Gogin of the SF Unified School District (SFUSD), who explained that he works in the SFUSD School Health Programs Department. The presentation entitled, "*Overview School Health Programs Department*," had previously been distributed to all members. Kevin Gogin additional comments included the following.

- He explained that he oversees three programs:
 - ⇒ The Crisis Response Program, for which he is the district's point-person;
 - ⇒ The Sexual Minority Youth Services Program which
 - Includes the Gay-Straight Alliances
 - Conducts assessments and provides referrals where appropriate; and
 - ⇒ The Wellness Sites / Department of Children, Youth, and Families of the SFDPH
 - There are seven Wellness Sites, which have behavioral health programming.
- He also has responsibility for The Condom Availability Program (CAP).
- He explained that his is by training a Marriage and Family Therapist, and has been with the SFUSD since 1990.
- Slide 2
 - ⇒ Each Wellness Site has a Health Promotion Committee, the members of which include classroom teacher are given stipends of \$800.
 - ⇒ The School Health Programs Department gives committee members training.
- Slide 3
 - ⇒ Supplemental Curriculum includes information on HIV and sexual identification that isn't covered completely because the textbooks are used nationwide.
 - ⇒ As part of their agreement with CDC all materials from Community Based Organizations (CBO) are reviewed before going into classrooms ensuring they are age-appropriate, and fit the curriculum being taught. CBOs being worked with include:
 - * Planned Parenthood,
 - * Cole Street Clinic,
 - * New Generations, and
 - * Casa de las Madres.
 - ⇒ The Theater Presentations include work with Kaiser and the New Conservatory Theater.
 - ⇒ The Names Project includes displaying 30+ panels during the first week of December.
- Slide 4 - The Health Promotion Committee at each of the 20 High Schools is comprised of four members, as listed, with the Health Liaison Coordinator being primarily responsible for HIV education materials.

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- Slide 6
 - ⇒ CAP has been successfully up and running for about 14 years.
 - ⇒ All Sex Education, including CAP, involves notifying parents of such programs through the Parent/Guardian Handbook.
 - ⇒ Schools may also send a notice home, which are notifications not permissions.
 - ⇒ A parent must notify the school if he/she does not want her/his child to participate.
 - ⇒ All High School students are over 12 years of age and can therefore consent to services without parental consent.
 - ⇒ If a parent informs the school that his/her consent is being withheld, the School Nurse, or educator tells the student that parental consent has been withheld and then asks the student if he/she wishes to proceed in receiving a condom anyway.
- Slide 8 - There are seven condoms per packet and 2,762 packets have been distributed.
- Slide 10 - Data is gathered from a CDC mandated question that asks about the use of condoms *to prevent pregnancy* (emphasis added).
 - ⇒ The SFUSD will add a question about use of condoms for other reasons.

Questions and Comments

- Michael Cooley asked if CDC's Division of Adolescent and School Health (DASH) program funds the SFUSD health programs.
 - ⇒ Kevin Gogin explained that the CDC is a driving force behind these programs, although he is not directly involved in funding.
- William Bland asked if the Alcohol Youth Outreach Coordinator also deals with other drugs.
 - ⇒ Kevin Gogin explained that the SFUSD received a grant specifically dealing with alcohol, however, they try to look at intoxication comprehensively.
 - ⇒ He added that the grant received for tobacco includes work regarding marijuana.
 - ⇒ He noted that the Alcohol and Tobacco coordinators are school nurses.
- Billie-Jean Kanios asked about the oversight and if services are being provided to Charter Schools and group homes.
 - ⇒ Kevin Gogin explained that there is a coordinator at the SFUSD who checks in with, and makes referrals for, children in foster care as well as their caseworkers.
 - ⇒ He said that Charter and Private Schools are able to access his department's materials.
 - ⇒ He also explained that Charter Schools also get information through the Weekly Administrative Directive.
- Derrick Mapp asked if there are coordinated services available to homeless youth.
 - ⇒ Kevin Gogin explained that they don't have a specific liaison but that they coordinate with agencies providing services to homeless youth.
- Michael Cooley asked about the open availability of condoms.
 - ⇒ Kevin Gogin explained that condoms are not openly available, however, students are notified when condoms are available and being handed out.
 - ⇒ He added that because information on proper usage can accompany distribution the SFUSD believes the student is better served with face-to-face condom distribution.
- Abbie Zimmerman asked about students' confidentiality and the confidentiality of files.
 - ⇒ Kevin Gogin explained that at the Wellness Sites the only information on file is that the student registered for, or accessed services.

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- He noted that Counselors and Nurses working with a student maintains separate confidential files.
- ⇒ He explained that they try to get parental approval, but if the student requests that they don't, the student is registered without notification or permission.
- ⇒ He added that there are a number of other ways to keep services confidential.
- William Bland asked why condom use went down in both Middle and High Schools.
- ⇒ Kevin Gogin suspects it is the question's wording, but that there is nonetheless also a lot of unprotected sexual activity.
- ⇒ He added that the SFUSD defines intercourse, anally, vaginally, and orally and lot of kids either do not include oral, and/or don't use condoms during oral intercourse.

The attendees expressed their appreciation for Kevin Gogin's presentation with applause.

Copies of the presentation entitled, "*From An Educator's Point of View*" were distributed in advance to all members. Ju Lei Kelly from HPS conducted the presentation. Her additional comments included the following.

- Nine HPS staff members volunteer to weekly go to schools that have neither a nurse nor a Wellness Site.
- Slide 2- She circulated samples of the packets distributed by the CAP.
- Slide 3
 - ⇒ When students come in for a condom they are also provided with an educational session.
 - ⇒ In the near future an HPS staff member will do workshops on Transgender issues.
- Slide 4 - School staff has provided very positive feedback on the program.

The attendees expressed their appreciation for Ju Lei's presentation with applause.

Questions and Comments

- Matt Jennings asked if there have been difficulties with parents.
 - ⇒ Ju Lei Kelly noted that she volunteers at a school with a large number of parental "*opt outs*," while at the same time the school has a high pregnancy rate.
- William Bland asked if the program goes to Middle and High Schools.
 - ⇒ Ju Lei Kelly said that they only go to High Schools.
 - ⇒ Kevin Gogin explained that the services need to be age-sensitive, and that while 10% of Middle School student claim to be sexually active that is really quite low compared to national averages.
- Thomas Knoble asked about age-appropriate language.
 - ⇒ Ju Lei Kelly explained that some students don't understand technical terms and so they use more common terms.
- Thomas Knoble then asked if distributing condoms face-to-face is a barrier.
 - ⇒ Ju Lei Kelly said they are sensitive to where in the school the program is conducted.
 - ⇒ Vincent Fuqua said that a lot of students come in.
 - ⇒ Lisa Reyes added that some come in and talk about a lot of issues, they don't always come in for condoms.
- Derrick Mapp asked if the packets are in languages other than English and Spanish.
 - ⇒ Ju Lei Kelly said that the program has educators that speak numerous languages.
 - ⇒ Kevin Gogin added all materials go out in five languages - English, Spanish, Russian, Tagalog, and Chinese.

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- ⇒ Eileen Loughran explained that when staffing schools they try to respond to the school's demographics.
- Derrick Mapp asked about the impact of recently announced school closures.
 - ⇒ Kevin Gogin noted that there are no High Schools being closed.
- Amber Gray explained at her agency there are plans for an after school youth computer skills program, but it is waiting to start. Nonetheless, students coming in for that program have ready access to bowls of condoms available.
 - ⇒ She wonders if CAP could be extended to venues such as this.
 - ⇒ Tracey Packer explained that the HPS could help agencies develop prevention programs.
- Tracey Packer pointed out that the HPPC can also provide condoms for distribution at agencies that don't have a budget line item for prevention/condoms.
- Michael Cooley asked if there is information about where condoms are available outside of the schools.
 - ⇒ Kevin Gogin explained that there often are outside providers at the Wellness Centers, and the program always trying to make linkages to primary medical care and others.
 - ⇒ Ju Lei Kelly said they try to ensure teachers know about available outside resources.
- Michael Cooley asked if they are experiencing a lot of mandatory reporting of sexual contact between children and adults.
 - ⇒ Ju Lei Kelly said that such reports are required, that they have had training on mandatory reporting, but that they haven't had cause to make a report as yet.
- Angie Baker noted that many agencies have condoms readily available, even for non-clients.
- She then asked at what age generic sexual health education is introduced.
 - ⇒ Kevin Gogin said that they start fifth grade with basic body parts, adding that in the sixth Grade there is education about intercourse, including discussion of HIV and STDs.
- Abbie Zimmerman explained that Huckleberry's Cole Street Clinic networks with CAP conducting workshops and providing condoms, and added that hopefully other program will link with CAP, making their services more readily available.
- Ju Lei Kelly noted that the CAP is possible because California has a Comprehensive Sexual Education Law, and that only five or six other States have similar laws.
 - ⇒ In response to Billie-Jean Kanios' request for a copy of the Comprehensive Sexual Education Law, Tracey Packer said that a copy of, or information on where a copy can be found, would be made available.
- Perry Rhodes III noted that the focus of this presentation was a result of the 2005 Youth Committee's Goal 2.

The attendees again expressed their appreciation for Kevin Gogin and Ju Lei Kelly's presentations with applause.

Presentation on Prevention Needs of Out of School

Perry Rhodes III introduced former Council member Catherine Geanuracos of Project Connect to Protect. Copies of the presentation entitled, "*Connect to Protect Bay Area*" had previously been distributed to all members. Catherine Geanuracos' additional comments included the following.

- Slide 3 - Boston and San Diego are no longer participating, and Memphis has been added.
- Slide 4 - They have been funded for structural change, which the CDC will not fund.
- Slide 5 - Community groups are going to take the lead in planning for the future.

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- Slide 8 - The "*Little Black Book*" is now up on the web.
- Slide 9
 - ⇒ They will work on about five structural changes/interventions.
 - ⇒ People interested in participating in their on-line survey about the potential impact of different interventions should contact Catherine Geanuracos.
 - ⇒ They will repeat the Serosurvey periodically to monitor the specific youth populations.
- Slide 11 - They may ask members' help finding young people for the Mpowerment program.
- Slide 12
 - ⇒ They did recruitment at 'The Crib' nightclub, on 18th between Castro and Collingwood, and the LGBT Center.
 - ⇒ The Serosurvey did testing without giving participants results.
 - The ethics of this process was reviewed at UCSF agencies.
 - The concept is that getting accurate prevalence data could be compromised if participants expected to get test results.
 - Information was provided to participants of testing sites.
 - ⇒ It is suggested that agencies go back and provide tests with results at these location, as there were a number of unexpected HIV (+) results.
- Slide 15 - Homelessness was widely defined as any period of unstable housing.
- Slide 16 - Testing at the LGBT Center might have influenced the homeless percentage.
- Slide 18 - The result showing nearly half having not used substances is questionable, and may be a result of the survey being too long.
- Slide 25 - Non-sexual risk in jail includes fighting, needle sharing, tattoos, etc.
- Slide 27 - Experience indicates that if one has a job he is much less likely to do risky things.
- Slide 29 - The 11.1% of youth unaware that they are HIV (+) is lower than one would expect to find among an older cohort.
- Slide 32 - The numbers within each ethnicity may be too small to have great significance.
- Participants were paid to complete the survey, which took about 45 minutes on a computer.
- This information has been given to Willi McFarland to be part of the Consensus Data.

Questions and Comments

- Amber Gray asked about Mpowerment's learning by helping.
 - ⇒ Catherine Geanuracos explained that this is peer-driven intervention that spreads out through participants' peer and social networks.
 - ⇒ Amber Gray indicated that she has someone that she wants to be involved.
- William Bland asked if needle sharing was asked in the Serosurvey.
 - ⇒ Catherine Geanuracos believes it was asked, but she didn't have the results with her.
- Frank Strona noted that SFDPH STD Section had recently done outreach at the LGBT Center, which might impact the Medical Care findings (Slide 21)
- In response to Angie Baker's question, Catherine Geanuracos said that the data on jails (Slide 25) included youth and juvenile detention facilities, however, they did not collect data as to where participants had been incarcerated.
- Derrick Mapp noted that he found it surprising that 'Housing/Shelter' ranked higher in expressed needs than 'Housing/Short term' or 'Housing/Long term.' (Slide 27)
 - ⇒ Catherine Geanuracos noted that there are very few youth appropriate shelters

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- ⇒ Emalie Huriaux noted that there would be a meeting at City Hall on 02/13/06 to discuss the possibility closing the Youth Shelter and moving the funding into long-term housing.
- In response to Michael Underhill's question, Catherine Geanuracos said that the question about youth services needed (Slide 27) is what respondents think their community needs.
 - In response to Weihaur Lau's question, Catherine Geanuracos said that the percentage of both the Asian and Latino respondents was similar to the Epidemiological data available.
 - Janetta Johnson suggested that it would be valuable for the youth to have access to and be aware of the information found in the Serosurvey, particularly that there is a large percentage of young men unaware that they are HIV (+).
 - In response to Ken Pearce's question, Catherine Geanuracos said she wasn't sure of the ethnicity of the two participants who were aware that they are HIV (+).
 - Israel Nieves-River highlighted that nearly half of the participants that reported using drugs have exchanged sex for drugs.

The attendees expressed their appreciation for Catherine Geanuracos' presentation with applause.

Summary, Evaluation, and Closure of Meeting

Tracey Packer pointed out that this meeting explores some of the issues relating to youth, but not all of them; that there are things that the Council should follow up on, both from this meeting and that came from the 2005 Youth Committee.

- She also noted that the next HPPC meeting is a closed, team-building session open to members, consultants and staff only.
- The next HPPC business meeting open to public comment and participation will be 04/13/06.

Perry Rhodes III reminded members to execute their evaluation forms. The meeting adjourned at 5:49 PM.

Minutes prepared by David Weinman.

Minutes reviewed by Lisa Reyes and Tracey Packer.

**Reminders: The next HPPC business meeting, will be Thursday, April 13, 2006
Location: Quaker Meeting House, 65 Ninth Street, SF**