

HIV and Aging Workgroup of the Long Term Care Coordinating Council

November 10, 2014 – Meeting notes

Present: Ken Hornby, Tez Anderson, Matt Sharp, Aaron Baldwin, Bill Hirsh, Joe Forcier, Loren Meissner

DAAS: Melissa McGee, Rick Appleby, Tom Nolan

Agenda for the inaugural meeting of the HIV and Aging workgroup of the Long Term Care Coordinating Council as to identify the function and purpose of this group, and its role as a committee / workgroup of the LTCCC.

Tom Nolan distributed the LGBT Aging policy document of March 2014 as a reference.

The group discussion included identifying this group as a source of policy and recommendations for the HIV and Aging community. The group is endorsed by the LTCCC, and will maintain communication with the Council. The Council is the body which can assist in facilitating HIV and Aging planning. Some members of this group are not familiar with the LTCCC. The LTCCC is an advisory council to the Mayor. Although the Council has no formal authority, its role is to advise and make recommendations on policy to the Mayor, along with budget requests. Shared with the group was the example of the Community Living Fund, which was recommended by the LTCCC to the Mayor with a budget request, and is now an ongoing program. The LTCCC has representatives from community-based organizations and city departments working with seniors and adults with disabilities, so there is a well-rounded and represented body.

Discussion focused on this group's role as an advocacy group for individuals who are HIV positive and aging. The number of individuals with HIV and over 50 is steadily increasing. The group identifies now as the time to advocate for policies. The group will look at best practices in other cities / states, who have demonstrated implementation of workable policy initiatives. Cities / states include New York, Santa Fe, and Florida. We may to look at a regional approach, given especially cost of housing in San Francisco. It is acknowledged that this is a tough reality given boundaries of jurisdiction but also cannot be ignored. It is important for service providers to know each other, both in the city of SF and surrounding Bay Area.

The group identifies the need for there to be a "sense of crisis" to get people's attention and start the process of identifying needs and looking at policy.

Current action items include:

- Provide training for senior healthcare providers, specifically on aging with HIV.
- Explore inviting representatives from openhouse, La Raza, On-Lok. Goal is to provide a rainbow of services; therefore need everyone at the table and involved.

Group discussion suggests formation of a Leadership subcommittee of the workgroup. This subcommittee would be charged with:

- Developing a strategy for the group.
- Examine how to separate the HIV and Aging issues.

- Identify the strategic vision of this workgroup.
- Create a priority list of needs and actions.

The LTCCC is offering this group an opportunity to identify needs and create priorities and strategies to attempt to meet the identified needs.

Next steps:

- Group decision to meet monthly on the second Monday of the month at 2:00pm at DAAS.
- Next meeting – Monday, December 8, 2014, 2:00 – 3:30pm at DAAS.
- Any member of this group is invited to attend the LTCCC meeting, which is held the second Thursday of the month. The next LTCCC meeting is Thursday, December 11, 1:00 – 3:00pm at 170 Otis Street, Born Auditorium.