

City of San Diego
Clean Syringe Exchange Program Facilitation Committee
August 5, 2004

12:00 p.m.
Civic Center Plaza
1200 Third Avenue, 9th Floor Conference Room
San Diego, CA

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by the chair at approximately 12:15 p.m.

Members Present:

Cynthia Burke
Jim Dunford
Kathy Evans-Calderwood
Debra Fischle-Faulk
Mike Franz
Vicki Granowitz, Alternate for Michael Powers
Robert Lewis, Alternate for Fran Butler-Cohen
Linda Lloyd

Staff Present:

Lisa Foster
Staajabu Heshimu

Guests Present:

Katherine Crow
Lora Folsom
Joel Harrison
Jeanine Hillis
Adrian Kwiatkowski
Monica Palaez
Jim Varnadore
Larry Westfall

2. Self-Introductions

Dr. Dunford asked for self-introductions of those present.

3. Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting of July 1, 2004

The minutes were approved with one correction. Page 2, Item 3 – Presentations, North Park Survey, Paragraph two was corrected to read: “With respect to Level of Support, the survey showed: (1) 71.4% of respondents support (i.e., approve or approve strongly) needle exchange programs in general, (2) 59.5% support the North Park CSEP specifically, (3) 84.8% support locating the SCEP in a medical building, and (4) 81.1% support locating the CSEP in a permanent building rather than the mobile. The corrected minutes will be posted to the City website.

5. Status Reports

a. Family Health Centers of San Diego –Bob Lewis

Mr. Lewis distributed the most recent operations statistics, noting that utilization of the North Park program is steadily increasing and while new clients continue to be added to the roster at the downtown site, utilization of that program remains steady.

Mr. Lewis distributed the **Final Report on the North Park Survey**.

b. San Diego Police Department – Lt. Cesar Solis

Lt. Cesar Solis was not present and there was no report.

c. City Manager’s Office – Staajabu Heshimu

Ms. Heshimu said that several key people will be on vacation and unavailable to attend a special meeting later in August including Dr. Dunford, Deputy City Attorney Lisa Foster and Debra Fischle-Faulk. She suggested that the Committee aim to complete the recommendations at the September 2 meeting. If all goes well, we may be ready to docket for the Public Safety and Neighborhood Services Committee October 6 meeting, though there is no guarantee that they will be able to hear the matter that day.

d. City Attorney’s Office – Lisa Foster

Ms. Foster said there have been no changes in the status of the draft ordinance since the last meeting. She emphasized that the recommendations and the ordinance must conform and, toward that end, will make the latest draft available prior to the September 2 Committee meeting.

4. Formulation of Recommendations to City Council

Jeanine Hillis of the City's Organizational Effectiveness Program facilitated the discussed. In response to her question, Mr. Varnadore suggested that recommendations be accepted by consensus rather than voting. Following discussion the following motion was moved:

MOTION: That the Committee recommend adoption of a permanent Clean Syringe Exchange Program. Passed 7-0 with one abstention.

It was decided that recommendations be taken in four categories: (1) Education/Outreach, (2) Program Siting/Location, (3) Operational Changes, and (4) Political Ownership and Other Issues.

After all the recommendations were received and categorized, Dr. Dunford asked Ms. Heshimu to (1) email the results to Committee members and all interested parties, and (2) because he was absent today, ask Lt. Solis if the San Diego Police Department has recommendations to add, and (3) solicit other recommendations from Committee members and all interested parties.

6. Roundtable/Public Comment

There was no additional Roundtable/Public Comment.

7. Next Meeting

The next meeting is September 2, 2004.

9. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 1:50 p.m.