

## Connect to Protect Los Angeles Schools Subcommittee Meeting

Date: 2/26/14

Time: 2pm-4pm

Location: MLK Public Health Center

**Mission:** To mobilize the community and create structural change to reduce HIV/AIDS among young gay and bisexual men of color.  
**Meeting Attendees:** Shane Jenkins, Alicia Alvarado, Milton Smith, Sandra Rogers, Nadiya Juma, Ruth Dawson, LaDawn Best, Melanie Niedjelski, Samuel Gonzalez, Tiaja Pauls, Karla Aguilar  
**Via Phone Phone:** Alexander Pacach, Tim Kordic, Kieta Mutepfa  
**Facilitator:** Shane Jenkins  
**Minutes taken by:** Alicia Alvarado  
**Meeting called to order:** 2:12pm

Agenda Item	Discussion	Resolution / Follow-Up
1. Welcome	Milton welcomed people to introduce themselves and their agencies both those who were present in the room and those joining the meeting via phone.	
2. Review Open SCOs	During the January meeting several SCOs were closed or discontinued as the subcommittee did its best to “trim the fat” on SCOs that didn’t have any traction or any direct person championing for SCO completion. There are currently only four SCOs open. SCO 95 needs to be revised or discontinued depending on if Tim from LAUSD is able to provide action steps. There haven’t been any action steps captured for quite some time. SCO 133 is still tentatively scheduled to close in June. Susan Walker is longer with DHSP so there needs to be another person within the county to identify as a champion for SCO completion. SCO 134 needs to be revised to read by Oct 2014. Shane reported that the principal changed and a couple of teachers left so the school was not in a position to focus on this SCO because their charter status was due to expire and that took priority. The school is still very much interested in having the SCO completed though. LaDawn and Shane will meet to discuss the work Peer Health Exchange is doing with this school and potential partnerships. SCO 135 was reviewed it seemed there was miscommunication regarding the World AIDS Day event back in December 2013. The event had to be cancelled as a result. There is LGBT students leading the way for new momentum to take place at this school related to the open SCO.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Connect with Kieta to determine what next steps need to be taken for SCO 134</li> <li>b. Capture SCO action step of Shane and LaDawn meeting to discuss SCO 134.</li> <li>c. Follow-up with Kieta on the work that is taking place with LGBT students at LATC.</li> <li>d. Ruth will send draft SCO language to Milton.</li> <li>e. Tim will attend March meeting and provide a better understanding of the district’s policy of allowing outside groups on campus to teach sexual education to students.</li> </ul>
3. 2014 Priorities and	Focus is on creating new SCOs and making sure there are clear champions	

<p>Planning and New SCO Development</p>	<p>from the subcommittee willing to work on these SCOs. Ruth will take a stab at a coming up with draft language for three SCOs. The language will be approved at the March meeting and these SCOs will be open. The SCOs will be centered on Partnership schools, LAUSD’s policies of having credentialed teachers teaching health at its schools as well as other charter schools. There was also discussion about having the coalition draft a letter to school board members around prioritizing the health classes in its next matrix. Tim is not able to lobby as an LAUSD employee but members of the coalition can. This is in line with the work the ACLU was looking to do. It also helps to ensure that sexual health education gets brought into the charter schools as well. Possible future SCO around helping charter schools to provide better comprehensive sexual education info to their students. Tim talked about the need of updating the LGBT community packet.</p>	
<p>4. 2014 National Women and Girls HIV/AIDS Awareness Day</p>	<p>Shane talked about finding ways for members of the coalition to work with her on creating some awareness around this day. She shared the importance of including partners who work with this population. She asked which agencies are willing to plug and play into events. Ruth expressed interest and working with Shane to find ways to help support an event being put on to recognize the day later in March. Samuel said he would reach out to his coworkers at JWCH who work on female reproductive health issues. The event is slated to take place on March 27th.</p>	
<p>5. 2014 National Youth HIV/AIDS Awareness Day</p>	<p>NYHAAD youth ambassador Alexander Pacach explained the origins of the day and shared a potential plan and ideas around ways agencies could support this day. He also shared events he is spearheading with the other youth ambassador from LA. He expressed the need to reach high school students especially those in LAUSD. Milton suggested he reach out to LAUSD to get the district to get a resolution made at a school board meeting to observe the day. Folks who had direct contacts with high schools were encouraged to contact them directly to get them commit to being in support of NYHAAD on April 10th. This includes making announcements about the day to students, getting them to use social media to talk about the day,etc. The toolkit that Alexander will be sending was created by Advocates for Youth and it has various suggestions as to how folks can observe the day, this includes adult allies. Melanie also mentioned that NYHAAD falls on “Public Health Week” she suggested getting Belmont High involved with doing some NYHAAD activities.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Alexander will send NYHAAD flyers and toolkit to Milton and Milton will send to C2PLA members.</li> <li>• Melanie will reach out to her contact at Belmont</li> <li>• Tim would share NYHAAD info with LAUSD health teachers</li> <li>• Milton will reach out to Michelle Jackson who is organizing the “Spring Into Love” event to see if she could get some of her youth to help with NYHAAD.</li> </ul>
<p>6. Co-chair Nominations</p>	<p>Milton informed the group that most of the subcommittees have two co-chairs and that Shane has been a solo co-chair for quite some time. He</p>	

	<p>explained that the subcommittee would be better served if two people shared the load. He shared the co-chair requirements with those present and nominations were open. Sandra Rogers was nominated by those present and moved by consensus as the new co-chair to work with Shane.</p>	
<p>7. Review of New Action Items, Agency Announcements, Close</p>	<p>Friday is working group meeting. The C2PLA website has the date/time/location listed on its calendar section. Nadiya is looking for prevention materials to give to the folks in Jordan downs for an event taking place in June. Shane has a scholarship offer for high school seniors graduating this year. They should view the Magic Johnson Foundation website for more info and eligibility. Milton reminded everyone that in addition to making announcements at meetings, they should also email the C2PLA listserv so that they can reach more people.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Milton will connect with Nadiya to get her some prevention items including condoms.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Meeting adjourned: 4:00pm</b>  <b>Next meeting: 3/26/14</b></p>		