

Connect 2 Protect Los Angeles
Homeless Youth Subcommittee Meeting Minutes
March 13, 2013

Members Attending in Person at the LA Gay & Lesbian Center: Jeffrey Lim (CHLA), James Moran (LAGLC), Dave Reynolds (TVFS), Pandi Percival (JWCH), Dale Madison (CHLA); **Via conference call:** Milton Smith (CHLA), Cassie Najarian (Colors), Edd Cockrell (LifeWorks)

General Report Back from February, 2013 C2PLA Working Group Meeting
Meeting largely focused on National HIV/AIDS Youth Day and a presentation on research related to prevention

Report Back from Meeting with Care & Testing Subcommittee at February, 2013 C2PLA Working Group Meeting

It will be helpful to have educational staff from ARA (those overseeing vaccine trials) present at the April 26 Capacity Building Summit

Report Back from LAHSA Information Gathering

LAHSA normally conducts surveys with youth and adults but this year very little effort was observed in reaching out to youth. They also did not get IRB approval for the youth survey, so they are basing information off of adult numbers, which is an issue.

The Los Angeles Homeless Youth Partnership has launched for homeless persons-serving agencies' leadership; Milton Smith is a member. They have requested a report back on May 8 from the April 26 Capacity Building Summit. They are also interested in information and data on how to count homeless youth.

HHYP is expanding their membership county-wide from just Hollywood-area agencies.

Update on SCO #121

See updated and completed action steps for SCO. Jeff L provided nearly complete flyer for review; final version to be emailed soon. Below is proposed agenda:

Time	Event/Session/Topic	Notes/ o-Do's
9am-9:30am	Check-In and Networking	Need space for tables on 4/26
9:30am-10:15am	Youth Fishbowl/Panel*	Edd C to check to make sure he can emcee
10:15am-10:30am	Break and Networking	
10:30am-11:15am	Small Groups	Three topic areas: (1) PrEP prevention research; (2) Race, sexuality and health disparities;

		(3)Connecting and linking to services
11:15am-11:45am	Report Back	Focus: What have you learned?
11:45am-12:00pm	Debrief and Closing	Evaluation aspect?
12:00pm-3:00pm	C2PLA Working Group Meeting	Invite participants from CB Summit to Working Group meeting

*Focus should be: what should providers learn from youth? What were youths' journeys like into homelessness? Providers are also welcome to write questions on a card and give to Edd. Youth don't have to answer questions they feel uncomfortable answering or do not want to answer.

Youth who want to speak at Summit may need resource outlining: (1) what and why we're having event; (2) how it's delivered; (3) public speaking tips 101, including how to speak assertively; and (4) guidelines about sharing within their comfort zones.

Update on SCO #123

See updated and completed action steps for SCO. Dave will be drafting model policy and procedures for agencies to use; he will complete by next subcommittee meeting.

As of the meeting, ARA reported no additional clients being enrolled in area vaccine-trials at this time. Their education person will be contacting Jeff Lim soon who will invite them to 4/26 Summit.

Trends and Incidences

Agencies are reporting tensions between LGBTQ and straight/cisgender clients over accessing LGBTQ-specific versus general resources and activities. Clients are butting heads over resources and services access.

There are a record number of youth accessing the LAGLC's Youth Center on Highland; many of them are not LGBTQ and it creating tension and unsafe spaces. The Youth Center on Highland is developing an "Ally Contract" and will share with C2PLA Subcommittee once available.

Question: what youth-focused trainings and programs are Subcommittee members aware of to address these bias-related incidents?

Community Announcements and External Updates

April 10 is National Youth HIV & AIDS Awareness Day—There is a fair at Downtown Magnet High School from 2pm to 5pm that day.

The Village Family Services is opening the Drop-In Center in the San Fernando Valley by mid-April. If you need more information, would like to attend the 4/19

Ribbon Cutting Ceremony or would like your agency's materials in the Resource Center, contact Dave Reynolds.

The Spoken Word Event on 4/10 will have a focus on HIV. It is now open to all youth who want to attend on the 3rd Wednesday of every month. Contact Jeff Lim for more information.

APLA's Health and Wellness Center is having 4TH Fridays events for 16-24 year olds which includes free HIV testing and counseling. Contact Pandy Percival for more information.

Project Legacy now has a 5th, more accessible meeting at CHLA which is timed with the HAWC. The orientation session is 4/16 and people should email Jeff Lim for more information.

The Young Men's Connection is having ongoing health fairs at LA Trade Tech which include mobile testing units and access to the programs with JWCH and APLA. The next dates are 4/3 and 4/10; Contact Pandy Percival for more information.

Interested in "Renegade Outreach" at Southwest College? Contact Pandy Percival for more information.

Social Media Moment

Dale will create facebook group for the subcommittee to share information.

Please use facebook and other social media to promote April 10 and related events

Next meeting is Wednesday April 17, NOT Wednesday April 10. Please make sure to note this one-time change in your calendars.