

Connect to Protect Los Angeles
Homeless Youth Subcommittee Meeting
May 16, 2012
Children's Hospital Los Angeles

Attending Members: Jeffrey Lim (CHLA), Sara Train (LAGLC), Kathy Lopez (LAYN), James Moran (LAGLC), Tim Kordic (LAUSD), Milton Smith (CHLA)

Trends and Incidences

Since many subcommittee members have not been present at meetings recently, Sara and Jeff asked members to provide updates about their sites. The following trends and incidences were reported that may affect developing future SCOs:

- Jeff Griffith will be moving into their new location.
- Youth have not been going to the drop in shelters lately for some reason. They have seen low numbers coming through their doors. The question for many outreach workers is finding out if there other alternatives to places where youth hang out. Outreach coordinators are looking to work with LAPD but so far have been met with obstacles.
- Youth are being swept off streets during "police sweeps" in an effort to get them off the streets.
- Venice Beach is now a recreational park which means youth are no longer allowed to loiter beyond hours. Police have been very strict about this and pushing homeless youth out.
- The subcommittee questioned the disproportionate ratio of available housing for homeless youth to the numbers on the streets.

Presenting at the PPC Meeting

Because of the trends and incidences made in meeting. The committee decided to have a spokesperson speak on the behalf of the Homeless and Runaway youth subcommittee about the following key points:

- Lack of shelter and recent shift in outreach and estimated number of unhoused youth vs. the number of beds available in Hollywood.
- Lack of consistent HIV/STI training

Milton will contact Heather B. and Andre to help with this public comment and contact Sara for any additional help. Sara will be contacting James and Kathy to help with this comment. James will be presenting. The PPC meeting will be on June 6th at 12:00pm

Review SCO#80 Action Steps

By October 2012, a minimum of agencies working with homeless youth in serve planning areas (SPA) 4, 6, and 7 will adopt a capacity building plan to increase foundational knowledge on HIV/STI prevention and risk behavior

The subcommittee is continuing to plan for the one day training. The subcommittee decided to have this training either August 8th or 15th. Jeff made a first draft of the flyer and the subcommittee liked the general layout.

Moving forward

- This workshop will be a 3 hour training showcasing our 3 modules: HIV Knowledge, STI Knowledge, Cultural Competency, and Support. The subcommittee will decide on the topics in our next meeting.
- As for our publicity pitch, the subcommittee will determine in the next meeting how best to present this workshop as to gain the best results.
- Jeff will email everyone an updated version of the flyer.
- Sara will look into space at the California Endowment for the given dates and Jeff will check the availability of spaces at the main Children's hospital
- Kathy will contact the HHYP outreach team to brainstorm some potential topics.
- Milton, Tim and Xavier will help develop an invite list on key agencies we want to target.
- Xavier will contact Children's Institute and add them to the invite list.

In addition, Sara mentioned that the HHYP is in the final stages of developing a general suicide prevention/assessment tool. The subcommittee decided to use this accomplishment as a smaller SCO. The language is as follows:

By June 30, 2012 the Hollywood Homeless Youth Partnership will adopt a suicide assessment and prevention tool to train all direct line staff in building capacity to assess suicidal ideation.

Review SCO#97

By October 2012, a minimum of 3 homeless youth serving agencies will adapt agency specific protocols to include a health assessment and direct referrals to HIV/STI testing at first point of contact.

The HIV testing cards are going through their final revision and have yet to hear from Planned Parenthood about their services. Jeff and Stephanie Gallegos from SHIP will visit the Hollywood site to gain more information about their services. In addition, Jeff will include the new youth testing site that was developed by the CHLA Risk Reduction Program.

After discussing this SCO in the internal planning committee, Jeff suggested that we limit this SCO to just focusing on one agency. In addition, Kathy mentioned that knowing some agencies will be more reluctant to adapt the referral card versus a health assessment, we should separate these as two different SCOs in the future. The following is the new language for this SCO:

SCO#97 By October 12, 2012, the Los Angeles Gay and Lesbian Center-Jeff Griffith Youth Center will adopt agency specific protocols to include a health assessment and direct referrals to HIV/STI testing at first point of contact

James will meet with Simon and the management staff to update the intake packets to include the health assessment and referral cards on May 21st. The health assessment may include the following:

- Current pain or discomfort
- Substance use and abuse
- Scars/cuts
- Current Medications being used
- Mental health

- Last medical checkup
- Current Sexual partners
- Relationships

Action Items:

- Jeff will send out an updated flyer for our next meeting.
- Sara will look into space at the California Endowment for the months of August
- Milton, Tim, Xavier will help develop an invite list on key agencies we want to target.
- Xavier will contact Children's Institute and add them to the invite list.
- Jeff will send an electronic copy of the referral cards to James
- James and Kathy will present at the PPC meeting on June 6th.

Our next meeting will be on June 13th from 10:00am-12:00pm at CHLA