

C2P Los Angeles Coalition Meeting Minutes

April 27, 2012

Location: LA Gay & Lesbian Center Village at Ed Gould Plaza

Member Sectors Key

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| 1. <input type="checkbox"/> Law Enforcement (Police/Corrections/ Probation) | 7. <input type="checkbox"/> Civic/Volunteer |
| 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Courts/Judicial | 8. <input type="checkbox"/> Parents/Guardians/Families |
| 3. <input type="checkbox"/> Religious/Faith-Based | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Media |
| 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Social Service/Community-Based Organizations | 10. <input type="checkbox"/> Healthcare |
| 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Youth | 11. <input type="checkbox"/> Government |
| 6. <input type="checkbox"/> Businesses | 12. <input type="checkbox"/> Education/Schools |

In attendance:

- **CHAIR: Heather Bowlan – Planned Parenthood-4**
- Aiden Aizumi – C2PLA-4
- Juan Velasco – JWCH Institute-4
- Kathy Lopez – LA Youth Network-4
- Mauricio Franco – CHLA-10
- Diana Yanez – BLAIDS-12
- Miguel Martinez – CHLA-10
- Nicolas Patino – APLA-4
- Robert Renteria – The Wall Las Memorias-4
- Heather Northover – DHSP-11
- Nicole Vick – LA County Dept. of Public Health-11
- Timothy Vallez – LA County Probation-1
- Sofia Smith – LifeWorks-4
- Milton Smith-C2PLA
- Raenisha Brown - CHLA
- **CHAIR: Andre Molette – QPOCC-7**
- Charlie Romero – LAGLC-4
- Kat Gladwin – LAGLC-4
- Deanna Bressler-Montgomery – Dept. Public Health-11
- Aaron Fox – LAGLC-4
- Maya Lazar – UCLA CHIPTS-12
- Jeffrey Lim – CHLA-10
- Lana Skylar – Dept. of Public Health-11
- Joseph Garcia – AltaMed-4
- Xavier Spencer – S.C.H.A.R.P.-4
- Tim Kordic – LAUSD-12
- Anthony Gutierrez – LAGLC-4
- Cassie Najarian – Colors LGBTQ Youth Counseling Center-4
- Sara Train-LAGLC-4

AGENDA

Welcome/Introductions/Self-Care Tip

Members were asked to introduce themselves and their agency affiliation and to share one self-care tip that they use to ensure self-care.

I. Subcommittee Reports/New Outside Linkages/Review Open SCOs

Schools:

- Met on Wednesday, closed a few SCOs
- Issue around Superintendent wanting to remove health education as a graduation requirement. That will not be happening.
- Added new subcommittee members
- Meets Every 4th Wednesday

- Change language on 2 particular SCOs around Green Dot Schools to more accurately reflect the work that has been done already.

Care & Testing:

- Miguel is speaking on behalf of co-chairs Grissel and Daniel
- Have 10 SCOs, completed 1 SCO (SCO78) a few agencies integrate youth quality assessments.
- 11 action steps completed. Most around 2 SCOs (SCO87: MTU work group working on integrated intake form) Linkage to Care workgroup for the county with DHSP support including community partners.
- Next meeting is May 22nd from 10 – 11:30am, MTU meeting May 17th from 3-430pm at CHLA

Homeless and Runaway Youth:

- February to April, SCOs were too broad
- Harder to participate in the Working Groups because of the type of work they are in (residents, drop in shelters)
- Have decided to do a showcase that will show what the committee has to offer and provide. Has not been finalized. Where we are and where we can grow as agencies.
- Sarah mentions that they are starting to develop relationships as a new subcommittee and build momentum.
- Created best practices. Document is on HHYP.org
- SCO 97: stemmed off of needs assessment. Working with JGYC to include health assessment in their intake packets.

Sustainability:

- Establishing online presence. Facebook and Twitter were started for C2PLA.
- Drafting a new vision statement.
- Working on building a youth advisory structure to get youth at the table and perspective.
- Outreaching youth to come to June WGM
- Stakeholder list is growing
- Missing people from the Business sector from our sector flower.
- Media is also missing from table
- Faith is also lacking (Robert has a contact at MCC LA. They have a youth group, and he will make a connection)

II. Social Media Moment/Vision Statement Wordsmithing

- Robert suggested getting generic C2P Business cards that people can take when they are at conferences.
- Promotional video on YouTube
- Vision statement revisions:
 - o Tie in to sexual health specifically in Los Angeles County. Educate and advocate not just educate.
 - o The word struggle has a negative connotation as opposed to positive.
 - o The word agent sounds very clinical.
 - o “and to support (at end of the vision statement)
 - o Is there a reason that we haven’t specifically said “young gay/bisexual men of color” in the vision? Is it too exclusive? In the vision we wanted to include ALL youth.
 - o Positive and asset based vision is going to allow the group to access other funding groups.
 - o Inequalities and despairs instead of struggles.
 - o Next steps will happen at the June meeting to further create 3 or 4 new options of the vision statement.
 - o QOL (quality of life), Ethnic and Culturally youth, and affirm instead of acknowledge

III. Advocacy Presentation

- Aaron Fox from LAGLC Health Policy Manager
- Give voice to the voiceless. People who have lots of money and lots of political power don't need advocates.
- No political power = no voice (our homeless youth, people of color, etc)
- Role of advocacy, important for elected officials to hear from the people that the issues are affecting.
- Bring the stories of the people who are affected to the officials.
- You want people in power to contact you to ask you what they should do about it.
- Substantial amount of ground to gain as advocates
- Developing personal relationships with both people on your side and the people that you need to convince.
- Advocacy should be very simple. Simple message makes it more likely that you will be heard.
- You want to have an "ask." "This is what I want from you."
- Coalition building can be one of the most challenging.
 - o Everybody within the coalition needs to be on the same page. It is the easiest **out** for the people you are trying to convince.
- Mobilization: letter writing campaigns
- There is only a small group of people doing the HIV work (PPC, Commission, C2P)
- Making a lasting impression on a person in power to help them make the best decisions and choices.
- Can local advocacy make national landscape?
- You've got to be in the room, if you're not in the room then you won't have any influence.
- Build a network of people.
- Advocacy vs Lobbying
 - o Lobbying tends to be much more professional. Professional Lobbyist that lobbies for whatever clients they have. They go in and lobby for policies everyday professionally.
 - o Advocacy is more grassroots and not necessarily done every day.
 - o If you feel like there is a conflict of interest you can always have someone who can advocate for you or your policy. (ties back to coalition or people who have more influence)
 - o You can as a person in a 501c3 still advocate.
 - You cannot use federal money to advocate.
 - What is the message? To educate?
- Possibly asking for feedback the subcommittee level...who are the right people to talk to and strategies that might assist in moving SCOs forward.

IV. Critical Updates

Heather provided overview of how these areas would be addressed.

V. ATN Network Meeting Updates

- NICHD -> ATN -> C2PLA
- Themes:
 - o Research catch up with strategy (National HIV/AIDS Strategy)
 - o Embracing continuum of care
 - o New proposed framework: % on ART by 3 to 6 months
 - o 2 key findings: Looked at success of coalitions in completing SCOs, it was the strategies not the sectors that made SCOs successful.
 - o Using multiple approaches to creating Structural change
 - o Youth engagement was associated with high success in the coalitions
 - o Outcome evaluation timeline maybe modified in the near future
- PrEP

- Project PrePare-Open label demonstration project and safety study of PrEP among MSM.
- One of the protocols will be looking at minors aged 16-17 for 1 year study.
- Includes behavioral intervention (3MV) and counseling at each study visit
- 6 month enrollment window

Discussion:

- What is the comparison or has there been a discussion around the comparison between giving young MSM pills and giving contraception to young women?
 - There are several side effects to HIV medication that there isn't in contraception.
 - Not enough education around the side effects of HIV medication to young people.
 - Could be most effective in the jail system where condoms are not available.
 - Places that condoms are not able to be used, this pill could be used more effectively and to its fullest potential.

Questions Asked:

- What PrEP education is happening in LA?
 - LAGLC will start instituting PrEP as a study.
 - Can get PrEP through a medical doctor, but there is not a publically funded way to access PrEP
- Provider bias and its effect in implementing PrEP since some agencies are strongly against it? The internal feeling about it vs. the information they give out.
 - California in minor consent legislation says that minors can access PrEP without parental consent.
- Pep vs PrEP
 - Like contraception vs. emergency contraception

VI. External Community Meeting Updates/Announcements

- Anthony Gutierrez: New Comprehensive HIV Plan. Currently has no priorities in it, but looks almost complete from a care standpoint.
 - In stages: Goal to have stage 2 out by July to give time for the community to look at and review before it is given to CDC in September.
 - Concerned around how this new plan came to be, compared to the old plan that was more community involvement.
- Tim Kordic: FC, female condoms for LA. Trying to get more participation from Trans and MSM Community. Doing trainings for trainers to go out into the community to do trainings, and then there is provider training. Talk to Tim for more info. Timothy.Kordic@lausd.net
- Sara Train: Project SPIN (Suicide Prevention Intervention Now) is having their second summit, on May 19th from 130 – 530pm. LGBT Suicide prevention. RSVP to strain@lagaycenter.org
- Robert Renteria: Kick ball game with potluck style. Sunday May 6th in Highland Park.
- Joseph Garcia: April 29th from 11am – 3pm. Testing and vendors. Promote your organizations. Facilitates a closed group for HIV positive youth.
- Milton Smith: PPC meetings 1st Thursday of the month. St. Anne's. June meeting will be the first time C2P will be presenting.
- Heather Bowlan: Planned Parenthood's Watts Health Center is now open. Located in Kenneth Hahn Plaza. She will be talking to Milton about sending out a survey monkey to see if people are interested in having a tour of the new facility.
- Mauricio: May 1st is International Labor Worker Day. Gender Justice LA, is doing a march.
- Every 3rd Thursday there are webinars put on by SYPP center.
- Sofia Smith: Models of Pride workshop planning process. Wanting to get youth, specifically youth of color involved in the planning and workshops.

VII. 2012 Meeting Locations and Raffle

Raffle Winners: Sara Train, Nicole Vick, Maya Lazar

Next Meeting

June 22, 2012

12:00pm – 3:00pm

Planned Parenthood Los Angeles-South LA

251 West 85th Place

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