

C2P Los Angeles Coalition
Care & Testing Subcommittee

March 19, 2013

AIDS Project Los Angeles

Meeting Minutes

In attendance:

- **Co-chair:** Grissel Granados
- Stacy Alford – APLA
- Paulina Zamudio – DHSP
- Cesar Cuadra – Latino Caucus
- Robert Renteria – CHLA
- Miguel Martinez – CHLA
- Martha Chono-Helsley – RLA

I. Announcements and External Meeting Updates

a. HIV Planning Committee

- The Comprehensive HIV Plan was finally approved by both the PPC and the Commission at the last joint meeting. The only pending business of both entities is the unification of the bodies. There are still meetings happening to discuss the structure and formation of the new body. The subcommittee discussed youth participation in the new body and committed to identifying and mentoring youth to be able to participate once the new body is put in place.

- b. REACH LA has a contract to provide case management for HIV-positive youth and is currently undergoing the hiring process and hopes to start providing services by the end of April.

II. National Youth HIV/AIDS Awareness Day

- a. CHLA will be having an Open Mic event through our HIV prevention programs and in collaboration with Project Legacy
- b. Downtown Magnets High School will be having a health fair where agencies can table. C2P is supporting this event through the Schools subcommittee.

III. SCO Updates

- a. There have been 4 SCOs closed in 2013 thus far:
- SCO 91, SCO 100, SCO 101, SCO117 – these are around condom distribution and workgroup formations for TLC+ and PrEP

IV. SCO 120: Youth standards of care

- a. Cesar Cuadra shared his experience and lessons learned from working on the Latino Caucus around recommendations for the PPC and the Commission. He stressed the importance of being succinct (less is more), inviting outside sources to provide feedback on our work, clear and effective communication, and having a clear work plan. He shared essential documents from the Latino Caucus:
- Work Plan
 - Original 8 recommendations submitted to the PPC
 - Revised and Final 4 recommendations approved by the PPC
- b. Started discussion on PrEP with Cesar Cuadra sharing information he gathered from focus groups conducted with youth both from agencies and unaffiliated youth on the street. The biggest themes that stood out for the subcommittee were the lack of correct

information about PEP and PrEP, the enthusiasm for anal microbicides over PrEP. Ideas for the standards of care included information around:

- Minor consent
- Research education for youth (make sure youth are really informed before deciding to participate in a research study)
- Informing youth on payment options and insurance (privacy issues if notifications are sent home to their parents)
- Educate youth on the differences between PEP and PrEP
- Use behavioral interventions and other groups to inform youth on PEP and PrEP
- Any information in the Comprehensive HIV Plan on biomedical interventions is missing

c. The conversation about behavioral interventions overlapped some of the issues around biomedical interventions. Other issues that came up included:

- Social determinants of health for youth people should be addressed
- Interventions should help link youth to medical care and other health services
- Behavioral interventions should include a component of teaching youth who to navigate and access health services
- Behavioral interventions should focus on the mental health of youth
- They are a good vehicle for debunking myths that they hear in the media
- Agencies that are funded to work with young people must have an adolescent development training as a requirement in order to adequately work with youth
- Services for youth should be youth-informed by having CABs of young people
- Health literacy for youth is essential

d. Next month's topic will be HIV Testing. Invitations will be sent out to LAGLC, AHF, Bienestar, and APLA. Another invitation will be extended to Craig Vincent-Jones from the Commission.

V. Nominations

a. There are still openings for co-chair of the C&T subcommittee. Participants agreed to co-facilitate meetings and rotate. The first person to volunteer was Martha.

VI. Next C&T meeting: April 16, 2013

Next working group meeting: April 26, 2013