

C2P Los Angeles Coalition
Care & Testing Subcommittee

August 20, 2013

REACH LA

Meeting Minutes

In attendance:

- **Co-chair:** Grissel Granados
- Jackie Padilla – JWCH
- Juan Preciado - JWCH
- Lenee Richards - PPLA
- Miguel Martinez - CHLA
- Paulina Zamudio (DHSP)
- Martha ChonoHelsley – RLA (phone)
- Raenisha Brown – CHLA

I. Announcements and External Meeting Updates

- a. JWCH is hiring for a part time HIV tester for their MTU and a full time community outreach worker
- b. DHSP is hiring for full time contract managers

II. Targeted HIV/STD Screening form – Form A

- We reviewed the form to see how we might be able to add something in there about PEP and PrEP education for people who get tested. Paulina recommended just sending in the suggested question and not worry so much about formatting since there are other changes that will be happening to the form.
- The two agreed upon questions will be:
 - Was client provided with education regarding PEP?
 - Was client provided with education regarding PrEP?
- Questions will be submitted directly to Mario Perez at DHSP with a cc to Sophia Rumanes and Dr. Sonali Kulkarni.

III. TLC+ Workgroup Report back

- The TLC+ Workgroup met and is planning on having a survey around barriers in linkage to care from the perspective of both administrators and line staff.
- DHSP will be having the a Meet and Greet meeting for testing providers to meet medical care providers and learn how to better get clients into HIV Care. Paulina said she was willing to share the results of the questionnaires that went out to all agencies in preparation for this event so that we can guide our questionnaire from those results.
- Paulina suggested focusing on our distribution plan to reach line staff since this might be the hardest group to reach.
- **Suggested question:** What are the strategies you use to ensure linkage to care
- The next LTC+ Meeting will be September 27th – further information will be sent out.

IV. SCO 127 – Blood Drive Notification

- a. Raenisha called the DHSP grievance line to report the incident and she was informed that the letter that was sent out was a standard letter and that there are no issues around minor consent laws because the minor did not go for an HIV-specific services. DHSP will not be doing anything further to address this incident.

- b. Martha spoke to Tim Kordic and he informed her that there was no policy in place that he knew of to allow blood banks on campuses. He will be taking the issue to the director to find out more about this. If there are no policies in place this might be another SCO for LAUSD to put in place a policy to request MOUs with any blood banks so that they follow a set of guidelines on how to interact with young people. We will follow up with Tim on this subject.
 - c. As a subcommittee we will follow up by asking other reputable blood banks for their standards around notifying people when they test positive for HIV or anything else. Once we have established what are the general best practice standards we will contact Providence to ask them the same questions and inform them of the incident that happened.
 - d. We would also like to work with the schools subcommittee around this issue and work with specific schools that we already have a relationship with.
 - e. Paulina mentioned that there is a Schools/Adolescent unit within DHSP and that they work closely yet discretely with schools in LAUSD. We want to make sure they are more involved with the schools subcommittee and we will consult with them to see if they know the answer to some of our questions.
- V. Youth Standards of Care: Adherence and Viral Suppression
- a. We have discussed the full continuum of care as it relates to young people. The next suggested step is to meet with Craig Vincent Jones from the Commission to get further guidance from him on how to proceed based on what they would want to see.
 - b. Since the Standards of Care subcommittee is not established yet since the new board was appointed, it may take too long to present it to them so it was suggested that we contact the Commission Co-chairs as well as the previous SOC co-chairs to follow up on this matter.
 - c. Another recommendation that was suggested was around youth who are close to the aging out limit (ex: 22 year old). It is recommended that whoever is doing the linkage to care does an assessment to determine whether they might be best suitable for adolescent care or adult care. If youth tend to be high functioning it would be best for them to go directly into adult care, however if they are lower functioning it would be best to go into adolescent care to prepare for a transition into adult care.
- VI. Next C&T meeting: September 17, 2013 – at REACH LA
Next working group meeting: August 23, 2013