

Connect to Protect Los Angeles Coalition Meeting Summary Sheet

Date: 2/17/15

Subcommittee: Care and Testing Subcommittee

Meeting Attendees: John Thompson (CHLA), Martha Chono-Helsley (REACH LA), Grissel Granados (CHLA), Edith Ramirez (PPLA), Samuel Gonzales (St. Johns), Twyla Whitley (DHSP), Carly Johnson, Deidre. By phone: Thomas Davis (NYAAD Youth Ambassador), Yvonne Morales (MCA), Miguel (APLA Health & Wellness)
Facilitator(s): John Thompson
Minutes taken by: Martha Chono-Helsley
Meeting called to order: 10:06am
Meeting adjourned: 11:45am

Agenda Item	Decisions Made	Action Items and Owners
1. Introductions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thomas Davis (NYAAD Youth Ambassador) introduced <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ “Positive Transformations” event April 12th ○ Sponsored by REACH LA ○ Arts as a form of transformation – evening of performance as part of NYAAD ○ Flyer in creation, will be distributed via C2P listserve ○ LAUSD Guest Speaker for NYAAD events at Hollywood High, Jefferson HS on April 10th. ○ Guest panelist for HIV Commission Youth Caucus Colloquia on April 9th. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gave update on upcoming NYAAD event “Positive Transformations” • Request for partnerships, donations (SWAG) for gift bags. • Contact Thomas to get involved in the event: TDavis@thepozlife.com 970-646-6317 cell
2. Co-Chair Election	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Members submitted anonymous nomination ballots for final voting. • Ballots were tallied by Co-Chair MCH. • Samuel Gonzales and Edith Ramirez accept positions for 2015 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New Co-Chairs for 2015 are Samuel Gonzales (St. John) and Edith Ramirez (PPLA) • Samuel replaces Martha as of this meeting and will chair the March meeting. • John will be replaced by Edith starting in March.
3. Meeting Location	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Members discussed option for 2015 subcommittee meeting locations. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meetings will remain at PPLA pending booking request by Edith.
4. Strategic Planning for 2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Group charged to prioritize committee tasks for 2015: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Co-morbidity screening – expansion to non-clinic sites and emphasis on STI and Hep C ○ Modification of QA plans for easier ability to test at different sites <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Take Home HIV Tests - Can these be utilized to provide testing outside of the QA requirements to provide testing at alternative sites. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Request Paulina for update from DHSP about possibilities • Martha speak to Sophia to learn more about Community Embedded Health Investigators – how can subcommittee support protocol development?

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ HIV Prevention for HIV+ Youth and High Risk Negatives <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ More information targeting young TG and needle sharing. ▪ Updated Calendar/Listing of interventions/groups <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transportation to activities continues to be a barrier • Dependent on incentivizing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Health benefit discussion with clients to change norms. ○ Schools – PHA and Wellness Centers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Landscape of peer health worker programs ▪ Coordinated effort for training of both PHW and clinics ▪ REACH LA offered Peer Health Worker/navigator curriculum for training of students ▪ Design model on about navigation for PHW and clinic implementation ▪ Peer Educator Summit – share best practices and resource connections ○ Linkage to Care <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Coordinated efforts for Linkage to Care ▪ Centralized list of places to refer new positives ▪ Provide best practices for youth engagement to DHSP community embedded health investigators. 	
4. Announcements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • REACH LA is recruiting young (ages 16-20) African American gay, bisexual and questioning men for the 3MV adaptation “Get Your Life” workshop April 17-19th. See Martha for details. • CHLA invites everyone to “The Black Effect” performance event on Wednesday, February 18 from 2pm-5pm at Saban Research Institute. Contact Chandi 323-361-7768 for more information. • TLC+ Roundtable – March 13th at St. Annes. HIV testers, Linkage to Care and MCC teams are encouraged to attend to discuss barriers to care, breakout groups for further discussion and resource opportunity. • The HIV Commission Youth Caucus will present about National Youth HIV/AIDS Awareness Day at the April 9th colloquia • MCA is recruiting pregnant women with HCV for a study. Please contact Yvonne for referral to the program. • LAUSD LGBT Summit – March 6 (or 7) – REACH LA is coordinating training sessions and resource coordination for HIV testing and Latex Lounge 	

	activities. See Martha if interested in participating.	
5. Wrap-Up	Next subcommittee meeting is Tuesday, March 17, 2015 @ PPLA from 10am-1:30am.	