

C2P[®] LA Coalition

Connect to Protect Young Gay and Bisexual Men of Color in Los Angeles

Bi-Monthly Working Group Meeting

Friday, February 22, 2013

12:00PM – 3:00PM

Meeting Location: Downtown Magnets High School

Working Group Meeting Co-Chairs: Sofia Smith and Kieta Mutepfa

Notes:

Schools Co-Chairs: Hector Ornelas and Teresa Sitz

Care & Testing Co-Chairs: Grissel Granados and (vacant seat)

Homeless and Runaway Youth Co-Chairs: James Moran and Dave Reynolds

Sustainability Co-Chairs: Sofia Smith and Andre Molette

Meeting Objectives:

- Update General Body on Subcommittees' Progress
- Presentation on Research Advocacy
- Discuss Open Locally Relevant Youth Research Studies
- Discuss National Youth HIV/AIDS Awareness Day (NYHAAD) April 10, 2013

In attendance:

- **Co-Chair: Kieta Mutepfa – UCLA CARE Center**
- Andre Molette – APLA
- Percival Pandy – JWCH
- Stacy Alford – APLA
- Raenisha Brown-CHLA
- Daniel Solis – SYPP/CHLA
- John Thompson – SYPP/CHLA
- Miguel Martinez – CHLA
- Paulina Zamudio – DHSP
- Richard Corral-Corral Consulting
- Dykee Gorrell- Downtown Magnets High School
- **Co-Chair: Sofia Smith – LifeWorks**
- Cassie Najarian- COLORS
- Martha Chono-Hensley – REACH LA
- Grissel Granados – CHLA
- Enrique Lopez-Colors
- Cynthia Ramirez- Bienestar
- West Seegmiller – The Center Long Beach
- Milton Smith – C2PLA
- Adrian Franco – The Wall Las Memorias Project
- Tim Kordic- LAUSD
- James Moran – LAGLC
- Hector Ornelas-Los Angeles County DPH
- Dale Madison-LA Gay and Lesbian Center
- Emily Chung – DHSP-ASH Unit
- Jamill Sallie- Downtown Magnets High School
- Rebeka Morgan-Downtown Magnets High School
- Lenee Richards – Planned Parenthood LA
- David Evans- Project Inform
- Nico Patino-LifeWorks
- Teresa Sitz- Downtown Magnets High School
- Maya Lazar- CHIPTS (UCLA)

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WHAT	WHO	Meeting Minutes
Lunch/Welcome/Introductions	Sofia and Kieta	The co-chairs welcome the group and informed everyone that for the five working group meetings of the year that we would be using themes for the meetings. This meeting's theme was Research.
I. Subcommittee Reports/Coalition Project Updates	James, Grissel, Hector, DMHS Youth Representative, Milton	James reviewed some of the current work that the Homeless Subcommittee had done in the past two months and also discussed an event the group is planning for April 26 th to work with homeless serving agencies to build capacity to work with youth. This event will be held in the morning of the April working group in the same location as to allow for new visitors to the coalition meeting. Grissel gave an update on the work of the Care and Testing Subcommittee and discussed SCOs that have been open and closed in the past two months. She also mentioned that she is still looking for someone to help her co-chair the subcommittee. Hector provided an update on the work of the School's subcommittee and discussed open and closed SCOs as well as discussed the coalition's return to working in Compton Unified School District. There was a discussion around condom accessibility and the importance of working with Los Angeles County DHSP to make sure that the newly opened SCO around Compton Unified is rolled out correctly. Milton, Emily, and Hector will be meeting to follow up on this. Dykee from DMHS gave a report back on the DMHS youth C2PLA group and discussed that the school was hosting a health fair on April 10 th to observe NYHAAD. They would be looking to get help from community partners, it was also mentioned that the principal of the school Mr. Cohen would be the first to take an HIV test during the fair to encourage students to test. Andre spoke to the group about the Sustainability Subcommittee and mentioned they hadn't met in Jan or Feb. but would be meeting via phone at a new date and time to get more members involved. A meeting invite would be sent out with a new date and time soon. Kieta also agreed to join this subcommittee. Others in the coalition were also encouraged to join since the meeting is a phone meeting that generally only last about an hour.
II. Local Observance of	Grissel/All	Grissel spoke to the group about NYHAAD (April 10)

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<p>National Youth HIV/AIDS Awareness Day</p>		<p>and discussed that since this will be the first observance of the day that it would be great if folks in Los Angeles rallied around having one large event. She encouraged individual agencies to find ways to observe the day as well as finding ways to have them and their clients create a social media campaign around the day using the hashtag #NYHAAD. She also mentioned that Advocates for Youth were the national agency spearheading this effort but that because of limited staff weren't able to roll out the day's activities and events in individual city. Miguel suggested it would be good if C2PLA took the lead on supporting a large event here in Los Angeles and it would be better having the coalition take it up so that individual agencies wouldn't feel tasked with having to do all the work, additionally he said it would be easier to get proclamations for the day to go to the coalition instead of individual agencies since politicians sometimes prefer to give these to agencies in their own districts. Milton talked about the health fair at Downtown Magnets High School being used as a possible place to have a large scale observance of the day since it would be from 2-5pm and open to the larger community. Members of the coalition were asked to go back to their agencies to see if they could table during the event, which would be held across the street from the high school in the huge lot belonging to the MTA. It is accessible via the Civic Center MTA transit stop. Milton also discussed possible resolutions be made by board members of the LAUSD School Board on behalf of the day. Kieta informed the group that the Magic Johnson Foundation might be willing to help support this event at they were previously going to host an event at different school in South LA but those plans fell through.</p>
<p>III. Research Advocacy Presentation</p>	<p>David Evans, Project Inform</p>	<p>Mr. Evans did a presentation on research and discussed the different ways that research can sometimes be misleading if the right questions aren't asked. He talked about research as it related to HIV and some past and current research studies that targeted gay men. He also encouraged the group to find out about local and national research studies and to find ways to get the data back to community. He challenged those present to join research community advisory boards so that their voices could be heard</p>

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		when research is done.
IV. Social Media Moment/Break	Sofia	Sofia led those present in the traditional social media moment. She had members check-in on the coalition's Facebook page and twitter account and encouraged folks to take pictures and make some social media noise pertaining to the working group meeting and C2PLA. Cynthia Ramirez also asked if it was possible for the coalition to get an Instagram account so that people could showcase pictures. Sofia said this topic would be discussed further during the Sustainability Subcommittee meeting.
V. HCQ and C2PLA Data Collection Update	Milton	Milton shared the latest HCQ results with members present. He reminded the group that the HCQ was part of the research requirements of C2P and that this most recent data came from the surveys that were administered during the December retreat. The next time these would be administered is during the June working group meeting on June 28, 2013. Based on the December HCQ 70% felt that the coalition was being led by a combination of C2P staff and a group of coalition members. Miguel mentioned that this had been consistent over the past year but that a few years ago the numbers were lower and most people felt like the staff were leading the coalition more. He pointed this out as a good change. Additionally 83% agreed the leadership was effective in initiation coalition activities. Milton also shared some preliminary data sets from the HIV-RR Surveys that were done last fall where CHLA staff visited venues where young men in the coalition's target population frequented and hung out. The preliminary data shared came from some of the paper and pen questions submitted previously by the coalition to the Adolescent Trials Network. Milton will send out some of this data out with the meeting minutes and once all of the data from the survey is received he will work with the co-chairs to find ways to disseminate to the coalition so members could share it with their agencies and find ways to the data to inform some of the future work of the coalition as well.
VI. Local Youth Relevant Research	All	During this discussion members discussed the different ways in which their work overlapped with youth local relevant research in LA County. A majority of people present worked directly as a funded research project or their agency partnered

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		very closely with a research funder. Keita also tasked folks to think of research very broadly specifically those funded via CDC and SAMHSA. She encouraged the group to find ways to embrace the work of research as it related to youth and HIV and also reminded them of the importance of getting involved in the various CABS and community advocacy opportunities that are happening around research since they could lend their expertise to the conversations that are mostly only had by researchers or top level staff within agencies.
VII.	April Meeting Agenda Items	Kieta Kieta reminded the group that the April meeting's theme would be Homelessness and youth. She instructed them to send their agenda items to Sofia, Milton, or herself well in advance of the meeting.
VIII.	External Community Meeting Updates/Announcements	All Downtown Magnets Health Fair is from 2-5pm on April 10 th . Contact Milton, Teresa, or Hector for more information. The Center of Long Beach is conducting new groups for young gay and bisexual men.
IX.	Jan. and Feb. Birthdays and Raffle	Sofia Kieta, Martha, Miguel, Milton, Cassie, and Cynthia all had birthdays in either January or February and Sofia mentioned to the group that going forward we would be celebrating members birthdays at our working group meetings. The raffle was won by Percival, Emily, and Cynthia.
<p>NEXT MEETING April 26, 2013 12:00 pm to 3:00 pm DWP Crenshaw Community Room-4030 Crenshaw Blvd. Los Angeles CA 90008</p>		

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