

**C2P Care and Testing Meeting
Minutes
October 21, 2014**

Conference Call Attendance: Yvonne & Susie (MCA), Milton Smith & Grissel (CHLA), Paulina (DHSP), Martha Chono-Helsley (REACH LA)

1. Announcements:

- a. MCA is recruiting HEP C+ women, 18 and over, for a research study. Women and be mono or co-infected. Contact Yvonne for details.

2. Report Back from USCA:

- a. Overall feedback from those who attended was not so good.
- b. 2014 USCA San Diego Live Streaming Event – Milton reported that the LA live streaming event from USCA’s plenary went well. 10 people were in attendance. The event took place at the California Endowment. Lunch was provided and a table discussion took place. The event was sponsored by AIDS United, the City of LA and was put together by UCLA, CHLA, AIDS United, volunteers from the LA HIV Commission, and Bienestar. The group also sponsored a scholarship to attend the USCA conference which included RT transportation, hotel and conference fee. The scholarship winner was LaVera who will give a report back for LA World AIDS Day.

3. New Business:

- a. **Transitional Homes for HIV+ Youth** – Paulina reported to the group of some challenges DHSP is having with HIV+ youth transitioning from juvenile hall into transitional/group homes. They recently were informed of 2 cases where transitional housing denied clients due to their HIV status.
 - i. DHSP is looking into LA County funded facilities to have further discussions.
 - ii. It was recommended that we look at privately funded facilities to draft a request for required training on HIV for privately funded transitional housing.
 - iii. It was recommended that Linkage to Care specialists be aware of this problem and seek out and recommend places for referral.
 - iv. Paulina will update the subcommittee on progress, which we will review and determine if a SCO should be written.
- b. **Probation Department** – Paulina also reported that a probation officer insisted on being in an exam room with during a medical assessment. He was told by the clinic that he was not allowed entry, so he took the client away.
 - i. It was recommended that we reopen a SCO that focused on training the probation department and officers on HIV sensitivity and the law.
 - ii. Milton will look for the SCO in past documents to reintroduce and update action steps at the next meeting.

4. Old Business:

- a. **In home HIV Rapid Test** – although we do feel the need for further links between the product and immediate links to resources for medical care resource, we determined that

- the product is not one that youth are particularly utilizing. Martha shared additional information regarding the UCLA study and found from REACH LA's participants that the test was over the counter; the youth/participants felt judged by Walgreen staff when they inquired about the test; and it was expensive. It discussed that the potential purchaser of the product would most likely be older adults, who have the means and the ability to seek out medical assistance.
- b. **Mobile Testing Grievance** – Paulina indicated that all LA County funded mobile testing units should have the HIV Testing Grievance Hotline number posted (as do CBOs). We should be alerting people who have a bad testing experience to call that number. If nothing is reported, DHSP cannot investigate.
5. **CDC PS15-1502 FOA Letters of Support** – If your agency is applying for the upcoming PS15-1502 FOA, they will need a letter from DHSP regarding testing and direct HIV service. A request letter should be sent to Mario ASAP. DHSP will set-up a meeting to discuss grant program implementation before it issues a letter.
 6. **Ideas for C2P Retreat** – The location is still to be determined. Martha and Milton shared that this meeting is being planned in conjunction with the District 2 Community Advisory Committee (CAC) on STI in order to share information about both groups, member recruitment and networking.
 7. Closing Announcements:
 - a. Stop the Pain - 3rd Annual Teen Summit on Dating Violence, Sex Trafficking, and Bully Prevention is happening Saturday, Nov. 16 at CSU Dominguez Hills. Contact Donte Morrison for details.
 - b. The District 2 CAC STI Prevention and Treatment Sub-Committee is meeting this Thursday, Oct. 23rd from 2pm-4pm at the Department of Public Health in Commerce. Contact Martha for more information.
 - c. The TLC+ Progressive Tour – South LA is happening this Friday, October 24. Contact John Thompson for more information.
 - d. Friendly reminder that the C2P Work Group Meeting is this Friday, October 24 at the Kaiser Permanente Watts Counseling Office. Contact Milton for details.

Respectfully submitted by Martha Chono-Helsley, Co-Chair, C2P Care and Testing Subcommittee
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