

Connect to Protect Los Angeles
Homeless Youth Subcommittee Meeting
November 14, 2012
Children's Hospital Los Angeles

Attending Members: Jeffrey Lim (CHLA), Dale Madison (LAGLC), James Moran (LAGLC), Cassie Najarian (Colors), Dave Reynolds (The Village Family Services), Sara Train (SPIN), Cris Albidirez (Los Angeles Youth Network)

Review of C2PLA Mission and Subcommittee Vision Statement

Because this was the first meeting Chris Albidirez attended, Jeff and Sara did a brief overview about the coalition, its work in the community, and the importance of the work the subcommittee has been doing in the community in regards to the homeless youth.

Co-Chair Nominations and Elections

The subcommittee made their final nominations for new co-chairs and did a secret ballot to elect the new co-chairs. The new co-chairs for the subcommittee are Dave Reynolds from VFS and James Moran from LAGLC.

Key Actor Awards/Retreat/2012 Highlights

Jeff discussed the upcoming C2PLA Retreat on December 7th at 9:00pm. The Key Actor Awards voting was still live. Jeff explained that the key actor awards recognize different roles members have played in the coalition and celebrates their contributions. Voting ends online on December 3rd. In addition, Jeff mentioned that the new co-chairs can introduce themselves at the retreat and do the 212 subcommittee highlights. Jeff will send out the highlights page to the new co-chairs.

SCO#105 (High Risk Youth Program Extending Hours at CHLA)

The High Risk Program will officially stop their clinic hours starting February 1st at the Saban Free Clinic and move to CHLA Division of Adolescent Medicine. They plan to start with only one day per week. More details with transition, change of title, etc. to come.

Review SCO#80 Action Steps and Linking Agencies with Assessment (Closed with Changes to the language)

By January 31, 2013, a minimum of agencies working with homeless youth in serve planning areas (SPA) 4, 6, or 7 will create a capacity building plan to include basic knowledge on HIV/STI prevention and risk behavior as it applies to homeless youth.

This SCO was officially closed with three participating agencies completing a capacity building plan. LAGLC, LAYN, and The Village Family Services. The following agencies are still in contact with subcommittee members in adopting a capacity building plan:

- Penny Lane
- The Wall Las Memorias
- Pavillion Healthcare Services
- Alta-Med
- LACADA

Subcommittee members will continue to keep in contact with these agencies for additional help.

New SCO

By June 30, 2012 the homeless youth subcommittee will reconvene agencies on a semi-annual basis to hold sustainability capacity building assistance.

As a response to subcommittee members felt that agencies that have created capacity building plans may need further assistance or may have trouble following through with their plans in SCO 80, the subcommittee decided to hold workshops designated to assist with specific topics on their capacity building plans and allow a section of where they can collaborate and share information. (a comment/suggestion made from the capacity building showcase). This will hopefully sustain their efforts in being culturally sensitive and increase their knowledge in the homeless youth population. The subcommittee plans to convene a session in April which involve youth testimony and an evaluation on agencies' implementation of their capacity building plans.

Trends and Incidences

The subcommittee continues to discuss options in addressing the tensions between LAPD and homeless youth. Jeff reported that he spoke to Heather Carmichael (Executive Director of My Friend's Place Shelter) who sits in the community police advisory board for the Hollywood. She mentioned that the tensions were more directly with the LAPD liaisons (Hollywood Bid and Hollywood Media). She reported that their meeting are directly with the Senior lead but have been very inconsistent. The subcommittee plans to address this issue further in the January meeting.

Our next meeting will be on January 9th at 10:00am at the Village (LAGLC).