

Connect 2 Protect Los Angeles
Homeless Youth Subcommittee Meeting Minutes
January 9, 2013

Members Attending in Person at LA Gay & Lesbian Center: Jeffrey Lim (CHLA), Dale Madison (LAGLC), James Moran (LAGLC), Cassie Najarian (Colors), Dave Reynolds (The Village Family Services), Cris Albidirez (Los Angeles Youth Network), Milton Smith (CHLA/C2PLA), Robert Renteria (CHLA); **Via Conference Call:** Shara Mathes (Homeless Health Care LA)

Debrief on December 2012 Working Group Retreat

Please see attached minutes from Milton Smith.

Update on Closed SCO #80

James Moran and Dave Reynolds shared staff capacity building plans from LAGLC and TVFS respectively. Cassie Najarian and James Moran respectively reported that Penny Lane and Pavilion Health Care Services had not been in touch to discuss capacity building assistance, and Jeffrey Lim reported that LACADA is still evaluating their next steps.

Update on Closed SCO #105

Effective February 5, 2013 the High Risk Youth Clinic, now called the “Homeless Adolescent Wellness Clinic” (HAWC) will be housed at CHLA’S Division of Adolescent Medicine and it is open for walk-in’s ages 12-24: Tuesdays 1pm-5pm. A more youth-friendly outreach flyer needs to be developed.

Update on Closed SCO #113

The MOU and referral system established with World Harvest Food Bank have been implemented and Mauricio Franco wants to collect evaluation data on the partnership moving forward. He will provide updates at future meetings.

Update on Open SCO #121

Subcommittee agreed that the following language was too vague for SCO: “By June 30, 2013 the Homeless Youth Subcommittee will reconvene agencies on a semi-annual basis to hold sustainability capacity building assistance.”

Suggested new language: By June 30, 2013 CHLA’s Substance Abuse and HIV Intervention Project, in conjunction with the Homeless Youth Subcommittee will reconvene on a semi-annual basis, agencies who have been implementing capacity building plans to assist in sustaining those efforts and networking.

Specific action items for this SCO are detailed on the accompanying attachment.

Time/Date: 9am-12pm on April 26, before C2PLA Working Group meeting

Location: Same as Working Group meeting (Milton to determine)

Proposed Agenda:

- (1) Youth testimony to open and close day
- (2) More time for small break out groups
- (3) Bring youth to provide feedback to service providers
- (4) Youth need time to brainstorm topics that day as well as for next convening in 6 months
- (5) Assistance with outcomes and evaluation indicators for agencies

Newly Opened SCO #122

By September 30, 2013 three homeless youth agencies in Los Angeles will have policies and procedures in place to ensure youth participating in PrEP research studies receive ethical care and are not participating in more than one research study at a time.

Rationale: As many as six (with more to come) PrEP research studies are occurring in the Los Angeles area, and homeless youth meet the demographics for “high risk” individuals with backgrounds (i.e. sexual orientation) of interest for researchers. All the studies offer incentives and, it is important for agencies and providers to screen for and support youth who are engaged in the research studies as well as ensure their health is not jeopardized through participating in too many concurrent research studies. Specific action items for this SCO are detailed on the accompanying attachment. [SEE NOTE BELOW FOR NEXT AGENDA]

Trends and Incidences

Tensions between Hollywood-area homeless youth serving agencies and LAPD, Hollywood Media and BID continue. Ongoing meetings are set to address the issues arising.

There is rapid growth in PrEP research studies and participant recruitment. See SCO #122.

Announcements

- Participate in this year’s LAHSA Homeless Count: www.theycountwillyou.org
- Homeless Healthcare LA is providing trainings on Narcan administration to prevent ODs; interested agencies should email Shara Blumenfeld: mysticamera@yahoo.com
- LifeWorks would like assistance taking the annual (August) Rainbow Youth Festival “to the next level.” Planning meetings will begin soon, and Jeff Lim has more info
- SHIP launching 4th group at CHLA; Jeff Lim has more info
- Empowerment Congress (January 19): <http://empowermentcongress.org/>
- CESCAL LGBTQIA Conference (Feb 17-19, San Diego): www.cescal.org/lgbtqi2012/

Next Meetings

Next C2PLA Homeless Youth Subcom Mtg: Feb. 13, 2013, 10am-12pm (LAGLC’s Village)

Next C2PLA Working Group Mtg: Feb 22, 2013, 12pm-3pm (location TBD)

Agenda Items for Next Subcommittee Meeting

Social Media Moment

Report back from PrEP Working Group (Milton, Robert)

Report back from LAHSA Homeless Count

Miguel at CHLA mentioned systems in place similar to SCO #122; will need update