

Connect to Protect Los Angeles
Homeless Youth Subcommittee Meeting
July 11, 2012
Children's Hospital Los Angeles

Attending Members: Jeffrey Lim (CHLA), Dale Madison (LAGLC), James Moran (LAGLC), Cassie Najarian (Colors), Milton Smith (CHLA), Mauricio Franco (CHLA), Tim Kordic (LAUSD)

Trends and Incidences

The subcommittee discussed outside trends and incidences that pertain to homeless youth in LA in an effort to collaborate on developing new SCOs. The following were points made by this discussion:

- Jeff shared that Sara mentioned that Skid row has the highest number of homeless persons living Hepatitis C in LA County. They are mostly adults and do not want treatment. We will continue to follow-up as recent developments arise.
- Sara plans to follow-up with LAHSA and find out a contact person for them to invite to the meetings.
- Despite the recent difficulties in outreach services, JGYC and other drop in sites have seen an increase of use accessing basic services compared to the past couple of months. However, very few of them seek support groups and attend interventions. The subcommittee discussed how to best motivate youth to attend interventions and other support services (how best should we implement incentives). Mauricio mentioned that CHLA risk reduction program has created a new Life Skills Program originally intended for CHLA clients to access ongoing support that relate to building life skills such as saving money, eating healthy, etc. This was formed because of many youth that access services at CHLA lacked basic life skills, a common trend amongst agencies in LA county. The subcommittee will look into how to address life skills as a need for homeless youth as they access services. The next life skills group at CHLA will be on August 6th from 3-4pm on eating right on a budget. The subcommittee may look into helping the Life skills group branch out to include all agencies across LA county and become an SCO.
- Milton suggested as part of our long-term goals, we look at Project Legacy outcome data to potentially address some of the service gaps and needs of homeless youth.
- The shift of youth squatting to the San Fernando Valley has raised some questions about how to best implement outreach services. The subcommittee will continue to look at potential action steps to support outreach services.
- The subcommittee is concerned about the tensions between our homeless youth and LAPD. The subcommittee discussed possibly looking at the Hollywood station and do initial conversations with Capt. Girmala to address how we can best support LAPD in their effort to refer youth to services and how to help LAPD more sensitive to homeless youth issues.
- The subcommittee continues to address the need to have SPA 6 and 7 members at the table since we trends have shown youth pushing into these areas due to the recent LAPD outreach teams. We will continue to seek participation from these SPAs.

Review SCO#80 Action Steps/Minutes from Last Meeting

By October 2012, a minimum of agencies working with homeless youth in serve planning areas (SPA) 4, 6, and 7 will adopt a capacity building plan to increase foundational knowledge on HIV/STI prevention and risk behavior

Since many of our key proponents for this SCO were not present. Jeff will set up a conference call for everyone to discuss the logistics highlighted below. The conference call will be held on July 24th at 2:00pm using the same conference call number used for meetings.

The subcommittee is continuing to plan for the one day training. The following updates were made for this SCO.

- This workshop will be a 3 hour training showcasing our 3 modules: HIV Knowledge, STI Knowledge, Cultural Competency, and Support. The subcommittee will decide on the topics in our next meeting. Each module will last for about an hour each.
- Jeff will email everyone an updated version of the flyer.
- Sara contacted the TCE, found available space for August 31, 2012
- Sara will set up a doodle to schedule a conference call
- Each committee member will be responsible for bringing at least one agency to the training.
- We plan to showcase the suicide prevention tool at the training.
- Set the date
- Look at the invite lists and discuss handling RSVPs
- Logistics for the day

Action Items

- Sara will confirm August date for the showcase
- Committee members will come up with a list of contacts to invite to the showcase.
- Cassie will email Jovenes Inc.
- Jeff will email everyone the invite template
- Jeff will email an updated version of the flyer.

Our next meeting will be on conference call July 24th at 2:00pm