

Connect 2 Protect Los Angeles (C2PLA)
Homeless and Runaway Youth Subcommittee Meeting Minutes
August 14, 2013

Members Attending: James Moran (Los Angeles Gay & Lesbian Center's, Youth Center on Highland), Dave Reynolds (Drop-In Center at The Village Family Services), Cassie Najarian (Colors Counseling), Jeff Lim (CHLA), Milton Smith (Children's Hospital Los Angeles), Chris Albidrez (Los Angeles Youth Network), Dale Madison (LAGLC); **Via Conference Call:** Tim Kordic (LAUSD)

Welcome, Introductions, Review of C2PLA

Review Progress/Update/Next Steps on SCO #121

- See SCO worksheet and related Action Steps
- Los Angeles County Coalition to End Youth Homelessness (LACEYH) is likely a higher level policy group and not a good fit to sustainably continue these Summits
- South Los Angeles Transitional Age and Homeless Youth Coalition (SLATAHYC) may be a good fit to host and sustain these events moving forward—we will contact them and engage them at both the C2PLA Working Group meeting (8/23/13) and at the LACEYH meeting (9/11/13)
- The subcommittee would like to support the SLATAHYC in hosting these events and building support for them provided they are able and interested
- A continued effort should be sustained to ensure the Hollywood Homeless Youth Partnership (HHYP) continues to prioritize HIV prevention in their capacity building efforts following the strategic realignment they are currently pursuing
- The due date for the SCO has been changed to December 31, 2013

Plan September, 2013 Summit

- Given that the subcommittee is looking to find organizations and/or coalitions that can sustain the summits, we will focus our efforts on building the capacity of another agent to host these meetings rather than planning one for 9/20/13

Review Progress/Update/Next Steps on SCO #123

- See SCO worksheet and related Action Steps
- There is a Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP) Workgroup that is now meeting regularly to coordinate research recruitment and avoid dual enrollment across studies
 - o This group is also looking to develop trainings on PrEP for direct service agencies
 - o Milton will send flyer on all current studies in LA-area and who/where they're recruiting

- Pharmaceutical manufacturers and private physicians are already providing PrEP outside of the research studies and LA County is eager to fund PrEP and (Post-Exposure Prophylaxis) PEP, so usage is expected to rise
- Agencies who implemented policies under this SCO (Youth Center on Highland, Drop-In Center at TVFS) reported that the policies have resulted in no (known) dual enrollments across studies and more coordinated recruiting efforts
- Subcommittee members are encouraged to bring new members to both the Work Group and Subcommittee meetings so that we can find a third agency to institute such a policy with their clients (and subsequently close SCO)

Brainstorming and Opening New SCOs

- Three new SCOs proposed with initial action steps. **Subcommittee members should review the language and initial action steps below and provide feedback on wording to co-chairs no later than Monday August 19, 2013**
 - o SCO numbers to be provided by Milton

Proposed SCO #1: By December 31, 2013, the Hollywood Homeless Youth Partnership's Career & Education Subcommittee will host an annual career festival for homeless youth that includes HIV prevention programming and resources as well as services for HIV positive young people.

- This is in line with the US Interagency Council on Homelessness' 4-pronged approach on ending youth homelessness by 2020.
- This subcommittee will support HHYP in launching the annual event and providing support and resources on an ongoing basis
- Proposed Action Step 1: Jeff Lim to present idea to HHYP Subcommittee by 8/16/2013

Proposed SCO #2: By December 31, 2013, a member of the Los Angeles Police Department will commit to both regularly attending C2PLA Work Group meetings and reading the minutes from the Homeless and Runaway Youth Subcommittee meetings.

- This is in response to repeated requests for better communication between LAPD (and its entities), homeless youth, and homeless youth service providers.
- Proposed Action Step 1: Dave Reynolds to contact LAPD Officer Sandra Moura to invite her to 8/23/13 Work Group meeting

Proposed SCO #3: By December 31, 2013, Mr. Donut will provide health and prevention education and resources to homeless youth clients who patronize their business.

- This is popular hangout among young people in Hollywood and one of the businesses we feel will be most receptive to building this type of relationship
- Proposed Action Step 1: James Moran will reach out to manager of store to determine readiness and willingness for this type of partnership

Trends and Incidences

- County will be issuing more funds for HIV testing, PrEP and PEP in the coming years
- Tensions continue to rise with LAPD in Hollywood
 - o Youth service providers are being blamed by LAPD for contributing to ongoing issues
 - o Public responses to Trayvon Martin verdict that occurred in Hollywood area were attributed in part to homeless youth and agencies that serve them
 - o Highly publicized mugging of tourists in Hollywood by group of homeless individuals did not work towards reducing these tensions
 - o Need to create opportunities for meaningful and constructive engagement between youth and law enforcement so they can co-exist with more understanding

Community Announcements and External Updates

- C2PLA Work Group meeting is 8/23 at UCLA—all Subcommittee Members should attend
- HHYP Research Symposium on Providing Trauma-Informed Care to Homeless Youth and Assisting Those Experiencing Intimate Partner Violence on 8/23/2013 (Flyer attached—please distribute widely to support SCO 121)
- The Los Angeles Coalition to End Youth Homelessness (LACEYH) will have a large meeting on 9/11/2013 and all Subcommittee members are encouraged to attend—Dave and Milton to share information once available
- Los Angeles Housing and Services Authority (LAHSA) has released proposed methodology for point-in-time counts moving forward as well as preliminary numbers from January, 2013 county (See attached document from LAHSA meeting)
- Williams Institute at UCLA School of Law has released new report on “Provider Perspectives on the Needs of Gay and Bisexual Male and Transgender Youth of Color” (See attached report)
- Back 2 School Bash on 9/22 (See attached flyer)
- Summer Nights 3 Part Sexuality Series starts tomorrow. 8/15/2013 (See attached Flyer)
- Youth Center on Highland will be hosting two more Summer Nights Event—James to send more information once available
- CHLA is hosting another Open Mic Night (Back To School-theme) on 8/21 from 3pm-5pm at 5000 Sunset Blvd for ages 12-25—Jeff to send more information once available
- The Homeless Adolescent Wellness Clinic (HAWC) at CHLA has expanded and changed hours for homeless youth to receive walk-in medical services: Mondays and Wednesdays from 1pm-9pm
 - o Clients need not have citizenship documentation

- There will be a Career Oriented Conference on 9/25/13 from 3pm to 5pm where youth will receive tangible vocational skills—Jeff to share flyer once available
- Nube continues to build a mission and goals for the Red Circle Project and is putting together a mixer for queer, undocumented, homeless youth—Cassie and Nube to provide more details when available

Closing, Review Action Items and Prepare for Next Meeting

- All C2PLA Runaway and Homeless Youth Subcommittee members are strongly encouraged to attend September 11 (10am-12pm) LACEYH meeting and the C2PLA Subcommittee will THEN be holding its September meeting over lunch immediately following the LACEYH meeting (location TBD)