

C2P Los Angeles Coalition
Care & Testing Subcommittee

December 18, 2013

PPLA

Meeting Minutes

In attendance:

- **Co-chair:** Grissel Granados
- **Co-chair:** Lenee Richards
- John Thompson – St. John’s (phone)
- Paulina Zamudio (DHSP)

I. Announcements and External Meeting Updates

- a. TLC+ Survey is open until January 10 – Grissel will send out the link in case anyone has not received it
- b. PrEP workgroup is putting on the HIV biomedical summit on January 13th at Almanzor Court in Alhambra. People must RSVP to attend – Grissel will send out link

II. SCO 127 - Providence Update

- a. Raenisha Brown was able to establish contact with Providence blood bank. She spoke to the doctor who is in charge of notifying clients when they test positive. The doctor explained her notification process consisted of trying to establish contact with the minor; if she cannot reach minor she attempts to contact the parents; when it is something serious she tries to link to parents anyway so as to not leave a minor in charge of their own medical care. Doctor was not aware of minor consent laws that protect youth’s HIV status. She reported that there is no standard on how to deal with minors who test positive. Raenisha informed her of LTC services she is able to provide and that she would connect with her via email.
- b. **Next steps include connecting with her via email and offering a minor consent training for Providence staff. Potentially working with them to write a protocol that outlines what to do in situations with minors and youth test positive for HIV or other STIs.**

III. Retreat update

- a. Grissel attended the retreat and participated in conversation about lack of HIV testing for youth in south LA. The subcommittee discussed the different testing sites that are currently offering services in that area.
- b. **Potential work for 2014 can include coming up with strategies to better promote testing and services that are youth friendly in South LA**

IV. Partner Services Letter

- a. The letter has not been drafted because nobody was assigned to do it. Lenee and Grissel will write the letter and have a draft ready to discuss at the next meeting so that it can be sent out the same day.

V. 2014 priorities

- a. SCOs at CHLA around STI testing are gaining traction and may be able to close early 2014.
- b. INSTI testing will be available through DHSP funded agencies in early 2014 – they are now going through the process of approving QA plans so that agencies can start implementing.
- c. SCO120 – The guidelines from the commission may be available by February or March so that we can write the actual special population guidelines.

- d. Based on previous discussion we want to focus on increased visibility of HIV testing in South LA
 - e. We need to follow up on last month's "But Why" activity to come up with new SCOs
 - f. Look into routine testing at schools through St. John's
 - They are expanding to more schools in 2014
 - Currently provide risk based STI testing
 - g. Co-chair nominations: Grissel will be stepping down as co-chair so new co-chair is needed starting in 2014. John Thomson was approached to be new co-chair and he was open to the idea. Official nominations and voting will take place at the January meeting.
- VI. Next C&T meeting: January 21, 2014 at PPLA
Next working group meeting: February 28, 2014 at St. John's