

## ASTHMA COALITION OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY GENERAL COALITION MEETING

**Meeting Minutes  
April 24, 2017**

ISSUE/TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION/FINDINGS
<p>Welcome &amp; Introductions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Introductions</li> <li>• Review and approve minutes</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Meeting was opened at 1:25 by Scott Takahashi</li> <li>• Introductions were conducted.</li> <li>• Minutes were approved as written.</li> <li>• Scott Takahashi mentioned reengagement of workgroups at next coalition meeting</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Membership forms can be found on our website</li> <li>• A copy of the minutes will be available on our website – <a href="http://www.asthmacoalitionLA.org">www.asthmacoalitionLA.org</a></li> </ul>
<p>General Updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• New ACLAC Coordinator Recruitment</li> <li>• Policy updates</li> <li>• Workgroup updates</li> <li>• Project updates</li> <li>• May is Asthma Awareness Month</li> </ul>	<p><u>New ACLAC Coordinator</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Asthma Coalition Coordinator position has been vacant since October 2016. A new Coordinator has been identified and will start on June 5, 2017</li> <li>• One of the new Coordinator’s priorities will be to assess Coalition satisfaction and update the ACLAC Strategic Plan (Expires in 2017)</li> </ul> <p><u>Policy Updates:</u></p> <p><i>AB391 Chiu-San Francisco:</i> Increases the access for Medi-Cal beneficiaries to asthma education</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Legislation that has to pass to authorize DHCS to submit the state plan amendment</li> </ul> <p>The bill successfully passed out of the Assembly Health committee with bipartisan support and an 11-0 vote on April 18<sup>th</sup>. Next, the bill will be heard in the Assembly Appropriations Committee near the end of May.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Coalition members were strongly encouraged to submit a letter of support for AB391.</li> </ul> <p>Community Action to Fight Asthma (CAFA) Policy Agenda Review</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Janet reviewed the various bills that are on the CAFA legislative agenda. The Coalition needs to decide whether to support, oppose or watch each of the Bills on the document that was circulated. Generally, the Coalition follows the CAFA recommendations, but if there are other thoughts, please let Janet or Del know.</li> </ul> <p><u>Workgroup Overview:</u> No updates on workgroups</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The new coordinator will reconvene the workgroups</li> </ul> <p><u>Project Updates</u></p> <p>Productivity Investment Fund (PIF) Asthma Grant- two-year, \$150,000 pilot program in the Antelope Valley to conduct 3 primary care provider trainings. The bulk of this work occurred</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Del will resend the letter of support template for AB391</li> <li>• Coalition will reach out to Del for any feedback or opinions on the bills addressed in the handout (CAFA Legislative Agenda)</li> </ul>

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	<p>between 2013-2015, with remaining funds to host one additional seminar for providers on 1/19/17. A final report will be written for this project before the end of 2017.</p> <p>Harbor Community Benefits Foundation (HCBF) Grant - project to mitigate respiratory health through asthma education and training for students and their families, and health care providers in Wilmington and San Pedro areas. The following trainings are being planned as project deliverables.</p> <p>Upcoming Events</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CEU Training for Health Professional at Torrance Memorial May 19th 2017</li> <li>• CME Training for Clinicians at Torrance Memorial August 29<sup>th</sup>, 2017</li> <li>• 2-day Asthma Educator forum for respiratory therapists June 15-16<sup>th</sup>, 2017</li> <li>• <u>May is Asthma Awareness Month!</u> The theme for this year is “you can control your asthma”</li> <li>• DPH is planning to issue a press release to raise awareness about the burden of asthma</li> <li>• The coalition is sponsoring an Asthma Training for the HCBF Grant on May 19<sup>th</sup></li> <li>• Coalition will also partner on the Breathe Easy 5k (Cancelled)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Please let Del or Janet know if you are interested in attending or presenting at any of the trainings.</li> </ul>
<p>Outdoor Air Pollution and Stressful Family Environments” Dr. Ted Robles, UCLA</p>	<p>Ted Robles presented an observational study identifying stress triggers that influence the health of families and the connection to asthma triggers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The grant proposal to be submitted to NIH in June 2017</li> <li>• Dr. Ted Robles touched on the combined effects on asthma outcomes and bio-behavioral mechanisms, including <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ High outdoor air pollution</li> <li>○ Stressful family environments</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>Study will follow a child throughout a year to monitor asthma outcomes via 3-week brief daily questionnaires, electronic inhaler, and sleep monitoring.</p> <p>Ted is seeking community partners and reached out to coalitions members for potential partnership or participation in the community advisory board. He would also like the Coalition to be involved in the project and has requested that we submit a letter of support for his proposal.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Contact Ted if you have more information or are interested in being a partner or participating <b>robles@psych.ucla.edu</b></li> </ul>
<p>Elections</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nomination slate was provided and “good standing” coalition members voted on the slate.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Del will review the voting slips and notify Coalition members via email if the</li> </ul>

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<p>Presentation: How the new administration will impact our local work on healthcare immigration and civil rights</p> <p>Dr. Miriam Vega, CEO, UMMA Community Clinic</p>	<p>United Muslim Medical Association (UMMA) Community Health Clinic- Established in 1992 by medical students from UCLA &amp; Charles Drew University in the wake of the LA riots</p> <p>Dr. Vega presented on the 3 areas on healthcare, immigration, and civil rights.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increase in anxiety causing hesitation to seek healthcare needs (Immigration)</li> <li>• Residents are reluctant to call police and fire department because they are afraid of ICE.</li> <li>• UMMA Clinic 75% of patients are Latino, putting a concern on civil rights and immigration</li> </ul> <p>Deportation of illegal immigrants is impacting residents by deferring them from seeking public assistance and healthcare services.</p> <p>Travel ban: Refugees- No significant impact on clinics</p> <p>Resulting Community Trauma: PTSD→Stress→Stigma</p> <p>What is UMMA doing?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Patients</li> </ul> <p>Red Alert cards that provide patients with their rights that can be shown to police officers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• With our staff</li> <li>• Infrastructure</li> </ul> <p>Advocacy plan-Many individuals 60% have experienced a similar event resulting in a 20% decrease in life and increase in suicide</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• UMMA screens for this events to address this trauma at a young age</li> <li>• ICE protocols =warrants, role playing to familiarize staff</li> <li>• Does not collect document data</li> </ul> <p>New partnerships/collaborations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Legal Aid partnerships/media</li> <li>• Attending immigration related community/town hall meetings</li> </ul> <p>Advocacy Plan:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Making Advocacy an Organizational Priority</li> <li>• Operationalizing Advocacy</li> <li>• Defining and Refining our Narrative</li> <li>• Engaging the Community in Advocacy</li> <li>• Reporting, Revisions &amp; Status Updates</li> </ul>	<p>slate of nominees was approved.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr. Vega recommended ACESTOOHIGH.COM, a news site reporting on adverse childhood experiences and organizational adaptation to changing social factors.</li> </ul> <p>Contact Information: Dr. Miriam Vega, CEO, UMMA Community Clinic <a href="mailto:mvega@ummaclinic.org">mvega@ummaclinic.org</a></p>

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<b>Announcements</b>	<p>Foothill Hill Transit proposed service changes</p> <p>Asthma 5K, Whitney presented her story that compelled her to coordinate an asthma event – EVENT WAS CANCELLED DUE TO LOW REGISTRATION</p> <p><u>Next Asthma Coalition Meeting:</u> July 24th, 2017 from 1:00-3:30pm at the California Endowment</p>	

Recorded by Del Ortega