

ASTHMA COALITION OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY GENERAL COALITION MEETING

Meeting Notes April 22, 2013

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Welcome & Introductions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review Minutes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Janet called the meeting to order at 1:21 pm. • Janet announced that Dr. Vinetz, ACLAC Co-Chair, is out to recover from minor surgery and resting at home. He plans to be back in May. • Everyone reviewed minutes and approved them as written. 	
Membership Agreements <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Forms for New and Renewing Members 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All new, renewing and returning members should complete a Membership Agreement form, and designate a principal and alternate organization representative. Return them to Monica. 	Forms are available online at www.asthmacoalitionla.org .
Member Appreciation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Certificates Awarded to Members 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A total of 17 general members and 8 Steering Committee members were recognized for their attendance and participation in the general Coalition meetings during the previous calendar year (Jan-Oct 2012). Congratulations to all! 	Photos of awardees available on the ACLAC Facebook page at www.Facebook.com/AsthmaCoalitionLA.com
Steering Committee Elections <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Voting-eligible Member Organizations • Reading of the Slate (Bios) • Member Vote 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monica provided an overview of the Steering Committee and voting process. • The SC provides leadership and direction to the general Coalition. Specific activities may include developing and monitoring the Strategic Plan, planning the agenda for Coalition meetings, creating and advising workgroups as needed, recruiting new members, and forging new relationships and partnerships with other organizations. • The SC consists of 7 to 13 members, including two Co-Chairs, a Coalition coordinator, at-large members, and workgroup leaders. • SC members serve a one-year term and meet a minimum of once per quarter before the general Coalition meetings. Meetings generally take place once a month in the two months between the general Coalition meetings. SC members must be willing to attend and participate in meetings. • General Coalition members nominate SC members once a year. Coalition members who are not present at the meeting may nominate themselves or someone else by contacting the Co-chairs or the Coordinator by a deadline date ahead of time. • Based on the nominations received, the Nominations Committee will create a slate of nominees. This slate will be presented to the Coalition members at the general meeting following the meeting when nominations are solicited. The slate will be put to a vote. Approval and adoption of the slate requires a majority of Coalition members voting in favor for it. 	<p>A total of 17 member organizations in good standing were eligible to vote (per the ACLAC By-Laws). Nine of the eligible organizations cast their vote, all in favor of approving the slate of SC nominees.</p> <p>The new 2013-2014 SC members include: (Returning members) Aarti Harper, Carlos Aguilar, Carrie Tayour, Janet Scully, Jennifer Clark, Jessica Tovar, Katie Balderas, Kerry Van Frank, Marilyn Li, Robert Vinetz, Yolanda Cuevas; (New members) Francisco Covarrubias and Regina Clemente.</p>

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<p>General Updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Status of the ACLAC Strategic Plan • ACLAC Actions & Legislative Support • ACLAC Facebook Page • World Asthma Day • Financial Report 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monica gave an update on the Strategic Planning process. The purpose is to update our Plan for the next 5 years, ensure our Plan is in alignment with the State Plan, and develop impactful strategies and action plans. • Workgroups developed and revised Goals & Objectives focused on healthcare, schools, indoor and outdoor environments, as well as Cross-Cutting Objectives. • The Steering Committee approved the revised Goals & Objectives on 3/13. Workgroup Co-Chairs are scheduling meetings to work on Strategies & Work Plans. • To get involved in the Strategic Planning process, contact a Workgroup Co-Chair or the Coordinator for more information, and attend the upcoming Workgroup meetings. • Monica reviewed current ACLAC actions and legislative support since the last general meeting. The Steering Committee voted to endorse SB 391, the California Homes and Jobs Act of 2013, AB 32, the Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006, and Cap and Trade on Carbon Emissions Funds Allocation (via the American Lung Association). • A School Asthma Management Policy was passed by the Pasadena Board of Education (AR 5141.23 & BP 5141.23). As part of the ACLAC Steering Committee, district asthma nurse, Kerry Van Frank, initiated putting an asthma management policy in place to improve the care and management of students with asthma during school hours and school related activities. The policy is available on the ACLAC & PUSD web pages. • Monica gave an update on the ACLAC Facebook page. The number of new “likes,” people talking about our page, and engaged users spiked in January, dipped in February, and then went back up in March. The reach of page posts, viral reach & total reach all increased from January-March. • Monica provided an update on World Asthma Day 2013. The continuing theme is “You can control your asthma.” The ACLAC is working with partners Esperanza Community Housing Corporation, Strategic Actions for a Just Economy, and St. John’s Well Child & Family Center to plan a WAD event on May 7, 2013. 	<p>Contact the Workgroup Co-Chairs or Monica to get involved in the strategic planning process and/or for more information about upcoming meetings at mmorello@ph.lacounty.gov.</p> <p>Find updates and information about ACLAC-supported policies and legislations on our Facebook page.</p> <p>Help boost the ACLAC’s Facebook statistics by “Liking” the ACLAC’s page, checking out our page on a regular basis, making comments on the ACLAC’s page posts, and posting new items or stories to the ACLAC’s page.</p> <p>Attend the ACLAC-sponsored World Asthma Day event on May 7th at 1209 W. 39th St., LA, 90037 from 9:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m. RSVP to Janet Scully at jscully@ph.lacounty.gov.</p>
<p>Presentation: “Regulating Tobacco Use in Apartments and Condominiums”</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Esther shared her personal story: She was often sick as a child with asthma. She became a teacher to be safe from tobacco smoke, but teachers were permitted to smoke in the classrooms in LA County at that time. • Esther provided background information on smoke-free multi-unit housing policies, current information about drifting tobacco smoke, and discussed the Santa Monica Smoke-Free Housing Ordinance, including pros & cons of the law. • Coalition Member (CM) Question: If there is a family living above a restaurant where people are smoking outside near the doorway, is that included in the law? Esther Schiller (ES) Answer: This is not currently included in the smoke-free ordinance, but should be included. In LA City, people are not supposed to smoke on restaurant patios. • CM Question: Is an employer required to provide an area for smokers? ES Answer: No, this is not required. There is no constitutional right to smoke. • CM Question: For a city like LA without a no-smoking ordinance, can landlords be sued for discrimination for evicting a tenant for smoking? ES Answer: No, but you can go to the rent control board for being required to change their lease contract. 	<p>Access Esther’s full presentation online at the ACLAC’s web page.</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ES Question to members: What should a family with smoke coming into their unit in the city of LA do? CM Answer(s): Contact the child’s school nurse, who can provide a letter to the landlord of the effects of smoke on the child’s health in order to provide the child reasonable accommodations. • CM Question: Why are landlords allowing tenants to smoke? ES Answer: Cities that have rent control are required to maintain the original terms of the lease, so that a smoker who has been smoking in the unit for years cannot be evicted for smoking. • CM Question: Do you worry about criminalizing a substance abuse issue (smoking)? ES Answer: Smoking is a behavior, and criminalizing it would be a big mistake. We want to help people to quit smoking. The American Lung Association states that 70% of people who smoke want to quit. • CM Question: Do you have experience with providers of permanent housing for the homeless? ES Answer: Santa Monica excludes those kinds of housing from smoke-free ordinances. You can approach it as a progression, and try to get homeless tenants to quit smoking. • CM Question: What is preventing the 70% of people who want to quit smoking from doing so? ES Answer: Their addiction (to smoking). • CM Question: When dealing with someone who’s an addict and wants to quit, why not focus on that? How do you deal with the addiction without people losing their housing? ES Answer: The Santa Monica ordinance, and others that are similar, do not cause people to lose their housing. A 25 cent tax on cigarettes has been used in CA to provide smoking cessation education and information. When people are being constantly reminded of smoking through exposure to tobacco smoke, it makes it harder to quit. • CM Question: Has anyone approached you about people who are smoking medical marijuana and applying the tobacco smoking laws to that? ES Answer: Yes, people have already called with that complaint, but that’s not yet part of my scope of work. • CM Question: The last time we talked about this topic, we mentioned the lack of data on smoke-free housing policies and how effective there are. Is there more data now? ES Answer: We don’t know how these policies are working out yet. • Esther stated that most people don’t complain about drifting tobacco smoke, yet that is what is needed to enforce the smoke-free laws. 	
<p>Workgroup Updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strategic Planning Process Status & Next Steps • Upcoming Meeting Dates and Agenda Items 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Clinical</u>: The group already established 6 new objectives, and met in April to discuss strategies for these new objectives. The group discussed that there are providers who are not treating asthmatic patients well, as well as underserved areas. The group also discussed ideas to expand the Breathmobile program in other parts of the County, such as providing technical assistance to other organizations that want to start a program. • <u>Schools</u>: The next meeting is on May 1st from 11am-1pm at Nursing Services. All are welcome to attend. The group is currently working on strategic plan objectives. A big accomplishment was the PUSD passage of the Asthma Management Policy, and they’re now trying to get LAUSD to work on an asthma policy. PUSD hoping to get endorsement through LA County Board of Education for an LAUSD policy. • <u>Indoor Environment</u>: The group met twice since the objectives were approved by the SC. They 	<p>Contact the Workgroup Co-Chairs or Monica for information on upcoming meetings. Co-Chair contact information is available on the ACLAC web page on the “Workgroup Solicitation Flyer.”</p>

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	<p>have been working on creating strategies and making work plans. Some of their strategies include IPM, indoor air quality, better collaboration with partners, and outreach to new members. The next meeting is on May 22nd at 10 a.m. at CES.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Outdoor Environment</u>: The group has a lot of items that go into state and federal policies, such as the outdoor dining policies. They will look at outdoor air policies to promote, and work to collaborate with other workgroups to implement the cross-cutting objectives. Carrie will do a doodle poll to schedule the next meeting. 	
Announcements from the Floor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jessica Tovar from LBACA provided an update on the I-710 project and announced the upcoming PACE training for previously-trained providers. A flyer was already sent out to the Coalition with details. LBACA is also hosting an Asthma Resource Fair on May 8th from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at Admiral Kidd Park in Long Beach. • Barlow Respiratory Hospital just joined the ACLAC, and they treat respiratory illnesses that other hospitals cannot treat. They recently discovered that the schools in the area have a very high incidence of asthma, so they would like to have an event for Asthma Awareness month at the hospital, in cooperation with the Schools/Outdoor Environment workgroups, to help parents learn more about preventing and managing asthma. • The ALA is having their 40th annual asthma management camp for children with moderate to severe asthma. There is a \$35 fee, which can be waived if a camper cannot pay. They are still recruiting volunteers (nurses, respiratory therapists, physicians, etc.). 	

Recorded by Monica Morello.