

Welcome



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Welcome and Introductions

Please tell us...

- * What is your name?
- * Where do you work?
- * Please share a highlight from November/December!



Approve those minutes!

General Updates



Policy Updates: Reimbursement

Patient-Centered Health Home: Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) is currently developing its Health Home Program (HHP), which will provide increased care coordination and certain expanded services for select portions of the Medi-Cal population. DHCS released a concept paper in December outlining their proposed program and plans on submitting final program parameters to the feds before the end of the year. In the concept paper, patient eligibility extends to those individuals with two of a long list of chronic conditions; **asthma is included in that list.**

Reimbursement: 1115 Waiver

- * DHCS has been finalizing its initial application/concept paper to the Center for Medicaid and Medicare Services to “waive” various Medicaid rules in order to try new types of care delivery in hopes of improving health outcomes, providing better care, and lowering health care utilization costs. The current waiver expired at the end of December and rumor has it that the new Waiver has been finalized.
- * The state did recently announce a “[conceptual agreement](#)” with the feds that included Whole Person Care pilots, which may provide additional support for local groups to address home environmental triggers with non-licensed professionals. ACLAC signed on to RAMP’s recent letter in support of that pilot program!

Federal Funding

- * As you've probably heard, Congress recently approved an appropriations package for the current 2016 fiscal year. Funding for the National Asthma Control Program has increased slightly, to \$29m from \$27m. Hopefully, this is the beginning of increased funding for asthma programs nationally.

Reimbursement: Preventive Services Rule

As shared in past updates, effective January 1st, 2014, the Centers for Medicaid and Medicare Services (CMS) changed Medicaid regulations regarding the types of providers that can be reimbursed for preventive services.

ACLAC is working with RAMP, who continues to talk with other stakeholders and policymakers within the asthma, chronic disease and public health fields about how the rule can be implemented here in CA, and continues to convene an informal workgroup to discuss opportunities and next steps. RAMP has also been reaching out to managed care organizations to better understand their interest in the rule.

Reimbursement: Accountable Communities for Health

This community-based, public health model – in which asthma will likely play a key role – was a cornerstone of the state’s “CalSIM” application that the feds ultimately did not fund. However, it looks like several California foundations are stepping into the gap and the program will roll out in sometime in 2016. Our understanding is that asthma will be one of the priority conditions addressed, so it’s important for groups to learn more about this opportunity and start connecting with other organizations in your community that may consider applying.

Housing

- * The California Healthy Housing Coalition (CHHC) is developing policy proposals for 2016 related to mold, lead, and IPM. If you're interested in being more directly involved in the housing discussion, join CHHC at www.CAHealthyHousing.org
- * CHHC will be holding its annual meeting in Sacramento on February 22-23. For more info, see Loretta or Ashley after the meeting.

Opportunities To Advance Climate Health at State and Local Levels

Key Clean Air Goals for CA

Climate Targets

- 2020: return to 1990 levels
- 2030: 40% below 1990
- 2050: 80% below 1990

2030 Short Lived Climate Pollutants

- 50% Black Carbon
- 40% Methane
- 40% F-Gases

ZEV Targets

- 2020: Achieve 1M ZEVS
- 2025: 15% ZEV sales
- 2025: 1.5M ZEVs

Fuel Targets

- 2020: 10% cut in climate pollution in fuels
- 2030: 50% cut in petroleum consumption

Outdoor Air Quality – Freight

- * The California Cleaner Freight Coalition (CCFC) continues its efforts to create transformational changes to the freight transportation system in California in order to protect the public's health, clean the environment, and promote social justice and equity. This was developed in response to Governor Jerry Brown's executive order calling on multiple state agencies to collaborate on the development of the sustainable freight strategy by mid-2016

Advocacy Opportunities – Outdoor Air

- **Supporting Strong Air/Climate Policies in 2016**
 - * Defend Federal Clean Air Act
 - * AB 32 Scoping Plan Update
 - * Short Lived Climate Pollutants
 - * Cap and trade investments
 - * Zero emission vehicle policies
 - * Cleaner Freight
 - * Smart Growth
- **Educate on Climate/Health Link to Support Local Action**
 - * Support strong Climate Plans
 - * Meet with elected officials to support strong climate policies and pass climate resolutions
 - * Climate messages on websites/newsletters/social media



\$2 Tobacco tax increase in 2016

"RAISE CALIFORNIA'S TOBACCO TAX TO SAVE LIVES AND FUND TREATMENT, RESEARCH & PREVENTION OF CANCER & TOBACCO RELATED DISEASE"



\$2 WOULD MEAN:

MORE THAN 100,000 CALIFORNIAN LIVES SAVED FROM SMOKING CAUSED DEATH



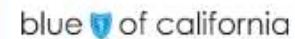
\$2 WOULD MEAN:

PREVENTING 150,000 YOUNG PEOPLE A YEAR FROM EVER STARTING TO SMOKE



\$2 WOULD MEAN:

CALIFORNIA WOULD SAVE OVER 13 BILLION IN LONG TERM HEALTH CARE COSTS



PIF Grant update

Date: January 12 – final training took place and we trained 79 health care providers in Antelope Valley on the National Asthma Educator Certification Board Guidelines of Care, such as proper medication and device use with hands on demonstrations, the importance of Asthma Action Plans, and step up/down therapy.



CA Asthma Partners Updates

- * Webinar –January 20, CAP hosted a webinar with over 100 people to learn about the AE-C exam
www.asthmapartners.org
- * Future webinars will include another AE-C prep webinar, “How to Advocate for your Asthmatic Child in School”, “Ask the Expert”, Asthma Action Plans, and EIB
- * New website look and blog – if you wish to write a short blog entry highlighting your asthma program/project for the website, let Loretta know.

Fundraising Efforts for ACLAC

- * The online auction was up for a total of three weeks and brought in \$420!
- * **World Asthma Day/Asthma Awareness Month projects – raised \$10,000 – NEED VOLUNTEERS**
 - * Educational Forum with African American communities in Watts and surrounding areas to raise awareness of asthma management/control/barriers to care Focus groups with individuals from above forum to get in-person qualitative data to inform asthma care
 - * Host a 2-day AE-C Institute specifically designed for Respiratory Therapists to increase number of RTs who specialize in asthma care

Presentation: UCLA SAFE Project

Marlene Gomez, MPH
UCLA, Smoke-free Air for Everyone

Pass the Hat!



Workgroups: Work Plan Development

ACLAC member survey – top choices

Outdoor Environments

- * Develop a policy workgroup
- * Increase collaboration with efforts to reduce air pollution
- * Partner w smoke-free outdoor air efforts
- * Join walkable/livable neighborhood efforts

Indoor Air

- * Join smoke-free housing efforts
- * More CHW trainings (for CHWs not trained in asthma)
- * Develop system for CHWs to share info w providers of asthma patients

Workgroups: Work Plan Development

ACLAC member survey – top choices

Asthma-Friendly Schools

- * Develop and conduct trainings for school staff on asthma
- * Develop screening tool on Exercise-Induced Asthma for use in schools to increase students' physical activity in school
- * Develop a campaign to increase the use of a single Asthma Action Plan

Clinical/Healthcare

- * Develop asthma health and medication use trainings for use with foster staff and families
- * Develop pilot project to reduce ED visits by developing a treatment team of RT's, CHWs, provider, and hospital/clinic
- * Develop a campaign to increase the use of a single Asthma Action Plan
- * Conduct more healthcare provider trainings on EPR-3 guidelines

Agency Announcements

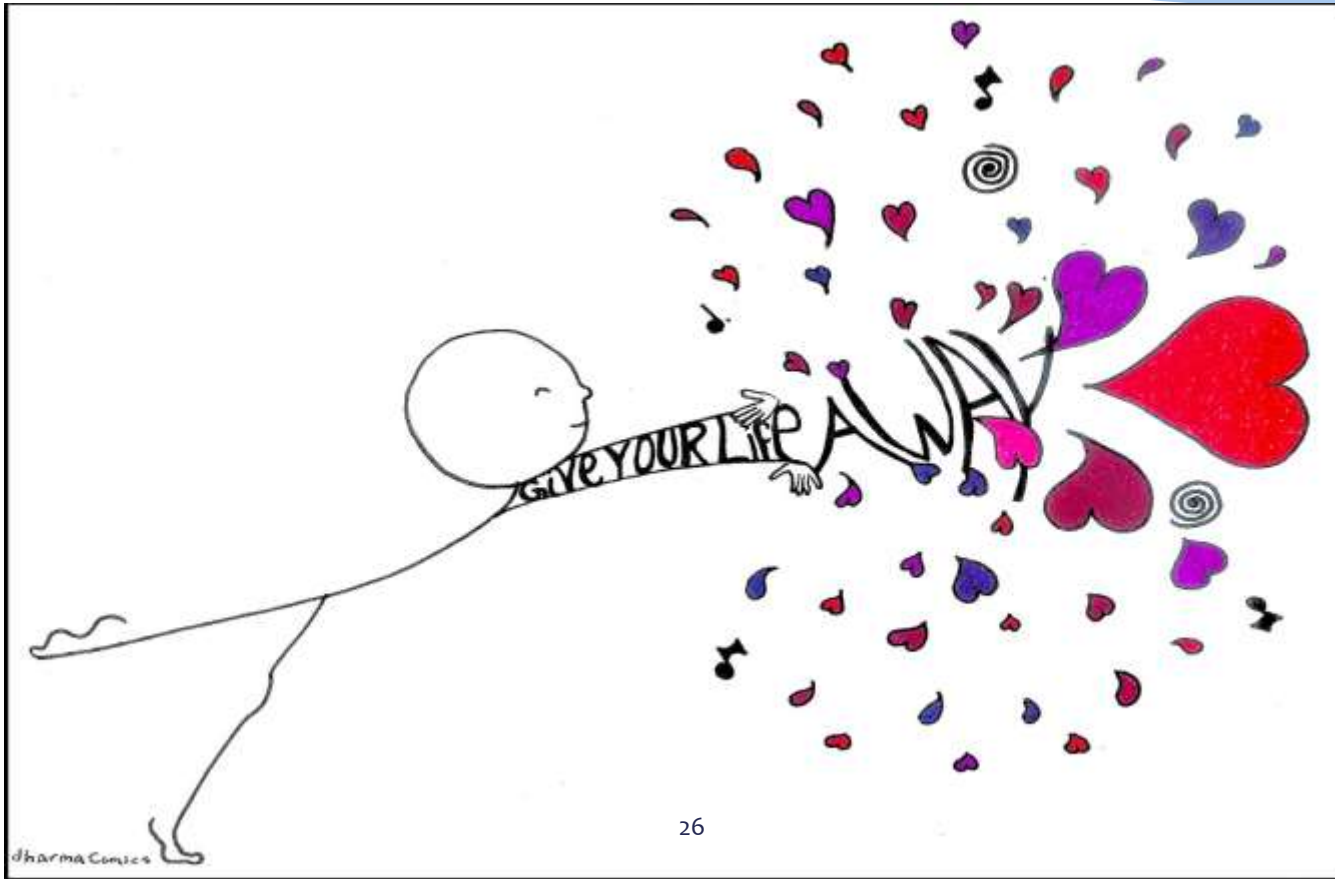


Meeting Evaluations

- * Please finish filling out the evaluation form
- * Write your **comments** in the boxes!
- * Return them and put in the manila folder



Making Lives Better DRAWING!!!



Thanks for your participation!

Next Meeting:
Monday,
April 25, 2016

Location:
California
Endowment

