

**ASTHMA COALITION OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY
GENERAL COALITION MEETING**

**CA Endowment, 1000 N. Alameda St, Los Angeles
Meeting Minutes
July 25, 2016**

ISSUE/TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION/FINDINGS
<p>Welcome & Introductions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review and approve minutes • Greet new members 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting was opened at 1:25 by Ashley Kissinger. • Introductions were conducted. • Minutes were approved as written. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Membership forms can be found on our website • A copy of the minutes will be available on our website – www.asthmacoalitionLA.org
<p>General Updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Policy updates • Workgroup Updates (request for workgroup chairs) • Event Updates 	<p><u>POLICY UPDATES:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anthony Ortiz-Luis from American Lung Association (ALA) provided a policy update. There will be a \$2 tax initiative for cigarettes on the November ballot (Proposition 56). Funds raised would go to tobacco education, research and treatment. • Ashley provided Community Action to Fight Asthma (CAFA) Policy Updates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ AB 2362 (Chu) – requires notification to tenants when pesticides are applied in home owners associations. Currently awaiting a vote on the Senate Floor. ○ AB 1550 (Gomez) - requires an additional 25% of cap and trade investments go to benefitting low income households. Bill in Senate Appropriations. ○ AB 1644 (Bonta) – helps schools increase their capacity to support students dealing with trauma. Bill in Senate Appropriations. ○ AB 1815 (Alejo) – establishes technical assistance program for disadvantaged communities wanting to apply for climate change projects. Died in the Senate. ○ SB 1382 (Lara) – requires regulations to reduce emissions of black carbon, and other “super pollutants”. Bill in Assembly Appropriations. ○ SB 1000 (Leyva) – requires cities to include an Environmental Justice Element in general plans. Bill in Assembly Appropriations. ○ SB 1400 (Wieckowski) – restricts the sale of tobacco products to tobacco shops. Died in the Assembly. 	

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	<p><u>WORKGROUP UPDATES:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clinical Workgroup – Janet briefly explained the PIF Asthma Grant to the group since there were many new attendees. She also mentioned the Respiratory Care Symposium and the Watts Health Center collaboration. • Indoor Workgroup – This past year, the workgroup has looked into collaborating on trainings for CHWs, specifically for CHWs not trained in asthma. Also, developing a feedback loop (or systemic change) for CHWs to share information with providers regarding asthma patients (i.e. developing an asthma care team that includes CHWs!) • Outdoor Workgroup – This past year, the outdoor air workgroup has taken on a more policy focus as there are many policy efforts related to outdoor air pollution. We’ve been trying to target other partners and organizations working in outdoor air in order to increase our collaboration with efforts to reduce air pollution • Asthma Friendly Schools – No update for this workgroup. • Discussed the workgroup session prior to the Coalition Meeting - Hospitals that are engaged with the Coalition and the data they may be able to offer related to ED visits and hospitalizations. • Ashley requested that attendees consider volunteering to be a workgroup co-chair. <p><u>EVENT UPDATES:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Asthma Educator Forum for Respiratory Therapists (RT) took place on May 20-21. Purpose was to increase the number of RTs who specialize in asthma care. Over 160 RTs attended. One participant to date passed the NAECB exam to become a Certified Asthma Educator (AE-C). 93% of participants reported they intend to take the NAECB exam in the next 12 months. • Asthma Action Symposium and Focus Groups with African American Communities in Watts and the surrounding areas was implemented on June 13th. The 3-hour event was comprised of patient education and a hands on medication demonstration, followed by a 2-hour focus group session. The focus group results and event evaluation are underway. 	<p>Question – a coalition member who has gone to a previous training to prep for the Asthma Educator Forum asked if she could be eligible for a scholarship.</p>
<p>Presentation: Social Determinants of Health Framework and Healthier Housing = Healthier Communities Initiative</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Katie Balderas, Policy Analyst with the LA County Department of Public Health, gave an excellent presentation about the Social Determinants of Health and creating healthier communities. Below are a few highlights from her presentation. • Showed a powerful video titled “A Tale of Two Zip Codes” https://youtu.be/Eu7dOBMRt0o 	<p>For more information please contact Katie Balderas at kbalderas@ph.lacounty.gov</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The County Health Rankings indicate social and economic factors (e.g. education, employment, income, family social support, community safety) account for 40% of health outcomes. • The Department of Public Health (DPH) published a report on Housing and Health in 2015. The report is available on the DPH website. http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/ • Three major links between housing and health – unaffordable housing, housing instability and quality housing. • LA County’s lowest income renters spend 71% of their income on rent. • Lack of stable housing increases levels of depression, anxiety and stress; can have negative impacts on children (disruption in school instruction, increased absenteeism, disruption of peer networks, interference in development of close relationships). Has been associated with increases in teen pregnancy, drug use and depression in adolescents. • Over the last couple decades there has been a shift to provide housing first, and then combining that housing with supportive treatment services in the areas of mental and physical health, substance abuse, education, and employment. Housing first model proven effective at keeping people housed, working towards recovery, and is cost-effective. • Housing Quality – according to 2011 LA Health Survey, 7% of households, about 220,000 households, reported mold issues, 12% of households, or about 368,000 homes reported that their homes had cockroaches or mice, among households with children, 16.7%, or about 199,000 homes, were exposed to tobacco smoke in the home. • Katie shared the “6 Ps” framework for Social Determinants. This framework provides action opportunities – Program Inventory, Publish Materials, Partnerships, Push, Presence on Web and Policy. • Katie’ slides will be sent out with the meeting minutes. 	
<p>Introduction to the Los Angeles City Attorney Environmental Justice and Protection</p>	<p>Jessica Brown – Supervisor in the Office of the City Attorney’s Office</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Big focus on enforcing the environmental laws that exist. Working on several high profile cases such as the SoCalGas Aliso Canyon Gas Leak and AllenCo oil drilling. • Interested in partnering with the Coalition. The Coalition has been a great resource for the City Attorney’s Office. • Hookah Lounges were talked about as an example of an industry that has identified a loophole and is actually operating out of compliance. 	<p>Ashley recommended that we invite them back for a more in depth presentation at the next meeting.</p>

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Announcements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CAP Webinar on Exercise Induced Bronchialspasms – August 9th at 11:30am (speaker TBD) • Children’s Clinic Annual 5k walk – Saturday, November 5th at the Shoreline Aquatic Park. For more information visit TCC Beach Walk 2016 • CAP Webinar on patient education, asthma action plans, and the importance of flu vaccinations – August 19th at 1:00pm (speaker – Dr. Scott Takahashi) • Next meeting – Monday, October 25th from 1:00pm-3:30pm – location TBD 	<p>For more information about the webinars visit www.asthmapartners.org</p>

Recorded by Janet Scully