

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

**Meeting Notes
January 25, 2010**

| ISSUE/TOPIC | DISCUSSION | ACTION/FINDINGS |
|--|--|-----------------|
| <p>Welcome and Introductions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review minutes | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting was called to order at 1:35pm • Thank you to Martha for providing lunch today • Introductions of coalition members • Review of minutes • Donations were collected from members - over \$130 raised | |
| <p>Strategic Plan Update</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At the last coalition meeting Arcela (Strategic Planning Consultant) shared the report created containing the Coalition Self-Assessment results and the Strategic Planning Process Summary – anyone who wants to review the assessment results/planning process can let her know. • Arcela will also be working with each of the individual workgroups. It is important for everyone to have the Asthma State Strategic Plan in order to refer to. It will make it easier for us to know what is already happening statewide around asthma. At the next workgroup meeting, she will be presenting highlights of each topic. • There is a list of people who attended each workgroup from the last meeting that will be e-mailed to the workgroup chairs in case anyone forgot which workgroup they signed up for. It's very important to get input from everyone regarding the workgroups. | |
| <p>Workgroup Updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clinical • Indoor Air/Healthy Homes • Outdoor Air • Schools | <p>Nancy (indoor air/ healthy homes workgroup) –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First meeting was held last week. Helen Campbell from the Health Homes Collaborative is now the new co-chair. Their group would like to rotate presenting the progress of the group for the general meetings. Helen presented the results at today's meeting. • Identified 4 priority areas (short term, long term) – Promotores, second hand smoke at multi-housing family level (focus on policy that supports behavior change), working with new leader at department and data sharing – share resources among coalition members • Funding needs – focusing on behavior change • Code enforcement –alignment between city and county of Los Angeles. They want to highlight best practices that work for this coalition • Next meeting March 19th <p>Carrie (outdoor air workgroup) –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Had a conference call with the group that was very successful. • Short term – smoke free outdoor policies – on Jan 20th a new outdoor dining ordinance was passed and will take effect over the next year. ACLAC presented a letter of support and testified at the LA City Council Meeting • New Proposed Legislation – on January 25th West Hollywood city council will meet to discuss | |

| ISSUE/TOPIC | DISCUSSION | ACTION/FINDINGS |
|--|---|-----------------|
| | <p>an outdoor dining policy. Workgroup representatives will be at this meeting as well.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Long term – outdoor air pollution – California air resources board - goods movement (marine vessel and locomotive emissions reductions) looking to be targeted. • EPA is working on New Ozone Standards. ACLAC is working on a letter of support for this effort. • Timeline for new Ozone standards – Feb 4th – public comments in Sacramento, CA August, 31 – EPA issues final standards, December 2013 – state implementation plans for how state will meet attainment due to EPA, 2014-2031- state requires to meet new standard <p>Yolanda (Schools workgroup) –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Main focus is on the Asthma action plans. • Short term goal – survey school nurses to see how many of them have asthma action plans for their students • Long term- Develop a policy that will make sure all students with asthma to have an asthma action plan on file at their school • American Lung Association – working to train LAUSD PE teachers on asthma – already trained over 215 teachers. Last year they were able to train over 800 teachers. • Research previous asthma actions plans to see what plans have worked the best • Funding – survey free using survey monkey. Budget is \$1,000 to implement the asthma action plans. • Asthma in school – students are allowed to carry medication with them as long as the physician and parent fill out and sign an Asthma action plan. CA state law says that any child can carry their medication as long as there is consent. • Dr. Vinetz suggested workgroups to develop some strategies on how to deal with or approach problems in schools regarding asthma medications, lack of school nurses and medication handling. Possibly create an asthma information sheet for parents to let them know that its not the school’s responsibility to take care of the child’s asthma medication – it’s the parents responsibility • Community physicians also need to be educated about asthma and schools – they are not always educating children and their families about how to properly use their medications • Carrie Van Frank got an OK to survey all nurses in the Pasadena School District • Next meeting TBD – currently working on creating questions that will be asked in the survey. <p>Dr. Vinetz (clinical workgroup) –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identified 3-4 physicians that will also be part of this workgroup. They have not yet had a meeting, but plan on meeting within the next 3-4 weeks. | |
| <p>Presentation: South LA Declaration for Health and Human Rights – How can Coalition members get involved?</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Copy of South Los Angeles Declaration of Health and Human Rights document was passed around to coalition members. • June 5th 2009, the first South Los Angeles Health and Human Rights conference was held. More than 700 registered people attended. Attendees were divided into ten workgroups, | |

| ISSUE/TOPIC | DISCUSSION | ACTION/FINDINGS |
|---|--|-----------------|
| | <p>some of these groups included the right to health, the right to education and employment and the right to dignity and safety.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On December 10th 2009, the final draft document was revealed. The specific rights generated from each of the workgroups were presented and the document was signed. • Members of the coalition were asked to sign onto the document if they are involved in this community and are interested in getting involved in this effort • Individuals can help by following the website in order to help advance the agenda in their area of expertise. As we move forward as a coalition, we should try and take a human rights approach to each of the workgroups. | |
| <p>Upcoming Asthma Coalition Fundraiser</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wine tasting at the San Antonio Winery – April 24th from 2-4pm | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Invitations were passed out to all members. All members were asked to take at least 10 and distribute them to people who might be interested in attending. • We are currently looking for vendors as well as donations for the fundraiser • We are also looking for a parent to come and talk about their experience with children diagnosed with asthma. • One coalition member suggested that all members of the coalition who attend the fundraiser should wear badges to show people attending who they are in case they have questions about the coalition. • Looking for people to help sponsor the fundraiser – possibly AQMD? • Tickets will be \$30 in advance, \$35 at the door • Wal-Mart and Costco are good about providing donations – may need to give them a letter at least six months in advance • American Lung Association has agreed to be the fiscal agent for the Coalition - people who write checks can make them out to the American Lung Association | |
| <p>Announcements</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AQMD will soon be releasing an RFP to fund projects that address conditions caused by air pollution – asthma fits perfectly for this RFP. • Nancy – letter from coalition due by Jan 27th, to help protest the luxury housing building that is to be built in South Los Angeles • Katie – SCAMP camp sign ups coming soon. It’s a great opportunity for children with Asthma to attend. \$30 registration fee. • Kickin’ Asthma and Open Airways training Feb 22-23 - \$50 to take the training course with the American Lung Association • Meeting ended at 3:22pm | |

Recorded by Sarah Sayad (MCAH Intern)