

ASTHMA COALITION OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY GENERAL COALITION MEETING

**Meeting Notes
January 27, 2014**

ISSUE/TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION/FINDINGS
Welcome & Introductions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review and approve minutes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jennifer opened the meeting at 1:15pm. • The minutes were approved as written. 	
General Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Status of the ACLAC Strategic Plan • ACLAC actions and legislative support • Status of PIF proposal • Financial report 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monica gave updates on the Coalition since the October general meeting. • The ACLAC Strategic Plan is undergoing review by DPH External Relations. DPH/MCAH will print the document. • The ACLAC signed on to two ALA letters of support to the Strategic Growth Council and to the governor. • The PIF proposal was submitted on Jan. 10th and the presentation to the PIB Advisory Committee took place on Jan. 22nd. The Advisory Committee recommended to the PIB that we get fully funded. The next presentation to the PIB will take place on Feb. 3rd. • The ACLAC will likely need to conduct a fundraising event this year to supplement funds in our general account to pay for general meetings. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monica will share the general meeting presentation, with links to more information about the ALA policies that the ACLAC signed on to.
Coalition Dialogue <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organization updates • Success stories 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Vinetz provided an update on Queenscare, which has changed its name to Queenscare Health Centers. They are starting to use spirometry in all their clinics, which is used to determine how fast and hard over time a person can blow air out of their lungs and for asthma diagnosis. They will be training all their clinicians and CHWs to administer spirometry testing at all scheduled visits. • Glendale Adventist Medical Center – They are working on a tobacco cessation project with Armenian-American physicians. They will provide the curriculum in the Armenian language and the program will be evaluated. • Esperanza Community Housing Corporation – They are teaming with the CA Hospital Medical Center on a project to provide in-home visiting for asthma trigger remediation. It is a 3-year project funded through UniHealth. They are looking for resources such as pillowcase covers, filters, etc. • Inner City Law Center – They have attorneys that can help tenants with housing issues such as exacerbated asthma due to living conditions. They work to avoid eviction and work with all parties to figure out a solution. • Foothill Transit – They are celebrating their 25th anniversary this year. They 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue to provide status updates on projects that were shared at the meeting. Report back on evaluation/outcomes as they become available. • Monica will share links to the Dateline NBC series on asthma, “Breathless”. • Contact Monica if you have asthma remediation supplies or contacts that can be referred to Esperanza for their project.

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	<p>have retired all of their diesel buses. They're investing in new park and ride lots with 600 spots available. The system travels from Montclair to downtown LA, typically along the 10 freeway, with 315 buses in service.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A full asthma series titled "Breathless" aired on Dateline NBC in early January. It highlights the impact of environmental triggers on asthma. 	
<p>Presentation: Use of a Community-Based Participatory Approach to Assess and Address Children's Exposure to Air Pollutants</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A member asked if there is continuous monitoring of the AQ levels. The presenter responded that it changes over time, but there is a need to strike a balance on measurements collected. They are hoping for support from AQMD and others to measure more, as there is a need for more quantitative data. • A co-presenter suggested to the group to think of trade journals that principals and school administrators read so that they can select the most appropriate ones to publish this type of research. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation slides will be available on the ACLAC website at www.asthmacoalitionla.org.
<p>Presentation: Community-Academic Engagement through Community Monitoring</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A member asked about the movement patterns of ultra-fine particles. The presenter responded that they may coagulate with other particles and become larger particles, and then dissipate. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation slides will be available on the ACLAC website at www.asthmacoalitionla.org.
<p>Announcements from the Floor</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flu Vaccine Recommendations from DPH • Membership Agreements 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LA Care – There is an Association of Asthma Educators that people can join. There's no need to be certified to belong to organization. The association holds a national conference every year, and this year it will be in Texas. • Rx for Prevention – DPH recommends all health care personnel receive the influenza vaccination. The publication was handed out at the meeting. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Email Monica if you are interested in receiving copies of the Rx for Prevention about Influenza recommendations.

Recorded by Monica Morello