

## ASTHMA COALITION OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY GENERAL COALITION MEETING

Meeting Notes  
October 28, 2013

ISSUE/TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION/FINDINGS
Welcome & Introductions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Review and Approve Minutes</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jennifer began the meeting at 1:15 and conducted introductions.</li> <li>• Minutes were approved as written.</li> </ul>	
General Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Status of the ACLAC Strategic Plan</li> <li>• ACLAC Actions &amp; Legislative Support</li> <li>• Medicaid and Community-based Asthma Interventions</li> <li>• Status of PIF proposal</li> <li>• Financial Report</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Janet briefed the coalition on the status of the Strategic Plan. After more than 6 months of planning, the new 5-year plan has updated goals, objectives and strategies. The target release date is this November.</li> <li>• Janet invited coalition members to get involved in ACLAC projects by participating in a workgroup.</li> <li>• A legislative update was provided. SB 488 (Substandard housing regulations – pest infestations) was signed by the Governor. AB 8 (Alternative fuel and vehicle technologies: funding programs) was also signed by the Governor. A similar Bill, SB 11 was vetoed. Safe Routes to School (AB 1194) and California Homes and Jobs Act (SB 391) are 2-year Bills and will be eligible to move forward next year.</li> <li>• Effective Jan 2014, the Centers for Medicaid and Medicare Services (CMS) changed Medicaid regulations to include <b>preventive services</b>. The new rule (adopted in July) allows state Medicaid programs to <b>reimburse</b> for preventive services recommended by a physician or other licensed professional that are provided by <b>non-licensed professionals</b>. Medicaid can cover and pay for <b>clinic or community-based asthma interventions</b> conducted by asthma educators, healthy homes specialists, or other community health workers.</li> <li>• ACLAC and DPH, through the Clinical Workgroup, are partnering with the American Lung Association and the Department of Health Services (DHS) to create a proposal for the Productivity Investment Fund (PIF). The PIF is a fund set up by the County Board of Supervisors to support innovative projects that improve the efficiency and effectiveness of County services. The project aims to train high-need primary care providers and clinical support staff at DHS clinics on effective asthma management strategies and the new DHS asthma protocols in order to decrease asthma exacerbations and improve asthma control and management. The proposal is due January 10, 2014. Janet invited Coalition members to help with the grant writing process by joining the clinical workgroup.</li> <li>• Financial report- the Coalition fund balance is about \$2,000.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Send any data you have on health outcomes and return on investment of asthma education and/or home visiting programs to: <a href="mailto:mmorello@ph.lacounty.gov">mmorello@ph.lacounty.gov</a></li> <li>• Help establish qualification standards for home visiting services. Send information about the type of training, qualifications and/or certifications that you/your organization have used for home visiting programs to Monica.</li> </ul>
Pass the Hat & Take a Break	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Janet initiated the “pass the hat.”</li> </ul>	

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<p>Presentation: <b>“PLAN for a Healthy Los Angeles”</b> by Lys Mendez, Outreach Coordinator for the Los Angeles Department of City Planning, Health and Wellness Chapter</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• LA City is working on a new general plan. The general plan is a policy document that dictates where growth and development will take place. A Health and Wellness Committee was established to ensure that health is incorporated into the general plan.</li> <li>• A Health Atlas was created to get a sense of the issues and to determine the focus of resources. Examples include: 1) the Hardship Index indicates where the greatest level of hardship exists in the County; 2) Childhood obesity and motor collisions with pedestrians and cyclists data are mapped to show hot spots; 3) the Community health and Equity Index are also indicators to inform the general plan.</li> <li>• <b>www.Healthyplan.LA</b> - Interactive website tool to look at a variety of health indicator data.</li> <li>• The Health and Wellness Chapter is funded by DPH and TCE – in part to engage key stakeholders and communities. They are in the process of conducting a variety of workshops to educate about health as a priority for the city and obtain feedback from communities, decision makers and stakeholders.</li> <li>• Documented community issues – lack of: healthy foods, recreational activities, active transportation options, healthy housing and health services. Concerns about crime, EJ, poverty, educational attainment and incompatible land uses.</li> <li>• Preliminary goals: be a leader in health and equity, a city built for health, bountiful parks and open space, environment where lives thrive, equitable opportunities for all, food that nourishes the body and soul, services that support well-being, safe neighborhoods.</li> <li>• Draft of the plan expected in early 2014 and will contain examples of ordinances, such as ways to increase park access or access to healthier food.</li> <li>• There are 3 advisory committees that comprise the Health and Wellness Chapter – community advisory committee, technical advisory committee, and an expert panel.</li> <li>• For more information contact Lys Mendes – <a href="mailto:lys.mendez@lacity.org">lys.mendez@lacity.org</a>, (213) 978-1207</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What can the Asthma Coalition do? – review and comment on the plan document when it is released. Stay engaged in the process. Help get the word out about the project.</li> </ul>
<p>Announcements from the Floor</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Membership Agreements</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jennifer asked meeting participants to complete and submit the membership forms.</li> <li>• LAUSD - putting on a 5k run – “Run/Walk Move it 5K” – at Dodger Stadium on November 16<sup>th</sup>. Need volunteers, donations and sponsors.</li> <li>• Breathe LA is hosting their COPD Conference on November 20<sup>th</sup> - Dr. Fielding is the keynote speaker.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Monica to e-mail announcements about the LAUSD 5K and Breathe LA COPD Conference out to the membership.</li> </ul>
<p>Workgroup Break-Out Session</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Updates</li> <li>• Strategic Planning</li> <li>• Next Meeting Date</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Workgroups met to discuss updates, work plans and their next meeting date.</li> </ul>	

Recorded by Janet Scully