



**ASTHMA COALITION OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY
ASTHMA COALITION STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING**

**Meeting Notes
August 15, 2013**

Attendees: Amelia Johnson (SJWCFC), Amy Lightstone (DPH-OHAE), Janet Scully (DPH-MCAH), Jennifer Clark (Breathe LA), Jessica Tovar (LBACA), Katie Balderas (DPH-MCAH), Monica Morello (DPH-MCAH), Francisco Covarrubias (ICLC), Regina Clemente (SJWCFC), Robert Vinetz (Queenscare), Yolanda Cuevas (LAUSD)

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Welcome & introductions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CDC PHPS advisor site visit 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monica introduced her PHPS advisor, Latasha Sanders, who was conducting her annual site visit. 		
Review agenda & minutes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minutes & action items from June meeting 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jennifer reviewed May & June minutes and action items. • June minutes were approved as written. • New workgroup Co-Chairs were announced: Scott Takahashi, PharmD, from Kaiser Permanente for the Clinical Workgroup; Jessica Tovar from LBACA for the OAQ Workgroup. 		
ACLAC Strategic Planning <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discuss and approve workgroup strategies 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Vinetz reviewed the Clinical Workgroup strategies. No comments or questions. • Yolanda Cuevas reviewed the Schools Workgroup strategies. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ LAUSD is the second largest school district in the nation. ○ Yolanda met with the president of LACOE, Susan Chaides, to work on strategy 2 (engage LACOE for positive asthma management strategies). ○ Janet suggested revising strategy 3 to reciprocate the collaboration of the Schools Workgroup with the Clinical Workgroup. ○ Dr. Vinetz commented on the importance of working 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Find out who at DHS is working on the new AAP form. 2) Develop FY 2013 work plans. 3) Assign sections of the Strategic Plan document to all SC members by August 19th. 4) Review Strategic Plan assigned sections, make edits, and return 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Janet 2) All Workgroup Co-Chairs 3) Monica 4) All SC Members

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	<p>together rather than in silos. DHS is currently creating its own AAP form without input from outside organizations, including LAUSD and the ACLAC. Suggestion for the SC to draft a policy statement on ACLAC's position on a unified AAP form for use in primary care in LA County. Need to find out who at DHS is working on the AAP form.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The ACLAC should provide TA to groups in LA County about the components/standards that need to be included in an AAP form from a school perspective. ● Francisco reviewed the IAQ strategies. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The workgroup will start working on the Work Plan at their next meeting on Wednesday, August 21st. ○ SJWCFC met with housing inspectors to discuss strategy 1 (recommendations for improvement of housing inspections). ○ SB 488 (pest infestations) passed this week. May help LA County because currently pest infestations can only be cited for multi-unit housing of 5 or more units. ● Jessica reviewed the OAQ strategies. No comments/questions. 	<p>back to Monica by Sept. 9th.</p>	
<p>LA County Asthma Brief</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Feedback & recommendations for data & content 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Amy Lightstone from the DPH Office of Health Assessment & Epidemiology reviewed the LA County Health Survey data. ● The data includes both adult and child components (adult as proxy to answer questions about the child). ● DPH works to disseminate the data throughout LA, including through the LA Health Brief. ● ACLAC's components of the Asthma Brief would include the introduction, recommendations, and highlights. ● Available data to include in the brief include prevalence of asthma and activity limitation, missed school/daycare days due to asthma, take medications and ER visits due to asthma, and possibly insurance status, regular source of care, etc. ● Can include both stable & unstable data in the brief, but must 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Send the link to the LA County Health Survey to the SC. 2) Start a Google or Dropbox document of the ACLAC's sections of the Asthma Brief and share with the ad hoc committee. 3) Conduct initial virtual review of the Asthma Brief draft and make additions, edits, and comments. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Monica 2) Monica 3) Ad hoc committee (Janet, Dr. Vinetz, Jessica, Katie, Monica)

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	<p>include an explanation of what the data mean. Total sample size for 2011 was 6,000 children (9% of whom had asthma).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cost data are needed to drive change (e.g. cost of missed school days). Use data to drive increased resource allocation to asthma (especially by the County/DPH). • Use LAUSD cost estimates of missed school days. • Need to use data to highlight disparities in asthma around the County (e.g. the Antelope Valley). • Highlight physical activity limitations due to asthma and the link to childhood obesity. • Possibility to translate the brief into Spanish, if necessary. • Compare LA data to State data (Asthma Surveillance Report). • Create virtual ad hoc committee to work on the Asthma Brief. Use Box.com or Dropbox to circulate the document. Volunteers include Janet, Dr. Vinetz, Dr. Takahashi (pending), Jessica, Katie, and Monica. 		
<p>CMS Medicaid Regulations & ACLAC Actions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Description of recent changes • Discussion of potential actions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Vinetz reviewed the new CMS regulations regarding the Medicaid prevention rule and community-based services. This may have an impact on CHWs and other non-physician staff to get reimbursed for asthma education & home visitation services. • Next step is to educate legislators locally to get the State to act on these new regulations. Janet spoke with Cara Baldari from First Focus in Washington, DC who is doing research on this topic and would like to know what local coalitions plan to do. • Need for direction from RAMP or CAFA to lead progress on this topic. RAMP will likely begin discussing a plan to give local coalitions actions to take to support the regulations. Monica and/or Jessica will provide updates from the calls to the SC. Next CAFA call is on August 27th. • Other important partners may include BREATHE CA and ALA. Need to find out how RAMP will bring all the groups together. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Discuss the new rule with RAMP and CAFA during regularly scheduled calls and report back to the ACLAC SC. 2) Follow up with Cara Baldari from First Focus about RAMP and/or ACLAC ideas for action to support community-based asthma interventions within state Medicaid programs. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Jessica & Monica 2) Janet

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<p>General Updates & Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ACLAC Member Recruitment List • July general meeting evaluation summary • SC approval to use petty cash for WAD Proclamation frame 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monica reviewed the Recruitment List from the June meeting. • Dr. Marilyn Li was not present to provide an update on her contacts at USC. Other attempted contacts were made with no definitive outcomes as of yet. • Monica sent out a recruitment script in June with specific verbage to include in outreach contacts. • Monica reviewed the general meeting evaluation summary from July. The SC agreed to maintain a break time during the meeting. • Presentations slated for the October meeting include an update on the asthma mapping project (Monica) and an overview of the current work of the LA City Health and Wellness Chapter on outdoor air quality and asthma (Lys Mendez, Outreach Coordinator). • The SC approved use of petty cash to frame the WAD 2013 Proclamation. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Add Health Ed listserv email address to the ACLAC distribution list. 2) Ask Dr. Takahashi who else at Kaiser Permanente we should engage in the ACLAC. 3) Add Wes Reutimann from Day One to the ACLAC distribution list. 4) Make recruitment contacts to Healthcare/Hospital organizations. 5) Make recruitment contact to Glendale Unified School District. 6) Get WAD Proclamation framed. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Monica 2) Monica 3) Monica 4) Dr. Vinetz 5) Yolanda 6) Janet

Recorded by Monica Morello