

ASTHMA COALITION OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY GENERAL COALITION MEETING

California Endowment – 1000 N. Alameda, Los Angeles

Meeting Minutes October 27, 2014

ISSUE/TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION/FINDINGS
<p>Welcome & Introductions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review and approve minutes • Membership Agreement reminder • Greet new members 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting was opened at 1:15 by Francisco Covarrubias • Francisco welcomed folks and we did a round of introductions. • Minutes from our meeting in July were approved. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A copy of the minutes will be available on our website - www.asthmacoalitionLA.org
<p>General Updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ACLAC actions and legislative support • Healthy Housing and Asthma Trainings - Nurses (9/4) – CHWs (9/22-23) • Recent Webinar updates • Availability of Strategic Plan and Asthma Brief • Request for Outdoor Air Quality Chair • Lung Force Walk • Fundraiser in May 2015 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hard copies of policy updates were provided and a focused update on AB32 was discussed. Members were encouraged to contact their legislators to support the continued adherence to all of AB32 regulations. A concern is that fuel companies are requesting another extension from the CAP and this would significantly impact the 2020 goals of AB32. Hard copies of this information, including talking points, were provided to all members. • An update on the September Healthy Housing trainings - 21 Community Health Workers were present for the 8-hour training on the connection between health and housing, indoor air triggers, and green cleaning. A shortened version of this training was also offered to 23 nurses at QueensCare. • Francisco provided an update on the webinar - “California Opportunities for Financing Asthma Prevention and Management” which focused on the wide variety of opportunities to expand support for asthma programs. • Members were reminded of the availability of the two coalition documents, “The Right to Live Asthma Free: Strategic Plan for the Asthma Coalition of Los Angeles County” and “Breathing Easy? Childhood Asthma in Los Angeles County”. • ACLAC’s Outdoor Air Quality Workgroup needs a Chair! We need involvement by members who are interested in environmental pollution efforts and other outdoor air quality issues. • ACLAC will have a team to walk in the LungForce walk for the American Lung Association. A sheet was passed around for members to sign up if they would like to get involved 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Policy updates are available on the ACLAC website • The Asthma Brief and Strategic Plan are available on our website • If you missed the webinar, or would like the chance to review the materials, please visit RAMP’s website www.rampasthma.org/2014/10/webinar-california-opportunities-for-financing-asthma-prevention-and-management-107/ for a webinar recording as well as the presenters’ slides. • Please contact Loretta Worthington or any one of the steering committee members if you would like to get involved!

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ACLAC will have a fundraiser in May of next year to coincide with Asthma Awareness Month. We are seeking any fundraising experts and other interested members to join us to plan our first fundraiser in several years. 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation: The Work of the Promotora 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lupe Hernandez-Gonzalez provided a great presentation and overview of the work of the Promotora and how community health work became popular in the United States. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If you would like to view her presentation, please visit our website.
<p>Panel Discussion with Community Health Workers in the Field</p>	<p>A panel of expert community health workers provided information on issues in the home regarding indoor air triggers for asthma, landlord/tenant issues and how it relates to health, barriers to working with families in the home, and communication tips for addressing difficult topics with families. We really appreciate having the following four folks share their expertise with us:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Toby Rodriguez, Esperanza Community Housing • Irene Mineses, Long Beach Alliance for Children with Asthma • Olivia Leal, QueensCare Health Centers • Silveria Romero, St. John's Well Child and Family Centers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please feel free to contact Loretta Worthington if you wish to have more information on the work of community health workers, or if you want to contact any of the speakers.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pass the Hat & Networking Break • Collect Membership Forms • Collect Evaluations 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evaluations were disseminated after the actual meeting, instead of waiting until after the workgroup break outs. This was done to increase evaluation submissions. A drawing was completed 	
<p>Drawing!</p>	<p>A drawing from all completed evaluation submissions was conducted. Congratulations to Laura Cortez!</p>	<p>This was a fun addition to the meeting. Thank you to Steering Committee Member, Dr. Gary Rachelefsky, for providing the drawing gift!</p>
<p>Workgroup Break-Out Session</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Updates • Work Plan revisions • Next meeting date 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Since the meeting focus was on CHW's, the breakout session for Indoor Air workgroup was quite active and involved. There was a small group of members for both the Schools and the Outdoor Air workgroups. No Clinical/Health Care workgroup occurred. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minutes/notes from these sessions will be made available by workgroup chairs • All workgroups are seeking new members – if interested, please contact Loretta Worthington @ lworthington@ph.lacounty.gov
<p>Announcements from the Floor</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Next Coalition meeting will be on January 26, 2015! Happy Holidays! 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Announcements can be updated during minutes revisions or by emailing Loretta Worthington

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