

Welcome



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Welcome and Introductions

Please tell us...

- * What is your name?
- * Where do you work?
- * One word that describes how you feel about your work to reduce the impact of asthma...



Membership Agreements

ASTHMA COALITION OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY MEMBERSHIP AGREEMENT

Mission Statement:

The Asthma Coalition of Los Angeles County acts as a collective, powerful voice for policy and systems change to prevent, minimize and manage the burden of asthma.

Coalition Goals:

The document "*Controlling Asthma in Los Angeles: A Call to Action*" set the foundation for the goals of the Asthma Coalition. The current strategic plan (under review, 2013-2017) outlines the Coalition's goals to advocate for policy and systems changes in order to accomplish the following:

1. Increase access to and improve quality of health care;
2. Improve indoor air quality in homes;
3. Improve asthma management in schools;
4. Improve outdoor air quality.

In addition, through each of the above goals, the Coalition strives to address racial/ethnic and socioeconomic disparities and promote research related to asthma.

Guiding Beliefs and Principles for Working Together:

We, the members of the Asthma Coalition of Los Angeles County, affirm we have a common purpose. Therefore we commit ourselves to act in synergy, to pursue our shared vision by setting aside competitiveness, to pool our resources to achieve our mission, and to share responsibility for the Coalition's successes and challenges.

We believe that consistency of individual participation over time is important and necessary for successful collaboration. Therefore, Coalition members are encouraged to attend all Coalition meetings and events and to take

- * New Members
- * Renewing Members
- * Returning Members who have not filled one out previously



General Updates

ACLAC Actions & Legislative Support



Action/Accomplishment	Date	Description
Sent letter of support to Governor Brown in support of SB1204 to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by creating incentives to help bring zero- and near-zero emission medium and heavy duty trucks and busses to the road	09/10/14	SB 1204 would not only reduce greenhouse gas emission, but also emissions of co-pollutants that impact people with asthma and other respiratory challenges. SB 1204 can reduce emissions from one of the biggest sources of air pollution, particularly in communities impacted by freight from ports, rail yards, and distribution centers – communities where asthma rates tend to be disproportionately high. This bill can play a significant role in reducing the burden of asthma in California.

ACLAC Actions & Legislative Support

Update	Date	Description
Sent a letter of support to Governor Brown for SB1275 - to increase access to zero-emission vehicles particularly in communities most impacted by air pollution	9/8/14	<p>SB 1275 aims to bring one million electric cars, trucks & buses to CA over next decade and ensure low-income Californians benefit from the transition to a clean transportation sector.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• First, direct the ARB to develop a funding plan to meet the goal of putting 1mill electric vehicles on CA's streets and ensure low-income communities benefit transition.• Second, modifying the existing rebate program and create program for low-SES drivers who wish to purchase or lease an electric car. Also supports new charging infrastructure and electric car sharing.

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Update	Date	Description
Sent a letter of support to Governor Brown for SB 1405 to strengthen the Healthy Schools Act and create healthier, more asthma-friendly schools.	9/24/14	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• SB1405 encourages the use of integrated pest management (IPM) at schools,• SB 1405 can reduce exposure to pests, such as cockroaches and rodents, which can trigger and exacerbate asthma,• IPM practices minimize exposure to pesticides that can also trigger and exacerbate asthma,• SB 1405 helps reduce the risk of accidental exposures by requiring staff to be trained in the proper application of pesticides

ACLAC Actions & Legislative Support

Update	Date	Description
Sent a letter of support to Caltrans – District 7 to encourage that CA-7 option be included and analyzed in the Environmental Impact Report when deciding direction of the I-710 Expansion	9/24/14	<p>ACLAC supports Community Alternative 7 (CA7) because it:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• aligns with greenhouse gas reduction goals of AB 32 and the smart growth objectives of SB 375 goals,• meets the project objectives and• provides simultaneous benefits to local communities most impacted by goods movement truck traffic. <p>Therefore, we requested that CA7 be included and analyzed, in its entirety, in the I-710 Expansion project’s revised and recirculated Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement, including the community enhancement and protection elements of CA7. A complete analysis of CA7 will allow the project partners and the public to have vital information as the agencies choose the best project alternative for the I-710 Corridor.</p>

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Update	Date	Description
Signed on to the group letter to CA Department of Health Care Services that encourages implementation of the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services' (CMS) rule regarding preventive services	10/17/14	<p>Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services' (CMS) rule regarding preventive services (Preventive Services Rule) states that services "may be provided, at state option, by practitioners other than physicians or other licensed practitioners."</p> <p>This letter strongly encourages DHCS to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• utilize a comprehensive, transparent planning approach that starts with a broad definition of preventive services• utilize a robust stakeholder engagement process• ensure that asthma-related preventive services are included

Asthma & Healthy Homes: Making the Connection

- * ACLAC's Indoor Air Quality Workgroup hosted two trainings!
- * The 4-hour nurse-focused event trained 21 nurse
- * The 8-hour CHW's event trained 22 CHW's
- * There are requests for more!

Topics:

- * Healthy housing
- * Mold and moisture
- * Pests and integrated pest management
- * Conducting an environmental assessment
- * Motivational interviewing

Recent Webinars

Financing Asthma Prevention and Management

- * Opportunities to expand support for asthma programs
- * Speakers - Richard Figueroa, California Endowment; Brenda Rueda-Yamashita, Alameda County Public Health Dept
- * www.rampasthma.org/2014/10/webinar-california-opportunities-for-financing-asthma-prevention-and-management-107/

Weatherization & Healthy Homes Interventions

- * Establishing an effective collaboration between a weatherization program, local public health department, school nurses and community members
- * Speakers – Tracy Enger, EPA; Dr. J Krieger and Mr. Joel Gregory, Seattle, WA
- * www.asthmacommunitynetwork.org/webinars

Available of Strategic Plan and Asthma Brief

- * ACLAC has available copies of the **Strategic Plan** for those of you who would like to provide an overview of the work the coalition has planned for the next 4 years.
- * ACLAC has many available copies of the **Asthma Brief, “Breathing Easy? Child Asthma in Los Angeles County”** providing an overview of asthma prevalence, lost days of schools, and disparities

Outdoor Air Quality Workgroup



ACLAC has **two vacancies for Outdoor Air Quality workgroup co-chairs!** This is an important role, and a significant area of asthma control and prevention. Please consider joining us!

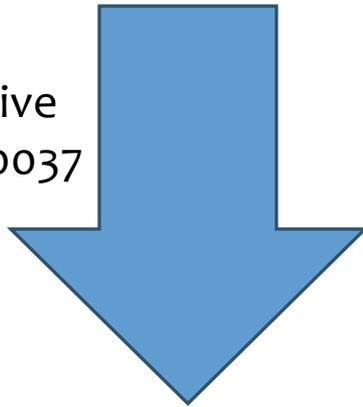


JOIN ACLAC's TEAM

Saturday, November 1, 2014

REGISTER @ www.lungforce.org/walk-events

Exposition Park
Exposition Park Drive
Los Angeles, CA 90037



- * Join the **ACLAC Team** for the LUNG FORCE Walk
- * **8:00 am:** Check-in, festivities
9:30 am: Walk starts
- * Visit the Natural History Museum at Exposition Park after the event, mention the code LUNG FORCE and receive **two adult admission tickets for the price of one!**

Member Directory

- * We need member agency bios
 - * Target populations
 - * Asthma services and programs
 - * Geographical areas of service
 - * How best to refer to your organization
- * Used for referrals to other member organizations within the coalition – may expand later

Fundraiser 2015

- * ACLAC Fundraiser for Asthma Awareness Month – May 2015
- * Forming committee now
- * Seeking members with fundraising experience and ideas
- * Sign up with Loretta or Francisco
- * Help us make a larger impact

Presentation by Lupe Gonzales-Hernandez,

The Work of the Promotore

Pass the Hat!



Panel Discussion

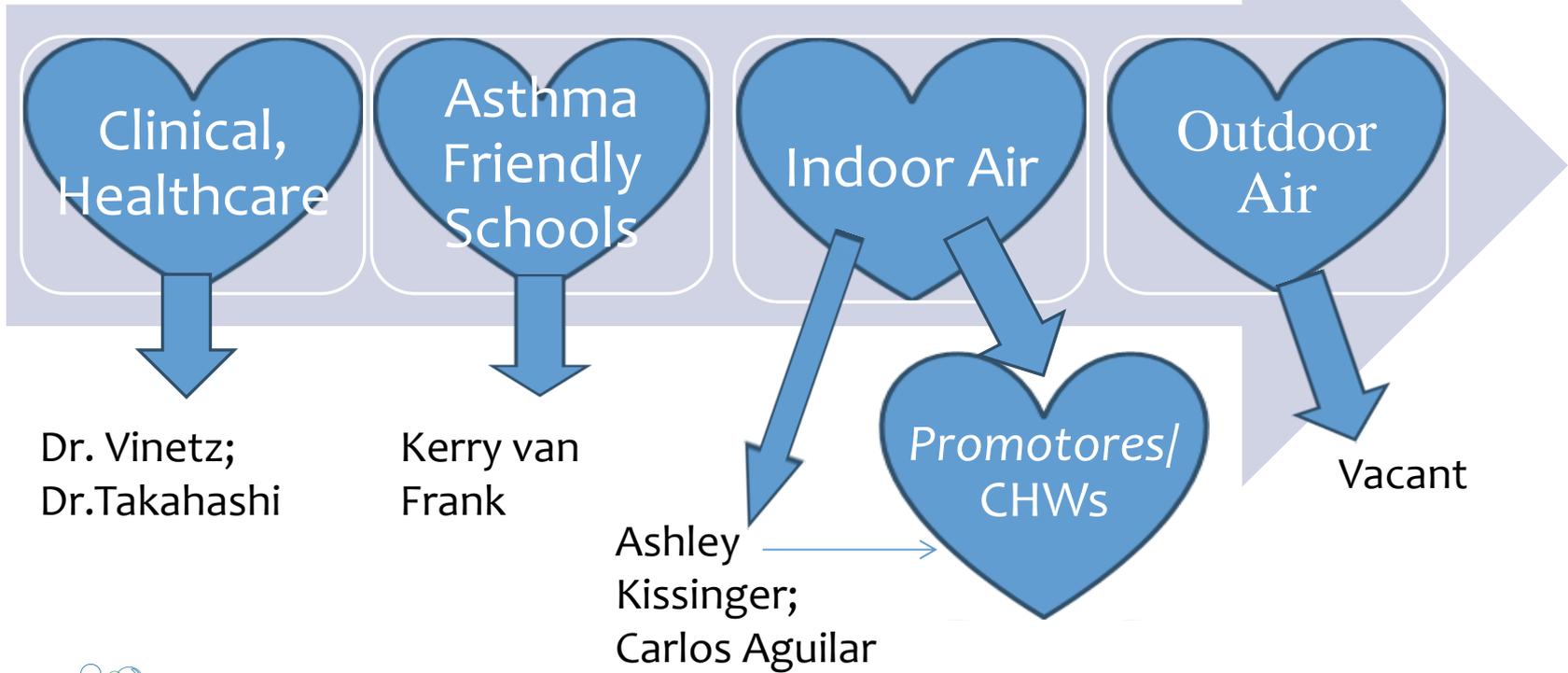
Promotores in the Field: Experiences from community health workers

Toby Rodrigues, Esperanza Community Housing
Irene Mineses, Long Beach Alliance for Children with Asthma
Silveria Romero, St. John's Well Child Center
Olivia Leal, QueensCare Health Centers



Workgroup Break Out Sessions

Please choose one...



Workgroup Break Out Sessions

Work groups:

- * Clinical/Healthcare
- * Asthma Friendly Schools
- * Indoor Air Quality
- * Outdoor Air Quality
- * Community Health Workers (New!)

Work group agendas:

- * Updates
- * Work plan revisions
- * Next Steps
- * Meeting dates

Announcements

Meeting Evaluations

- * Please finish filling out the evaluation form
- * Write your **comments** in the boxes!
- * Return them to Loretta in the manila folder

Thanks for your participation!

Next Meeting:
Monday,
January 26, 2015

