



December 2017

“If everyone is moving forward together, then success takes care of itself.”

-Henry Ford



On October 31st, 2017 the Healthy Pets Healthy Families (HPHF) Coalition met for their 24th meeting with over 20 people in attendance!

The structure of the Coalition meetings changed this year—instead of members working on individual projects within the seven focus areas, members have been collectively working on one project over the course of the year. As part of the White Paper Project, members have strategically planned and developed recommendations for both landlords and pet owners in multi-unit housing. The Coalition is currently in the implementation stage of the MAP-IT framework, which is used to plan and evaluate public health interventions to achieve HPHF’s objectives. We have worked together to brainstorm and develop strategies and recommendations for pet owners in multi-unit housing, as well as addressing pet-related concerns such as zoonotic diseases, noises and property damage that will be included in the paper.

Other project highlights in 2017 include the 3rd Annual Healthy Pet Expo where 700 cats and dogs were vaccinated; 50 pets micro-chipped; and 18 cats and dogs spayed or neutered. Another 2017 highlight is the publishing of the 2017 HPHF Calendar. The calendar has practical, healthy tips and goals for children and their families, including pets, to enjoy together!

Following the updates, we reviewed the Coalition’s draft governance document and collected member’s feedback. If you missed the meeting and would like to provide input on the governance document, please contact us at vet@ph.lacounty.gov for further assistance.

Lastly, members participated in the end-of-year evaluation, and provided their input on ways we can make the Coalition more successful and useful to members. There was also opportunity to provide feedback regarding the structure of the 2017 meetings. If you weren’t able to attend the meeting and would like to provide feedback, please take this [survey](#) at your earliest convenience. Highlights from the meeting can be found on page 2.



Tamerin Scott reviewing the outline of the meeting.

Don’t hesitate, *participate!*

Get involved with making a difference in your community.

The next HPHF Coalition meeting is Tuesday February 27th, 2018 from 9:30—12:00 pm at 5555 Ferguson Dr., Commerce, CA 90022 (in the auditorium).

For any questions/comments, please contact us at: vet@ph.lacounty.gov





Below are summary responses from the facilitated end-of-year evaluation activity during the last HPHF meeting:



Below is a summary from Activity 1 in which members answered the following question: “How can we make this coalition more successful and useful to you, your organization, and/or the community?”

The majority of members shared an interest of increasing the number of human health professionals at the meetings, as well as an increase of non-Los Angeles County Department of Public Health staff present at the meetings. Moving forward, members will work on identifying and actively recruiting new stakeholders to attend the quarterly meetings. This includes an increase of communication to human infectious physicians and outreach to human health and animal health professionals working in the Los Angeles communities. Members also stated they’d like to receive an increased amount of communication from Veterinary Public Health related to HPHF in between the meetings, in order to stay current with the Coalition. Members also suggested developing a webpage to discuss legislative issues, as well as attending more community events in the future.

Below is a summary from Activity 2, in which members answered the following questions: 1. “Do you prefer a focus group format or when the entire coalition works on the same project?” 2. “How often would you like to see a guest speaker presentation (e.g. local spotlight)?” 3. “Would you be interested in using one of the HPHF meetings for a topic-based forum? If so, how often?”

For Question 1, members shared similar preferences of working in small workgroups with multiple projects, as well as working in a larger workgroup with one main project. Some comments from members who preferred a small group, but okay with a larger group included, “Focus group — allows for more ideas, people feel freer to speak in small groups therefore more ideas might be generated.” Some comments from members who preferred a large group, but okay with a smaller group included, “The power of a coalition in taking action is all of us taking action in one direction at the same time. Good to keep other topics accessible, though.” Some comments from members who were neutral in the size of the workgroups included, “Work group size should be topic + goal specific. Complex topic should be smaller size with SME’s (subject matter experts).”

For Question 2, the majority of the members preferred to have guest speakers at least twice per year with some feedback including “Expanding knowledge of different topics happenings in in community trends in community.”

For Question 3, the majority of members preferred to have topic-based forums bi-annually with some feedback including, “As long as forum related to a current project/issue the coalition is working on.”

If you were unable to attend the meeting, but would like to provide feedback please take the survey (link on page 1) or send individual comments to vet@ph.lacounty.gov with subject line: HPHF Feedback.



Happy holidays to you and your family!



Please note the following HPHF Coalition meeting dates and times. All meetings will be held in the Ferguson Auditorium at 5555 Ferguson Dr., Commerce, CA 90007:

Tuesday February 27th, 2018 @ 9:30 am–12:00 pm

Tuesday August 7th, 2018 @9:30 am–12:00 pm

Tuesday May 8th, 2018 @ 9:30 am–12:00 pm

Tuesday October 30th, 2018 @ 9:30 am–12:00 pm