



Hepatitis C Task Force for Los Angeles County Meeting – July 18, 2007

Attendees: MARRISA AXELROD, MARIA BANNISTER-KHALIFE, CINDERELLA BARRIOS-CERNIK, LAUREN BURWELL, ARMAND (ARMY) CACHERO, DEON CLAIBORNE, MONIQUE COLLINS, BARBARA CROFFORD, TRACEY CUMBERLAND, JASPER DO, TERESA HALLIDAY, ILANNA MANDEL, MEGHAN RALSTON, BRIAN RISLEY, JILL ROTENBERG, EVE RUBELL, ROBERT SMITH, BART STEVENS, DAVID TREVIÑO and RUSSELL YBARRA.

New Members/Special Guests: DONOVAN CHRISTIAN, CAROL HARRIS, SEAN HEDMAN (TIBOTEC), GIL MANGAONG, ANNAM MANHIRAM (APLA), STEVE MERCIEC, PIERRE NSILU and MARIBEL ULLOA,

I. Introductions

A. Attendees introduced and new members were welcomed.

II. Announcements

A. The next HCTF-LAC monthly meeting is Wednesday, August 15, 2007 -- with a Change of Venue
The meeting will be held at AIDS Project Los Angeles, The David Geffen Center, 611 S.Kingsley Drive, L.A. 90005 in the 2nd Floor Founders Room – C-Retreat Facilitator Training Primer: Noon – 1pm; Lunch: 1:00 – 1:30pm; Meeting 1:30 – 2:30pm; Tibotec Presentation 2:30 – 3:30pm. RSVP required (see below for more details)

B. August 1, 2007, Celebrity Bingo, Hamburger Mary's with Estelle Harris (Sweetzer and Santa Monica), 10 bingo cards for \$20

C. August 11-12, 2007, NBC/Telemundo Health and Fitness Expo at the LA Convention Center, need four volunteers the HCFT-LAC table per day to work four-hour shifts, 9 a – 1 p and 1p – 5 p. Volunteers may put their agency's information on the table.

D. August 13, 2007, Harm Reduction Coalition presents: Training on Advocacy at Cri-Help, Inc.

E. September 15, 2007, C-Retreat Saturday, Cri-Help, Inc.

F. November 16, 2007, 5th Annual Hep C Summit, The California Endowment

III. Dr. Laveeza Bhatti's HCV/HIV Co-infection Lunch Presentation

A. Dr. Bhatti's presentation included information regarding the latest data on HIV and HCV coinfection and how this co-morbidity accelerates disease progression for both viruses, thus underscoring the importance of HAART for HIV and treatment intervention for Hep C.

B. Q & A followed.

- IV. Summit Planning Meeting / Attendees: Maria Bannister-Khalife, Armand (Army) Cachero, Deon Claiborne, Monique Collins, Jasper Do, Carol Harris, Deirdre Heimer, Annam Manthiram, Brian Risley, Jill Rotenberg, Eve Rubell and David Treviño
- A. *Discussion on the definition/aspects of Advocacy: Self Advocacy, Local Advocacy, Community Advocacy, State and National Advocacy. These are topics that we can design modules around that include treatment education, Hep C Awareness and client/ an policy advocacy*
- B. *Discussion on the issues related to Hepatitis C: immigration, prison system, co-infection.*
- C. *Discussion of the Summit Agenda: topics, speakers, participant packets, etc.*

The next (August) Task Force meeting will be:

Wednesday, August 15, 2007
C-Retreat Facilitator Training Primer
Noon- 1pm

Immediately followed by
Lunch Meeting and Hep C presentation by Joseph Leahy (Tibotec)
(Asking for our community feedback)

Lunch 1:00 pm – 1:30 p.m.

Meeting/Presentation 1:30 -3:30pm

at:

APLA

The David Geffen Center

611 S. Kingsley Drive, Founders Conference Room

Los Angeles, CA 90005.

Parking behind the building

Lunch is provided. Your RSVP is required.

RSVP to dtrevino@hhcla.org by Monday, August 13, 2007.

Please Mark Your Calendars for the following three (3) Task Force meetings

1. Wednesday, September 19, 2007

2. Wednesday, October 17, 2007

3. Wednesday, November 14, 2007, the 2nd Wednesday of November
for our Hep C Summit Preparation Party

at:

1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Homeless Health Care Los Angeles

2330 Beverly Blvd., 2nd Floor

Los Angeles, CA 90057

Street parking only