



## Hepatitis C Task Force for Los Angeles County Meeting – October 16, 2007

*Attendees: Israel Amrani, Armand (Army) Cachero, Deon Claiborne, Monique Collins, Jasper Do, Omar Hernandez, Danny Jenkins, Ilanna Mandel, Dean Page, Paul Prosser, Brian Risley, Meghan Ralston, Jason Hatakeyama, Jill Rotenburg, Eve Rubell, Jose Perez, Shahan Suzmeyan, Rachel Naylor and Russell Ybarra.*

### I. Introductions

A. Attendees introduced and new members were welcomed.

### II. Old Business

A. Review and Approval of Minutes (none)

B. Danny Jenkins presented an update on the SAMHSA Conference Proposal:

1. Danny Jenkins presented the task force with three different letters of support templates. Task force members can select a template and modify the content. Members can describe their commitment to the task force and support for the 2008 Hepatitis C-Retreat and Summit.
2. The Letters of Support should be submitted to Danny Jenkins no later than October 25, 2007.
3. Danny Jenkins will be working with Brian Risley on the evaluation section of the proposal.
4. Danny Jenkins will be working on the narrative sections of the proposal.
5. Jasper Do will be working on the literature review and statement of need sections of the proposal.
6. Danny Jenkins indicated the proposal would be used to fund the 2008 Hepatitis C-Retreat and Summit, the purchasing of a LCD projector, and the task force's Administrative Assistant.
7. Danny Jenkins indicated Cri-Help, Inc. will be the fiscal agency applying for the proposal.

**C. Brian Risley and Danny Jenkins presented the Hepatitis C Summit Planning Update:**

1. The task force updated the list of participating agencies.
2. Participant "take home" advocacy activities are under consideration by the task force. Rachel, Deon and Danny will work on it.
3. Advocacy 101 postcards will be developed and distributed to summit participants. The Advocacy 101 postcards will teach participants how to communicate the need for hepatitis C treatments to the Board of Supervisors.
4. Meghan Ralston volunteered to update the Resource Guide.

### III. New Business

A. The task force approved the Hepatitis C Summit agenda.

- B. Update on pharma funding and table displays. Let Army or Eve know if your agency is interested in a table display.
- C. Eve Rubell reviewed the Hepatitis C Summit's task sheet. Please contact Eve if you are interested in volunteering at the Summit. [Erubell@hhcla.org](mailto:Erubell@hhcla.org).

IV. Ilanna Mandel, Harm Reduction Coalition, presented "Self Advocacy (Care) for Living with Chronic Disease."

#### V. Announcements

- A. HIV forum (Brian)
- B. MATH Study (Army)
- C. Hepatitis C Summit Planning Conference Call has been scheduled for November 1, 2007 at 2:00. Please contact [Erubell@hhcla.org](mailto:Erubell@hhcla.org) if you would like to be included in the conference call.

Next Meeting (Change in Date):

November 14, 2007 at 12:00 noon. 2330 Beverly Blvd. Los Angeles, CA 90057

Don't forget to register for the Hep C Summit on November 16<sup>th</sup>, 2007 from 8:30 to 3:30 at 1000 N. Alameda, CA 90012. Contact [hepctf@hhcla.org](mailto:hepctf@hhcla.org) for more information.

**I. Introductions**

**A. Attendees introduced and new members were welcomed.**

**II. Old Business**

**A. Minutes approved as submitted.**

**B. Danny Jenkins presented a SAMHSA overview – timeline extended four weeks; need to focus on Budget and Scope of Work.**

**C. Danny Jenkins presented a C-Retreat update – 1<sup>st</sup> Pilot, all day project; September 15, 2007; approximately 40 participants; 8 facilitators; 4 support groups; am snacks and boxed lunch provided.**

**D. Cinderella Barrios-Cernik, Deon Claiborne, Carol Harris, Omar Hernandez and David Treviño reported on their experience at the NBC / Telemundo Health and Fitness Expo – All information packets were distributed; clarification regarding Hep C vaccination and other misinformation was provided to Expo attendees; suggestions for next year's Expo offered – giveaways for attendees.**

**E. Brian Risley presented a Hep C Summit update – Friday, November 16, 2007, 8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., California Endowment; theme for the Summit is Advocacy; partnership with the CA Hepatitis Alliance; Coinfection Lunch Forum; 200 – 300 participant capacity.**

**III. Announcements**

**A. Deon Claiborne – Trials list distributed**

**B. Carol Harris – Case Manager position open with the Coalition of Mental Health Professionals**

**C. HIV and Aging presentation – TBA.**

**D. September 5, 2007 – Cinderella Barrios-Cernik – Back to School issues: HIV, Alcohol & Drug Use etc.**

**E. September 12, 2007 – Brian Risley – HIV Matters: IAS Conference / New Treatment Community Forum, West Hollywood Park Auditorium, 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.**

**F. September 14, 2007 – Danny Jenkins – Dr. Drew at Cri-Help, Inc. Contact [dtrevino@hhcla.org](mailto:dtrevino@hhcla.org) for more information.**

**G. September 15, 2007 – C-Retreat Saturday, Cri-Help, Inc.**

**H. September 22, 2007 – Cathy Olufs – 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Life on the Outside HIV/Hep C event; Sheraton Universal Studios**

**I. October 3, 2007 – Cinderella Barrios-Cernik – Neva Chaupette “More Sex” presentation**

**J. November 16, 2007 – 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Hep C Summit, The California Endowment**

**IV. Joseph Leahy, Tibotec Therapeutics – “Complexities and Challenges of HIV / Hep C Virus Coinfection” presentation; Pilot presentation with feedback from HCTF-LAC members.**

**Please mark your calendars for the following *three (3)* Task Force meetings**

**1. Wednesday, September 19, 2007**

*1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.*

**2. Wednesday, October 17, 2007**

*1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.*

**3. Wednesday, November 14, 2007, (the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of November)  
for our Hep C Summit Preparation Party**

*12:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.*

**All meetings will be held at:**

*Homeless Health Care Los Angeles  
2330 Beverly Blvd., 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
Los Angeles, CA 90057  
Street parking only*