

The Los Angeles County HIV Mental Health Task Force



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MEETING MINUTES

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- **Call to order & introductions**

- **In the news | discussion**

- Jacque Chambers died yesterday at 4:30am of a stroke complicated by pneumonia. Information about the memorial service is forthcoming. (Phil posted on the APLA Alumni fb page)
- Life Group LA is offering a weekend seminar the weekend of the 23rd at Plummer Park in West Hollywood.
- Ryan White therapy clients – a few slots available – contact Chris Bridges at DMH
- The HIV Commission is sending back \$2 million back to the state. At the same time, there is a cap on MH services. DHSP insists that service extensions are easily approved; however there is ample public comment to indicate that they frequently reject the applications. They won't approve more than 6; after that one has to re-do the treatment plan, write a letter, and apply for another extension. We would like to find out if it is accurate that this is happening. RW MH programs are all hurting for numbers, so why the cap? Some providers are continuing to see clients even after Case Watch kicks them out because it's the ethical thing to do. DMH never got any written notice that there is a cap. It takes 3-4 weeks after the request is submitted to get a response. DMH recommends we ask what DHSP what clinical guidelines they used to determine the cap. How does this cap affect retention in care? The investment in mental health is economically sound vis a vis viral load suppression. It seems arbitrary that a treatment plan must be submitted every 6 months. Even DMH analysts don't understand the reason for the cap. It seems to be the opposite of patient-

1 Mission Statement: the Los Angeles County HIV Mental Health Task Force (MHTF), comprised of treatment providers and persons living with HIV/AIDS, serves to identify and advocate for the mental health service needs of persons living with HIV/AIDS in Los Angeles County.

centered care. The HIV MHTF should make public comment requesting that they become a standing committee report at the monthly Commission meetings. The HIVMHTF can assemble anecdotal evidence and hopefully present monthly. Role of MH Services in helping clients deal with (overall) tx plan. Susan will ask the Commission. Task Forcers will ask their funders what the rationale is and will get back to us.

- **Agency news & employment**

- AltaMed finished shooting and hope to have the 1st episode of this season ready in time for NWGHAAD.
- LA LGBT Center is accepting applications for substance abuse interns.
- LA AETC Coordinator (UCLA) – talk to Tom; 40% of new grant is to work with low/no/underperforming FQHCs to improve HIV services.

- **Committee reports**

- **DHSP** [OPEN] NO REPORT
- **DMH** [Astrid Reina] – DMH committed to providing a monthly report at this meeting.
- **HIV Commission** [Kevin Donnelly] There is an offer to 1 of the 2 applicants as ED. \$2 million was sent back to the state last month. Standards of Care is hoping to publish standards before Fariba leaves. 10-11:15 screening a film “Women at Risk” Brad Land is the new Co-Chair. Mike Johnson has stepped down.
- **HIV Drug and Alcohol Task Force:** [Susan Forrest] NWGHAAD event, “Black, Gay & Homeless”, 8-hour Latinos training

- **New Business**

- Potential trainings: Prescription opioids & HIV; tobacco & HIV; meth & alcohol; how has meth changed – route of transmission; “hc” – hardcore – stronger/more pure/cheaper; GHB – l/t neurological effects (Steve Shoptaw/Beth); MAT –
- Susan will ask John if we can get the auditorium for our Feb meeting – tom will let me know.
- Consider quarterly trainings at village

- **Coping With Hope 2016**

- Monday, July 18, 2016 at California Endowment
 - Hector at DMH will provide money again.
 - EVALUATIONS: making it mandatory. (add tick columns for each eval tool to tick off at registration sign-out)
 - Theme: *trauma-informed care* (Gabby comes back!)
 - PrEP Panel at plenary - Leo Moore & Sonali; 2 SPAs with gaps are 4 & 2; adolescents; trans and PrEP; (does PP-LA provide to adolescents?)
 - Hep C breakout session
 - Overview of LAC trans health: Jo & Ayden Olsen (?)
 - ATTC updates – opiates; Integration of SUD, MH & primary care
 - Medical update: info from CROI; dealing with costs of rx; HIV medical care; HIV medical care with trans clients – hormones & meds interactions
 - Mental health issues affecting people getting into treatment after testing positive

- DMH mental health (& SUD) carve-out PLENARY SESSION – get Ingrid Marchus to present
 - “Inspired Nursing” author Rich Bluni – closing plenary
- **Adjourn**