

# The Los Angeles County HIV Mental Health Task Force



<http://hivmhtf.com>

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## MEETING MINUTES

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- **Call to order & introductions**
- **In the news | discussion**
  - USC, Drew & UCLA combined, and Tom is the PI for the now-conjoined (and shrinking) PAETC.
  - BoS just approved DHSP, DMH, DPH merging into a single agency. Los Angeles County is an anomaly in having a standalone Department of mental health LAC has the biggest administrative direct service provider agency in the world. Health reform has made integration discussions come forward and inevitable Mitch Katz will head this up. DPH and DMH were not involved in the preliminary discussion for the consolidating of these three agencies. This came from DHS. In general, this can be seen as the one stop shop like the “the Walmart of Care”. NAMI was one of the advocates for consumers who are wary of this merger due to historical references where DMH was under DHS and mental health care didn’t do well. There was an amendment to this merger is that stakeholder groups and DMH and the Sheriffs Dept will be involved at all levels in the process of this merger. (Watch the meeting minutes **KLCS** tonight at 10:30pm). Dr. Fielding was respectful of the idea, but he is opposed to it. All the departments are theoretically going to stand, but it remains to be seen how that will play out. MHSA monies are at hand and those have to be used in the manner that CA legislation has planned it out. Check LA Times for editorial yesterday & article today. DMH’s budget is \$2.2 *billion*
  - TB, HIV & Housing conference looking for panelists 02/17 @ Cal Endowment. Chris Bridges?
- **Agency news & employment**
  - DMH looking for psychiatrists. Still. Also looking for social workers.
  - NEVHC looking for a psychiatrist (English/Spanish)
  - AtaMed looking for psychiatrist. Also looking for Bachelor’s level Case Worker.
- **Committee reports**

- 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.

- **DHSP** [OPEN]
- **HIV Commission** [Kevin Donnelly] big community presence at the last meeting; huge drama around AHF attempting to open shop in Long Beach (by taking away services in SPA 5?) and DHSP saying no. BOS asking for a letter of advisement from the Commission.
- **HIV Drug and Alcohol Task Force:** [Susan Forrest] The 2015 brochure is available, has tentative training schedule. Network & Nosh in late Feb (at Cri Help or AADAP), HIV 101 for Service Providers in late April. The website got its 3,000,000<sup>th</sup> hit over the weekend.

- **Coping With Hope 2015**

Wed., May 13<sup>th</sup> is this year's Coping with Hope

- Theme: Coping With Having Insurance
- Transgender plenary
- A bi-annual HIV 101 for people new to HIV.
- Mental health of the HIV workforce (secondary trauma)
- Finally, can we get Sarah Schulman on familial homophobia
- PrEP debate
- Olivia Espin, Alliant San Diego on immigration & HIV
- Ingrid will send notes from last month (immigration, legal services, unable to get referrals to specialized tx – esp. psychiatry)
- Lisa K from LGBT Center: clients who are being forced to see Medi-Cal MH providers regardless of their current relationships with RW providers
- Keiko Lane, Post-Traumatic Plague Syndrome
- Breakout PANEL MH, HIV & Insurance\* (Lisa Wicker? John Sheehe?)
- MyHealthLA (for undocumented)
- Newly licensed – how do I get on a panel?

07:30 – 08:00	Registration, breakfast		
08:00 – 08:30	Introduction MITCH KATZ		
08:30 – 09:30	SA, HIV & Insurance TOM FREESE & BETH RUTKOWSKI		
09:30 – 10:30	Medical update MARK KATZ		
10:30 – 10:45	BREAK		
10:45 – 12:00	Olivia Espin? Keiko Lane ?	Big picture: insurance in LA County, case-based Post-Traumatic Plague Syndrome	
12:00 – 01:00	LUNCH		
01:00 – 02:10	BREAKOUT 1		
	Immigration	Legal Services	Paying for PrEP
	Sue Smalley? Susan Holt DV? Keiko Lane ?		Paying for HCV/HCV update
	PANEL MH, HIV & Insurance / OA HIPV (Ayana?)		
02:10 – 02:25	BREAK		
02:25 – 03:35	BREAKOUT 2		
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03:35 – 04:15	<b>Familial Trauma &amp; HIV Sarah Schulman</b>		
04:15 – 04:30	Evaluations, wrap-up		

- **Presentation:** Ruben Gamundi is rescheduling TBD
- **Adjourn**