

**HIV Mental Health Task Force**  
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**February 8, 2012 | 9:30am – 11:30am**  
**The Village at Ed Gould Plaza**  
**1125 North McCadden Place Los Angeles CA 90038**

**MEETING MINUTES**

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- **Call to order & introductions**
- **Recognition of Susan for last month's minutes**
- **Public Comment & Discussion**
  - Elyse is leaving APLA in March. She is going into private practice. The new HOPWA-funded therapist contract will start in April. Email Brett or Elyse. Must at least have BBS number – must be able to work with homeless populations.
  - Still no word on HOPWA grants. APLA has been looking for alternative housing sources in the interim. Theoretically in April when the new contract begins the HOPWA funds for all of LA County will be released.
  - Good Sam is laying off 45 people (closing oncology floor). The silver lining is that oncology is moving toward outpatient services (people stay healthier). There is a whole new building for doctor's offices.
  - There was a protest about the closing of Thaliens at Cedars-Sinai, but no one knows how the protest (organized by NAMI) went.
  - DMH is "aggressively" looking for psychiatrists. They want to lower the waiting list (depending on the clinic - going into April at this point)
  - On 01/18 DMH met at "OAPP" Carlos, Jennifer Sayles, Angela Boger, David Whitehead, Renee (DMH Liaison), DHS, AltaMed, APLA, AHF (?), ASC represented- Tom wants the minutes
  - Issues with billing (licenses) ie: assessment. DHSP wants everyone who provides services to be registered with BBS. Social workers are nationalized. MFT not. In the context of healthcare reform there are a lot of considerations.
  - Re: SUD – none of the healthcare reform language includes SUD. Sherry Larkins, Tom Freese etc. (ISAP folks) would probably be good to know.
  - What the &\*\$% is "LA Care"? DMH clients have to be in LA Care (as opposed to HealthNet). All health clinics & physicians are LA Care. Many have both Healthnet and LA Care. DMH services are all under LA Care.
  - International AIDS Conference in Washington DC coming up.

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**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.**

- **Required reports**
  - **HIV Commission** [Ingrid Marchus]
    - Tom is speaking tomorrow
  - **LAC OAPP** [David Whitehead] NOT PRESENT
- **Optional reports**
  - **Drug and Alcohol Task Force:** [Susan Forrest, sforrest@bhs-inc.org]
    - 02/2012: Ethics
    - 03/2012: Healthcare Reform / NHAS / Healthy Way LA
      - Sherry Larkins or Tom Freese?
      - Anna Gorman, LA Times?
      - Carlos?
      - Mario?
    - 04/2021: Marijuana
      - Can DMH or HIV MHTF provide a presenter?
        - Ingrid won't do it!
      - What about a debate format?
      - Beth Rutowski
      - Tom has confirmed (essentially...)
  - **Hepatitis C Task Force** [Tom Donohoe, donohoe@ucla.edu]
    - ADAP covers HCV treatment.
  - **Suicide Prevention Network** (at DMH) [Elyse Springer]
    - TeenLine is doing texting and online chatting as well as phone support. They're finding that texting. Majority of the time folks don't want to talk on the phone. Trevor Line gets rolled over to SPC.
    - Skype is also a great way to offer support – especially with people who can't get around due to medical issues (ie: getting to an appointment)
    - Conference will be 09/27 at the California Endowment
- **New Business | Coping with Hope 2012: HIV, Health Care Reform and Mental Health**
  - KEYNOTES - confirmed
    - Mitchell Katz (Health Care Reform & Accessing Care) - only confirmed in the AM
    - Tom Freese (SUD & Health Care Reform)
    - Mark Katz (Medical Update)
  - PM plenary (trauma-informed services) – Sharon Wise is a much stronger presenter than Raul Almazar. We want them as a package deal. Tom hasn't contacted them yet
  - BREAKOUTS – confirmed (bolded)
    - **Joni Lavick – Using Somatic Psychotherapy**
    - Neva Chauppette – Provider Stress & Support
      - Maybe make it sexual minority or trans break-out instead

- **Tom Gnuchi – Legal/Ethical (?)**
- **Medical Marijuana – DEBATE**
- **Anthony Martinez – HCV + HIV**
- **Phil Meyer – Opioids & HIV**
- **Psychiatric Referrals –**
  - Michelle (?) at CDU – they’re doing a countywide needs assessment
  - How will healthcare reform affect psychiatric referrals?
  - Tom thinks that HIV MHTF should put this panel together (if there is a panel)
  - Michael will be on the panel (what happens in hospital settings & in private practice)
  - MHSA access various programs
- **Undocumented Patients – panel: APLA/Bienetar/AHF/UCLA/AltaMed**
  - It’s not just undocumented folks, but also legal immigrants who have been in the country less than 5 years who are ineligible
  - Reclaiming “undocumented”
  - Dream Act
  - Eligibility/ineligibility
- No pharmaceutical sponsors any more, but we invite them to have (very expensive) tables
- Overflow room for plenaries (talk to Fred Smith at CSULA)
- **Presentation:** ideas for future presentations
- **Announcements**
- **Adjourn**