

The Los Angeles County HIV Mental Health Task Force



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MEETING MINUTES

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- **Call to order & introductions**
- **Recognition of Susan for last month's minutes.**
- **In the news | discussion**
 - Spectrum now has an African American LCSW.
 - NEVCHC RW Clinic now has a Spanish-speaking psychiatrist.
 - CDC Call To Action in Am Jnl of Pub Health for HIV & American Youth – 12 pages, doesn't mention PrEP.
- **Agency news & employment**
 - DMH looking for psychiatrists. Still. Also looking for social workers.
 - Actors Fund looking for P/T LCSW in the Palmview location – job listing forthcoming
 - LA LGBT Center looking for interns – opening extended op SUD day program hours. Want interns with experience.
 - 03/11 at LA Theater is the premier of Sin Vergüenza (AltaMed) launch
 - AltaMed approached to start a trans and AA MYMSM social marketing / media campaign.
- **Committee reports**
 - **DHSP** [OPEN]
 - **HIV Commission** [Kevin Donnelly] last month's meeting showed "Women at Risk" for the colloquium. It was very well-attended. Nina Harawa is presenting tomorrow on "Engaging Young Men of Color on PrEP"

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.

- Attending the Commission meeting is a great experience for an intern to see how HIV Planning works
- **HIV Drug and Alcohol Task Force:** [Susan Forrest]
 - 02/19 & 03/11 trans, homelessness, addiction & HIV in Santa Fee Springs both at capacity
 - WGHAAAD certified enrollment counselors?
 - Native American HIV/AIDS Awareness Day event at Native American TANF in Palmdale (SPA 1)
- **Coping With Hope 2016**
 - The reason for increasingly better evaluation is HRSA so they keep supporting the event. Evals looked at before the clicker is turned in to make sure they actually write something in.
 - New smart phone technology – can put in words/sentences, but not anonymous. Think about questions we can ask – people can enter words and it comes up on the screen. ARS is anonymous
 - Activities that are table-based (ie: work on a case as a table and give ARS as a table; discussion ensues)
 - PrEP panel at the end
 - We don't do anything to link MH and nursing folk. Maybe talk about MCC & get a team to present on a panel. Maybe best practices & lessons learned. Angela Boger & Wendy Garland (architects of MCC) maybe.
 - Gay-affirmative therapy (program at Antioch / Doug Sadownick), or Hector Parillo from San Francisco
 - Goal: nurses and other hc professionals get together and think about trauma (including the trauma of providing services to traumatized people)
 - Bob Grant (instead of “high risk”, “popular and affectionate”) for ymsmoc (state conference presentation online?)
 - PrEP map? Timeline. | Trans-specific services
 - Grindr for Equality – present data (“[grindr world aids day](#)”) Jack Harrison-Quintano (LinkedIn)
- **Adjourn**

- **Coping With Hope | debrief**

- Overall good evaluations. Not all of the evals have been processed.
- Many people who attended are new to HIV. Some of the most informed agencies have some of the least knowledgeable staff.
- Top breakout was the transgender panel.
- Joni Lavick had great evaluations and the most attendees
- Everyone loves Tom's ability to break down ACA.
- Registration was much easier. Putting the handouts on the tables, not checking license #s, no separate tables for RNs, BBS etc. was much easier.
- Waiting on feedback on phone evaluations

Wed., May 13th is next year's Coping with Hope

- Transgender plenary
 - Theme ideas: the 4th decade; developing the HIV workforce; stigma in 2015; prevention focus in 2015.
 - 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 (for some reason no one is going for my idea of scientists mud-wrestling while ARS questions are being answered.)
 - Olivia Espin, Alliant San Diego on immigration & HIV
- **Presentation:** can we get Ruben Gamundi to do a PrEP inservice for the HIV MHTF? Tom will ask him. Maybe we can do it as a training and bring in more people. Would it be available in jails for people with prescriptions & insurance?
- **Adjourn**