

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**
 - CONGRATULATIONS to Ingrid for becoming an LMFT. She's leaving us for a QA division job and he won't be coming back to the Task Force after Coping.
 - NEXT MONTH WE HAVE TO THINK ABOUT ELECTIONS
- **Agency news & employment**
 - AIDS Service Center closed last week.
 - DMH looking for psychiatrists. Still. Also looking for social workers.
 - NEVHC needs LCSWs and psychologists
 - DHS, DMH, DPH merger conflict of interest: how can they have a single director to whom the other 3 answer? The 60-day plan has been extended to June. From June to implementation? No one knows how long it will take. There are lawsuits flying already, mostly contract providers/vendors.
 - HOPWA RFP released. SPAs 1&2, 3&7, 6, 8, 4west&5, 4east/metro will each have a lead agency, which will then subcontract. Housing services, crisis beds, food services etc. – this is done in order to audit quality of service. Supposed to coordinate with MCCs etc., COORDINATED ENTRY SYSTEM (VISPDAT - vulnerability index – the score will get you prioritized into the next permanent supportive housing unit) – homeless ranked in terms of likeliness of dying and that is how you get prioritized into housing. 443 HIV+ in the coordinated entry system. There are vouchers to get them moved into permanent housing, but are not getting calls to get the vouchers to the people.
- **Committee reports**

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- **DHSP** [OPEN] no report
- **HIV Commission** [Kevin Donnelly] | presentation from Dr. Galley then Mitch Katz talked. The combination of the 3 is still up for public comment [DHS, DMH, DPH], tomorrow there is a presentation on SEP, new legislation, patient choice workgroup re: lack of services in LB (kicking it back to AHF who initiated the complaint)
HIV Drug and Alcohol Task Force: [Susan Forrest] Network & Nosh/HIV 101 for Service Providers – can someone from HIV MHTF do a presentation 2-5 minutes? Will we have Coping postcards by then?

- **Coping With Hope**

- FROM TOM: Good Morning Tom, I am writing to learn if there is room on the 2015 Coping for HOPE agenda that the APA Office on AIDS would be able to support. The APA Office on AIDS Professional Development program is charged to deliver HIV and mental health training under a subcontract with EDC, Inc., with a prime contract from SAMHSA. The Office on AIDS is now directed by Dr. Dave Martin, whom I believe you would know from his work in LA County and UCLA Harbor Medical Center. The new APA Office on AIDS Professional Development Program is a replacement for the HIV Office for Continuing Education (HOPE) Program. If my memory serves me correctly, you had contact with Dr. John Anderson and Christopher Rowe in the early 2000's regarding our work at that time. Is there an opportunity for our program to assist you in securing a speaker, and provide APA CE credits (as well as add psychologists to the attendees) to the event? David P. DeVito (APA) | **Should we take the APA up on their offer of providing CEs for psychologists and offering a breakout** I think the task force should discuss this possibility. Personally, I think it is a great idea as we have talked about the need for psychologists to have CEs, no
- Tom – now that Ingrid is licensed, we can add that to the brochure!
- EVERYONE agrees that we should provide Psychologist CEUs, and if they want the free break-out session they should have it. They can do Transgender & HIV, according to their website.
- Mitch Katz is out of town and offered a low level person, but we are not going that way. Christina Ghaly is who Ingrid wants to come.

- **DRAFT Agenda**

7:30 – 8:00	Registration - Breakfast			
8:00 – 8:30	Introduction/Evaluations		Tom Donohoe, MBA	
8:30 – 9:30	Substance Abuse Treatment & Changing Payers		ATTC Speaker	
9:30 – 10:30	Medical Update		Mark Katz, MD	
10:30 – 10:45	Break			
10:45 – 12:00	Changes from the ACA and HIV		Aaron Fox, MPA	
12:00 – 1:00	Lunch			
1:00 – 2:10	Breakout Sessions			
	Paying for Hep C Tx Ardis Moe, MD	Trauma and HIV Keiko Lane, MFT	Transgender & HIV APA speaker	Communicating with the LA County Jail Martha Tadesse, RN
	MediCal, Mental Health & HIV Panel	PrEP: Why and How Ruben Gamundi, MD	Mindful Self Care Joni Lavick, MFT	
2:10 – 2:25	Break			
2:25 – 3:35	Breakout Sessions II			

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3:30 – 4:15	Familial Homophobia and HIV		Sarah Schulman	
4:15 – 4:30	Wrap Up/Evaluation/Raffle			

- **Adjourn**