

The Los Angeles County HIV Mental Health Task Force



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LAGLC The Village at Ed Gould Plaza
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MEETING MINUTES

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- **Call to order & introductions**
 - Ingrid – if you are reading this, *we miss you!*
- **Recognition of Susan for April's minutes.**
- **In the news | discussion**
 - Sheila Kuehl's PrEP bill passed.
- **Agency news & employment**
 - DMH looking for psychiatrists. Still. Also looking for social workers.
 - LA Commission on HIV hiring Executive Director
 - LA LGBT Center looking for Spanish-speaking LCSW (no MFTs)
 - AltaMed is starting a PrEP program. 06/19 at Cobra is the kick-off party. No entry criterion/exclusion criterion. 2 ID docs will be running the program. Undocumented welcome. Video & print ads rolling out in June. 30 day supply, follow-up visit, then every 3 month follow-up doctor visit. MyHealthLA is going to cover part of the blood work costs and Gilead should help with rx costs for undocumented.
 - The Spot is moving to the old Numbers building and will be instituting PrEP and PEP and will hopefully be open by 07/01/15.
 - West Hollywood has a Zero New Infections goal which they are working toward.
 - Homelessness in the news: Utah is providing homes instead of social services. Tom hears that L.A. has "the same commitment". In Indiana they discovered the new HIV infections parallel to incarceration. Ellis Act discussion (SF & LA)
 - Chinese gay marriage at the Center over the weekend.

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.

- AltaMed is opening an HIV clinic in Hollywood (at Hollywood Presbyterian on the 1st floor of the hospital – 1 day/week) so far MediCal and insurance only – not RW. Thinking they will outgrow soon and are looking for bigger space.
- **Committee reports**
 - **DHSP** [OPEN]
 - **HIV Commission** [Kevin Donnelly]
 - **HIV Drug and Alcohol Task Force:** [Susan Forrest] Gabriela Grant presented on Trauma-Informed Services for Women and we are hoping to bring her back on a bigger scale. 06/30 is the trans* health summit and on 07/20 is the IPV, trauma & HIV. Thinking about how to do a discussion on “Not Gay” by Dr. Jane Ward.
- **Coping With Hope | debrief**
 - Overall good evaluations.
- **Presentation:** none scheduled
- **Adjourn**