

**ASTHMA COALITION OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY
GENERAL COALITION MEETING**

**Meeting Notes
July 26, 2010**

ISSUE/TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION/FINDINGS
<p>Welcome and Introductions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review minutes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting was called to order at 1:30pm • Review of minutes • Thank you to Rose Yu for her involvement and contribution to the Asthma Coalition • Acknowledgement of Raymond Kohl from LAUSD for his leadership to make the Asthma Friendly Schools Initiative a success 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minutes approved as written
<p>Presentation: The LAC-USC Breathmobile Program – Getting Families Connected</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Marilyn Li, Division of Allergy and Immunology, Department of Pediatrics 	<p><u>Highlights from Dr. Li’s presentation:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Breathmobile Program is a partnership between AAFA, LA County and LAUSD • Program began in 1995 to address the barriers to asthma care. More than 10,000 children have been treated • Started with one mobile unit that traveled to schools throughout the County. Now there are 5 mobile units treating children with asthma. Mobile units travels to about 90 schools • There has been successful replication of the program nationwide • Developed a tracking system to electronically track all patients seen • Goals: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Deliver sub-specialty care to underserved children with asthma living in LAC ○ Improve public health resource utilization by shifting care emphasis from an acute episodic care to a preventive health care model ○ Demonstrate cost effective health care through a decrease in utilization of acute care costs related to asthma exacerbations • Services include a thorough evaluation, education, goals for the family, a routine follow-up (a parent/guardian must be there during the appointment) • A summary letter is printed out for the family with the diagnosis information for the primary care provider. Treatment plan and Asthma Action Plan are also provided to the family • Referred through school nurses, social workers, PE teachers, or other sources • Currently a network of 19 Mobile Asthma Clinics (MAC) through the US. MACs are able to share information and data to analyze trends among the various regions • 2009 Outcome data: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Total number of patients 1830, average age 10 years, 82.5% Hispanic, 843 new and 987 return ○ Emergency Department Visits – reduction 64% (40% to 14%) ○ Hospitalizations – reduction 68% (11.9% to 3.4%) ○ Missed school days > or = 5 days – improvement by 84% (36.2% to 5.8%) • Starting to bill some insurance companies to re-cooperate some of the costs • Meds are donated by pharmaceutical companies but the supply is dwindling. Looking into other means • A Program flyer was distributed to the group with information about how to get families connected to the Breathmobile 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The slides and flyer about the program will be accessible on the Asthma Coalition website www.asthmacoalitionla.org

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<p>Unveiling of the Draft Strategic Plan – Arcela Nunez-Alvarez, ACLAC Consultant</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arcela provided an overview of the strategic planning process and walked us through the Strategic Plan • ACLAC’s 4 main goals are to: increase access to and improve quality of health care, improve indoor air quality in homes, improve asthma management in schools and improve outdoor air quality • The Coalition established 4 workgroups for each of the 4 areas of focus to carry out the mission and goals. • Periodically we need to remind ourselves why we are here doing this work – the guiding principles for the Coalition contain key beliefs that keep us working together • Workgroup sections <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Clinical – focusing on expanding the Breathmobile Program, and other clinical care topics ○ Indoor Environment Workgroup – Increasing knowledge about tenant rights. The group would like to organize a presentation to educate ACLAC members about what is happening around the County to address healthy homes ○ Schools – Working to improve the use of Asthma Action Plans in schools and initiate school asthma related policies ○ Outdoor Air –Priorities include smokefree outdoor dining, smokefree hospital campuses, clean trucks program and zoning laws • Arcela will continue to be involved in finalizing the SP, specifically with logistics • How the SP will be implemented and next steps <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Workgroup Chairs need to voice what is working/not working ○ We also need to create a sustainability section that addresses fundraising, grant-writing and other methods to remain sustainable • Janet announced that the Coalition submitted proposals for the Asthma Friendly Schools Initiative and the AQMD Community Benefit Programs Addressing Conditions Caused or Exacerbated by Air Pollution RFPs. Unfortunately, we were not selected to receive funding. The Coalition will continue to seek funding to support and expand our efforts to address the burden of asthma • General membership feedback 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arcela to send an e-mail to Janet with a list of items needed to finalize the SP • Janet to find out if we can use County conference call technology for the workgroups
<p>Announcements</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Asthma Coalition Website has been updated to include agendas, minutes and presentations from previous meetings • “Moving Forward Together” Conference – October 22-23 in Carson. Hosted by The Impact Project. More information coming soon • Janet announced that the Steering Committee voted to support SB 220 and SB 375. SB 220 would provide smoking cessation benefits through health care providers. SB 375 became law in January 2009. It prompts California regions to work together to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from cars and light trucks • Financial Report - ACLAC has \$7,517.03 in our American Lung Association account • Helen from the Healthy Homes Collaborative announced that there is an effort to gain support for the NO on PROP 23 campaign (the Dirty Energy Prop) • Steve Gallegos mentioned that S. Pasadena recently passed an ordinance to prohibit outdoor smoking in condos and apartments. Glendale and other cities have passed similar ordinances 	