

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

California Endowment – 1000 N. Alameda, Los Angeles

**Meeting Minutes
January 26, 2015**

ISSUE/TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION/FINDINGS
<p>Welcome & Introductions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Greet new members • Review and approve minutes • Membership Agreement reminder 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting was opened at 1:15 by Loretta Worthington • Loretta welcomed folks and we did a round of introductions. • Two new members joined us this quarter! Welcome to Daisy Apolinar from QueensCare and Ruena Mantes from LA Care Health Plan! • Minutes from our meeting in October were approved. • THANK YOU to Ashley for taking minutes today! 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Membership forms can be found on our website • A copy of the minutes will be available on our website - www.asthmacoalitionLA.org
<p>General Updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PIF High Desert Project updates • Policy updates • Asthma Awareness Month event • AQMD Environmental Justice Conference • 2015 California Healthy Housing Coalition Annual Meeting • New member outreach 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Loretta and Zoila provided an update on the Productivity Investment Fund grant – On January 22, 2015, 25 nurse care managers and other leadership medical staff in the Antelope received a 4-hour training on the EPR-3 guidelines for asthma management and control, the use of asthma action plans, proper use of asthma medications, and hands on demonstrations and case study discussions. • Policy updates include: SB 1204, SB1275, and SB1405 were all passed and signed by the governor! Dr. Scott Takahashi discussed the medical reimbursement potential for school nurses and other health workers whose care is currently not considered a reimbursable service • A potential ACLAC fundraising event was discussed – A Comedy Sportz weekend and online auction to raise awareness of asthma, laugh, purchase some fun items, and support the coalition. • AQMD Environmental Justice Conference will be held on February 27 from 9-4pm in Los Angeles. Members are encouraged to attend. • 2015 Annual Meeting of the California Healthy Housing Coalition will be held on March 18-19, 2015 in Los Angeles. • ACLAC is in need of co-chairs for the Outdoor Air Quality workgroup and the Asthma-Friendly Schools workgroup. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The next training in AV will be in September 2015. • Policy updates are available on the ACLAC website within the presentation PPT • More info on the fundraiser will be sent out over the next couple of months • More info on the AQMD EJ conference can be found at http://www.aqmd.gov/EJconversion • More info on the CHHC Annual Summit can be found at http://www.rampasthma.org/2013/12/ca-healthy-housing-coalition-2014-annual-meeting/ • If you would like to nominate someone for these positions, please contact Loretta at lworthington@ph.lacounty.gov

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discussion: Burden of Asthma in Schools 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Loretta presented some preliminary information on the burden of asthma in schools and engaged the coalition members in a discussion of challenges and solutions to some of the issues facing school personnel, parents, students, and providers. Some of the data from the recent L.A. County asthma brief – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> SPA 4 has highest rate of missed days of school for children with asthma Children w asthma miss an average of 2.5 more days of school than those without asthma Nurses discussed having to train non-medical staff at school sites on asthma medication delivery and asthma action plans Most schools have different asthma action plans, no uniformity LAUSD has asthma task force and is eliminating fragranced soups; they also have strict IPM LAUSD – already have 86 schools implementing Tools for Schools guidelines Parents and teachers be bringing in their own cleaning supplies that are not in compliance 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If you would like to view the presentation, please visit our website.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pass the Hat & Networking Break Collect Membership Forms Collect Evaluations 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Evaluations were disseminated. Over 85% of attendees completed evaluations! Thank you! Two new membership forms were collected 	
Drawing!	A drawing from all completed evaluation submissions was conducted. Congratulations to all the winners!	Thank you to Steering Committee Member, Dr. Gary Rachelefsky, and Loretta Worthington for providing the drawing gifts!
Coalition Member Agency Highlights	<p>All Coalition member agencies in attendance provided updates on their asthma work and projects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> QueensCare – Pediatric Asthma Disease Management Program conducts home visits with follow-up, works with primary care provider, refers to community resources and makes referrals, conducts assessments of asthma triggers and home environment, work with LAUSD, also works with COPD, allergies, and other respiratory issues; PADM focuses on internal patients but does community education Esperanza – works with patients referred through CA Hospital, this is the 2nd year of the pediatric asthma program, conducts home visits and assesses home environmental triggers, works directly with providers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Side note – office space available at Esperanza building 	If you have revisions to the agency updates, please contact Loretta

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kaiser – they are currently working to help put asthma action plans in electronic medical record system so it will be uniform for all Kaisers in CA. Hoping to collaborate with school systems to develop a universally accepted AAP • LA Care – Asthma program has 7 nurses now, they are a medi/medi program, with home visits for children and adults and 3 follow ups within 6-months of initial visit, lots of growth within the organization regarding asthma • St. John’s – 2 mobile programs that provide medical/dental/mental health – Healthy Homes South LA Collaborative identifies children and adults with asthma living in substandard housing; Asthma Education Program conducts home visits for 6 months and teaches about non-toxic cleaning • Long Beach Dept of Health – Adult Asthma Program – Adults in the City of LB get case management, this CARE program has assisted over 1200 adults with asthma over the last 7 years; Port Grant Program utilizes adults participants of the CARE program and teaches about AAPs, breathing techniques, triggers, and overall asthma management; LB also conducts an annual asthma resource fair • LAUSD – Office of Health and Environmental Safety – Air Filtration program identifies schools near heavy traffic/roadways and places air filtration systems (currently about 30 schools) • The Children’s Clinic – 2 separate programs – Children’s program includes home visits and indoor environmental assessments with education; Port of Long Beach grant program is only for internal patients and also provides in home visits • Inner City Law Center – Works with veterans who are homeless to assist them in getting benefits and housing; works with tenants who are being evicted because of building conditions; and the program most concerned with asthma is their Slum Abatement program working with families in substandard housing 	
Announcements from the Floor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Next Coalition meeting will be on April 27, 2015 at BARLOW RESPIRATORY HOSPITAL 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •

Recorded by Loretta Worthington