



## UNITED HOMELESS HEALTHCARE PARTNERS APRIL 2008 NEWSLETTER

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### NEW UHHP WORK GROUPS FORMING

#### Technical Assistance Work Group

A Work Group is forming to explore ways that UHHP can provide technical assistance and support to groups working to coordinate services for the homeless in SPA's and local communities within Los Angeles County. The first meeting of this group will be April 23, 2008, from 10 am to 12 noon, at Community

### JUNE MEMBERSHIP MEETING - SAVE THE DATE!

The June membership meeting will be June 19, 2008, from 9 am to 12 noon, at The California Endowment, 1000 N. Alameda Street, Los Angeles, CA. Mark your calendars and plan to attend this informative meeting.

### HOMELESS HEALTHCARE RESOURCE DOCUMENTS AVAILABLE

At the March UHHP general membership meeting, several documents were presented and/or discussed. These are available by contacting [UHHP\\_LAC@yahoo.com](mailto:UHHP_LAC@yahoo.com) and specifying which documents you would like to receive by email.

### **Los Angeles County Homeless Prevention Initiative: Quarterly Status Report to the Board of Supervisors**

Both the Executive Summary and the full report are available

Partners, 1000 N. Alameda Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor in Conference Room C. Please let us know if you can participate.

UHHP\_LAC@yahoo.com

### Documenting Disabilities Work Group

Increasing the number of homeless residents of Los Angeles County receiving disability benefits is key to our work in homeless healthcare. The system is complex and there are numerous people and organizations involved in preparing applications for approval. UHHP wants to ensure there is available training to meet the full spectrum of needs.

The new Work Group will explore the training that is currently available and help publicize these programs. They will also develop training to fill the gaps.

The first meeting of this group will be May 15, 2008, from 10 am to 12 noon, at a location to be announced. Please let us know if you can participate at: UHHP\_LAC@yahoo.com

### **Corporation for Supportive Housing Policy Proposals**

This PowerPoint presentation outlines two specific policy proposals, one of which is currently under consideration as Senate Bill 1738.

### **Sample Letter in Support of Senate Bill 1738**

The fate of SB 1738 is being decided. Now is the time to consider preparing a letter of support to be ready for the next set of hearings. This sample letter will provide the specific necessary to write such a letter.

### **Frequent Users of Health Services Initiative Evaluation: Interim Findings on Program Outcomes, and ED & Hospital Utilization and Charges**

This draft report was prepared by The Lewin Group. As noted in the Introduction

*The purpose of this report is to present preliminary findings concerning program outcomes, and emergency department and inpatient hospital utilization and charges for the six grantees funded through the Frequent Users of Health Services Initiative. Topics covered in this report include: 1) presenting conditions of the frequent user population; 2) preliminary findings related to program accomplishments (stability indicators); and 3) preliminary findings related to emergency department/hospital utilization and charges. Data limitations and caveats are presented in the Appendix.*



## Interim Staff for UHHP

Peggy Edwards and Pat Bowie are serving as interim staff for UHHP for the next few months. As Executive Director, Peggy is responsible for coordinating programs, seeking funding for permanent staff, and supporting networks in SPA's 1, 2, 4, & 5. Pat is supporting homeless healthcare networks in SPA's 3, 6, 7, & 8.

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## Community Clinic Association Presents 3rd Annual Health Policy Summit

This Summit will be May 9, 2008 at The Center at Cathedral Plaza. It will feature panels on creating access to systems of care, transforming access through the Mental Health Services Act, and budgeting for change.

Go to [www.ccalac.org](http://www.ccalac.org) for more information and registration form.

## UHHP Network Directory

You will soon receive an email posing two questions:

1. Do you want to be part of a UHHP Network Directory?
2. If yes, is the contact information we have for you correct?

This project is a result of requests from the November UHHP conference. We don't want to publish a directory without your permission, so this approach will allow you to opt in or opt out, as well as to correct any problems in the contact information we have for you.