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UHHP QUARTERLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING FOCUSES ON LATEST RESEARCH

New Location This Month!

The next quarterly membership meeting will be held September 18th from 9 am to 12 noon at a new location this month: **Montebello Library**, 1550 W. Beverly Blvd., Montebello, CA 90640

In addition to a report on UHHP policy development and advocacy activities and plans, the meeting will feature:

"Overdose Prevention & Response"

This presentation will describe the implementation of an Overdose Prevention and Response training for injection drug users in the Skid Row area of downtown Los Angeles. The program trains participants to recognize and respond to potentially fatal opiate overdoses and distributes naloxone, an opiate antagonist used to reverse opiate overdose. We will describe the program curriculum and present data from a longitudinal study designed to evaluate the program. Among other results, Skid Row program participants reported using the skills they learned to reverse 26 potentially fatal overdoses.

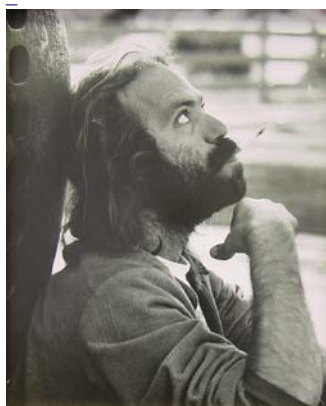
Presenters-

Karla D. Wagner

Institute for Health Promotion and Disease Prevention
Research
Keck School of Medicine
University of Southern California

Mario Gonzalez

Harm Reduction Center
Homeless Health Care Los Angeles



**How Your
Organization Can
Utilize the UHHP
WEBSITE**

It's almost up and running - a web site for UHHP will launch during August. We offer to our members two ways to publicize your organization and activities:

1. Let us know if you want us to offer a link to your organization's web site.

2. Let us know about your events to place on the UHHP web site calendar page. We will also offer predominant space on the UHHP web site home page to advertise your event - first come, first served, as space is available.

Please email your information to us at: uhhpla@yahoo.com

We look forward to your participation!

Interim Staff for UHHP

Peggy Edwards and Pat Bowie are serving as interim staff for UHHP. As Executive Director, Peggy is responsible for

"Community-Associated MRSA (CAMRSA): A New Normal for Los Angeles"

Elizabeth Bancroft, MD, SM, from Los Angeles County's Dept. of Public Health, Acute Communicable Disease Control Program (ACDC) will speak on Methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus aureus (MRSA), the bacterium responsible for difficult-to-treat infections in humans. She will describe the work of her team of epidemiologists and how lessons learned can effect our work with health care for the homeless.

Shelter Partnerships - Homeless Older Adults Strategic Plan

There are between 3,000 and 4,000 homeless individuals aged 62 and older in Los Angeles County and that number is growing. In March, 2008, Shelter Partnership released its 18-month comprehensive assessment of homeless older adults. **Steve Renahan**, a senior policy advisor at Shelter Partnership and author of the Strategic Plan, will present key findings and recommendations intended to better serve and understand this target population.

"Documenting Disabilities for Clinicians" Workshop Rescheduled for October 31, 2008

We apologize for changing the date of the "Documenting Disabilities for Clinicians" Workshop. Sometimes the planets, speakers, and conference centers are not aligned and plans go awry.

The training will be held on October 31, 2008 from 9 am to 2:15 pm at the Hudson Auditorium at Martin Luther King Jr. - Multi Service Ambulatory Care Center, 12021 South Wilmington Avenue, Los Angeles, CA

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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Additional details, including registration information, will be communicated in the next two weeks.



Photo

Acknowledgement

UHHP wishes to acknowledge the photo image work of Roger Marshutz (which we've altered for our design needs) in this newsletter.

UHHP NETWORK DIRECTORY

We recently distributed the UHHP Network Directory, in electronic format, to our members. The directory is compilation of homeless healthcare providers and advocates in the greater Los Angeles area. If you are not in the current directory and would like to be included in our next edition, due out in October 2008, please contact us at: UHHPLA@yahoo.com

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