



UNITED HOMELESS HEALTHCARE PARTNERS AUGUST 2011 NEWSLETTER

August 18th UHHP General Meeting Healthy Way L.A.

Plan to attend an informative meeting about the new low cost health program Healthy Way L.A.

August 18th 9 am - 12 noon
The Center for Healthy Communities - Catalina Room
1000 N. Alameda Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Learn about the enrollment processes and advocacy needs for your homeless and recently housed clients. Dr. Mark Ghaly, Deputy Director for Community Health for Los Angeles County Dept. of Health Services, and Katie Murphy, Supervising Attorney for Neighborhood Legal Services of Los Angeles County, will help participants address the special needs of clients and providers as we implement the program.

Healthy Way L.A. expands health care coverage to uninsured adult residents of the county with incomes at or below 133 1/3 percent of the FPL, chronic conditions such as diabetes and hypertension, as well as patients nearing Medicare-eligible age and those who have been using LACDHS services in a chronic but uncoordinated manner. Enrollees will have a medical home and expanded access to primary, preventive and specialty services.

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Visit the UHHP website today! We offer two ways to publicize your organization's activities:

1. We will place your events on the UHHP website calendar page. We also offer predominant space on the UHHP website home page to advertise your event - first come, first served, as space is available.

2. We offer a link to your organization's website.

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Angeles Homeless
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UHHP WORKSHOP SERIES PREPARING DISABILITY CLAIMS

UHHP has partnered with the Social Security Administration and the California Disabilities Determination Services to provide training for organizations that assist homeless residents prepare disability applications.

Please visit our website at: www.uhhpla.org

We are continually adding new dates and locations for workshops! These workshops have been very popular and fill up fast, so we encourage you to take a few minutes and register now! Are workshops are free of charge.

Workshop 1 - Mastering the Disability Application Package

The one-day workshop offered by SSA is designed to teach participants to prepare and submit applications including electronic submissions, which speeds up the process and increases the quality of the product. This training also includes information about completing the Disability Report. Participants are paired with their local SSA office for hands-on training and follow-up support.

Workshop 2 - Documenting Disability for Clinicians

This half-day workshop is designed primarily for clinicians and offers an opportunity for provider staff that complete the disability documentation to interact with DDS staff and physicians. It includes a review of resources and case studies to allow clinicians to prepare documentation that meets the required criteria.

Workshop 3 - Steps to Successful Disability Applications

This one-day workshop focuses on ways to partner with clients to better assist them submit strong disability applications. It emphasizes client engagement and collecting needed medical and other records.

Reserving a Seat in Workshops

Online registration is required to attend these workshop. The UHHP website (www.uhhpla.org) lists all the scheduled dates and locations, as well as locations with dates TBA. You may register for a specific date or for a date TBA workshop. You will then be notified about the availability of space in that workshop. For workshops with "dates TBA", as soon as a workshop is scheduled, you will be notified in order of your online registration.

LAHSA to Conduct Continuum of Care Meetings

During the month of August, LAHSA will be conducting Continuum of Care meetings throughout Los Angeles County to discuss Continuum funding principles and to begin to identify the top barriers that clients and providers face to successful housing transition. If your agency serves more than one target population (chronic homeless, veterans, families, and youth) and you want to participate in more than one breakout group, you may register multiple participants. You may complete this [registration form link](#) and submit it to Allura Graham at: agraham@lahsa.org.

SPA 1: Antelope Valley
Thursday, August 4, 9 am - Noon
Antelope Valley Family YMCA - "Legacy Room"
4300 10th Street West
Lancaster, CA 93534

SPA 2: San Fernando Valley
Wednesday, August 3, 1 pm - 4 pm
Buena Vista Library
300 North Buena Vista Street
Burbank, CA 91505

SPA 3: San Gabriel Valley
Tuesday, August 2, 9 am - Noon
Cameron Community Center - "Multi-Purpose Room"

Comprehensive Resource

<http://lahomeless.org/>

Los Angeles Homeless Resource is a vast collection of community resources and information. It is a collaborative effort, one that brings together service providers, advocates, government agencies and the general public. This resource is volunteer-driven and is freely edited by any Wikia user. UHHP has joined this collaborative effort as a sponsoring agency. Please help make this a better resource by participating as an LAHomeless.org contributor. Your contributions will help to provide the most current and up-to-date resource information. You can add and edit resources and information at any time-- thus helping to make the Los Angeles Homeless Resource Wiki site the definitive homeless resource.

1305 East Cameron Avenue
West Covina, CA 91793

SPA 4: Skid Row

Monday, August 15, 1 pm - 4 pm
Los Angeles Mission - "Spanish Chapel"
303 East 5th Street
Los Angeles, CA 90013

SPA 4: Hollywood

Monday, August 8, 1 pm - 4 pm
"Citibank Building" - 4th Floor Conference Room
5000 W. Sunset Blvd.
Los Angeles, CA 90027

SPA 4: East Los Angeles/Boyle Heights

Thursday, August 11, 9 am - Noon
Puente Learning Center - "Multi-Purpose Room"
501 South Boyle Ave.
Los Angeles, CA 90033

SPA 5: West Los Angeles

Friday, August 5, 9 am - Noon
VA Campus/New Directions
11303 Wilshire Blvd. - VA Building 116
Los Angeles, CA 90073

SPA 6: South Los Angeles

Wednesday, August 10, 9 am - Noon
Willowbrook Senior Center - "Auditorium"
12915 Jarvis Ave.
Los Angeles, CA 90061

SPA 7: East Los Angeles County

Tuesday, August 9, 1:30 pm - 4:30 pm
City of Norwalk Social Services Center - "Multi-Purpose Room"
11929 Alondra Blvd.
Norwalk, CA 90640

SPA 8: South Bay/Harbor

Friday, August 12, 9 am - Noon
Beach Cities Health District - "Beach Cities Room"
514 N. Prospect Ave.
Redondo Beach, CA 90277

Policy & Advocacy Briefing

UHHP's very active Policy & Advisory Committee is involved in a number of issue areas, including healthcare, housing/rental subsidies, General Relief, and state and federal legislation. Our committee meets the third Monday of each month, from 3 to 5 pm. The next meeting is August 15th at The Center for Healthy Communities - Tahoe Room, 1000 N. Alameda Street, Los Angeles, CA

Following is a summary of three very important California Assembly bills. Follow the link in each paragraph to a sample letter that can be sent in support of the legislation.

AB 826 would use existing resources, through the Integrated Services for Mentally Ill Parolees (ISMIP) to **identify prison inmates who are most likely to fall into homelessness** upon release and are therefore at greater risk of recidivating, initiate prevention of homelessness by requiring ISMIP program contractors to engage with inmates prior to their release, and ensure that, in years when ISMIP is funded, funds are properly spent to ensure housing and mental health stability among participants.

In California now, state agencies too often pursue siloed policies that affect other state or local programs. Too often, the state fails to apply for federal funds for which California is entitled because an agency relies on another to apply, or the absence of a coordinating council disqualifies the state. Too often, state agency staff duplicate the work of other agency staff or enact policies that contradict another agency's policies. **AB 1167** would remedy these issues by creating a **California interagency council on homelessness**. Rather than establishing another state agency, an interagency council would coordinate the work of existing staff toward ensuring programs work effectively and efficiently, without duplication of effort among staff or conflicting program regulations.

AB 683 would require the Department of Housing and Community Development to develop a **data warehouse** that would track the number of homeless people accessing homeless services. In time, this system could gather data from multiple agencies administering programs affecting homelessness. These data would assist in ensuring program requirements maximize efficiency, in coordinating agency response to homelessness, and in making transparent the costs of homelessness. Federal funding is available to create such a data warehouse, and the work of the bill is contingent upon the receipt on non-General Fund dollars.

Los Angeles Regional Reentry Partnership

If your agency serves previously incarcerated people and you are interested in becoming involved in leading practices in service delivery and in policy and advocacy as California realigns its correction system, the Los Angeles Regional Reentry Partnership (LARRP) may offer you a forum to meet those interests. Organized in a way similar to UHHP, this network of public, community-based, and faith-based organizations is providing leadership to providers as Los Angeles County transitions to a system where large numbers of offenders are jailed or supervised within the county rather than serving time in state prisons.

Join LARRP on Thursday, August 11, 2011 from 12:30 - 2:30 p.m. for an opportunity to help shape the next steps and action plans to address the reentry needs in Los Angeles County.

Amity Foundation
Rainmaker Hall
3750 South Grand Avenue
Los Angeles, CA 90007
Non-metered street parking available
(There will be a working lunch provided by Amity Foundation, so please RSVP to Doug Bond - dbond@amityfdn.org or 213-400-4243.

Conference Workshop Materials Available Online

The Alliance wrapped up the 2011 National Conference on Ending Homelessness on Friday, July 15. Approximately 1400 participants from across the country congregated in Washington, D.C. to learn about emerging ideas and methods to end homelessness in the country.

Workshop presentation materials will be made available and can be accessed at: http://www.endhomelessness.org/section/_2011nationalconferencepresentations

The Alliance encourages all speakers to send their presentations to Alliance staff as soon as possible so that all workshop materials can be made available online.



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