



UNITED HOMELESS HEALTHCARE PARTNERS FEBRUARY 2008 NEWSLETTER

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This is the inaugural edition of our newsletter for people on our mailing list. It is designed to inform you about the activities of United Homeless Healthcare Partners and to invite you to participate. Please contact us at UHHP_LAC@yahoo.com with any questions or suggestions. To unsubscribe, follow the instructions at the bottom of the page.

The evaluation of our "Executive Summit on Homeless Healthcare Service Delivery Models" held November 5 - 6, 2007, indicated that many of the participants in the conference would like to stay involved with collaborative efforts in their communities. To facilitate this, UHHP is offering three avenues:

- Assistance in developing or expanding SPA or other regional collaboratives (see article on interim staff below);
- Invitations to participate in UHHP general meetings, training workshops, and committees (see meeting schedules and committee descriptions)
- Inclusion in a directory of homeless healthcare providers and advocates. Look for an email in the next few weeks verifying your contact information and willingness to be included in this directory

[General Meeting Schedule](#)

General membership meetings are held quarterly, with committee meetings held each month on the other two months of the quarter. The meeting day is generally the third Thursday of the month. See the chart, below, for the schedule through June.

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- March 20th

The agenda for the next general membership meeting is shaping up. Look for an announcement email in the next few weeks & please save the date.

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| February 20 th | Service Delivery Committee 9 - 10:30 a.m. The California Endowment | Organization Development Committee 10:30 a.m. - 12 noon The California Endowment |
| March 20th | General Membership Meeting 9 a.m. - 12 noon The California Endowment | |
| April 17th | Service Delivery Committee time & location TBD | Organization Development Committee time & location TBD |
| May or June | SSI- Disability documentation Training date & location TBD | |

Interim Staff for UHHP

Peggy Edwards and Pat Bowie will serve as interim staff for UHHP for the next few months. Peggy has been named Executive Director and will be responsible for coordinating programs, seeking funding for permanent staff, and supporting networks in SPA's 1, 2, 4, & 5. Pat will support homeless healthcare networks in SPA's 3, 6, 7, & 8.

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UHHP Committees & Areas of Focus

The three UHHP committees are: Service Delivery, Policy Development, & Organization Development.

The **Service Delivery Committee** is co-chaired by Libby Boyce (Dept. of Health Services) and Mark Casanova (Homeless Healthcare Los Angeles). This committee was responsible for the Executive Summit held in November 2007. Members will focus on supporting the growth of SPA-based and other networks of homeless healthcare providers and offering training in best practices, and well as offering UHHP networking and opportunities to collaborate.

The **Policy Development Committee** is co-chaired by Yolanda Vera (Los Angeles Health Action) & Dana Knoll (Watts Healthcare Corp.). The focus of this committee is to advance our policy priorities through advocacy and to develop UHHP into a nimble organization that can respond quickly to changing legislation and policy. This committee will (is this what you meant?) sponsor advocacy training for UHHP members.

The **Organization Development Committee** is co-chaired by Jennifer Bayer (Hospital Assoc. of Southern California) and Carrie Bach (Dept. of Public Health). This committee has two subcommittees: Development/Grants & Membership/Programs. The internal operations of UHHP

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fall under this committee's oversight.

UHHP members are urged to serve on one of these committees. Send a message to the email at the end of this newsletter to sign up for a committee.

[Results of the "Executive Summit On Homeless Healthcare Service Delivery Models"](#)



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The results of an on-line survey and comments received during and after the conference indicate that it was very successful. On a rating scale of 1 - 5, with 5 as the highest, the ratings were as follows:

- Overall, how would you rate the Executive Summit on Homeless Healthcare Service Delivery? **4.3**
- How would you rate the quality of the material presented during the conference? **4.2**
- How would you rate the quality of the presenters? **4.3**
- How important was this conference to your work? **4.0**
- How well did the conference address the issues of homeless healthcare service delivery? **4.2**
- How likely are you to become or stay involved with collaborative efforts to provide homeless healthcare in your community? **4.4**