



# UNITED HOMELESS HEALTHCARE PARTNERS

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### [New UHHP Newsletter](#)

Welcome to the inaugural edition of this newsletter. It is a work in progress and will involve based on your feedback. Contact us at the email listed below with any comments and suggestions.

### [New Meeting Schedule](#)

At the December general meeting, members opted to change the schedule for quarterly, with committee meetings. General membership meetings will be held quarterly, with committee meetings held each month on the other two months of the quarter. The day will generally be the third Thursday of the month.

As our membership grows, it is becoming rather unwieldy to conduct detailed business at our monthly meetings. This new approach will allow us to focus on the committee structure we had in place while we developed our strategic plan. This structure is based on three working committees, each with its own strategic objectives and work plan.

January 30th	<b>Policy Development Committee</b> - Conference call 10:00 - 11:00 a.m. The call in information is: (866) 445-1131 passcode: 9982100	
February 20 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Service Delivery Committee</b> 9 - 10:30 a.m. The California Endowment	<b>Organization Development Committee</b> 10:30 a.m. - 12 noon The California Endowment
February TBD	<b>Policy Development Committee</b> Date & location TBD	
March	<b>General</b>	

20th	<b>Membership Meeting</b> 9 a.m. - 12 noon The California Endowment	
April 17th	<b>Service Delivery Committee</b> time & location to be determined	<b>Organization Development Committee</b> time & location TBD
May or June	<b>SSI - Disability documentation Training</b> date & location TBD	

### [March General Membership Meeting - March 20th](#)

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

Quarterly general membership meetings will focus on specific topics of interest to members. Look for a survey to identify the topics of most interest to members.

The 2008 schedule is still in draft form, as reflected in the chart on the left.

### [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 be focused 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 is sponsor advocacy training for UHHP members.

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

## 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, 3, 4, & 5. Pat will support homeless healthcare networks in SPAs 3, 6, 7, & 8.

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& Membership/Programs. The internal operations of UHHP 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.

### [Financial Models for Supportive Housing Workshop](#)

UHHP is sponsoring a technical assistance workshop/discussion to explore financing models to pay for services for people in supportive housing.

**Date:** January 25, 2008

**Time:** 1:30 - 4 pm

**Location:** Dept. of Health Services, 313 N. Figueroa, Los Angeles 90012, 1st. floor auditorium.

Dr. Josh Bamberger, Medical Director, Housing and Urban Health and Marc Trotz, Director of Housing and Urban Health from the San Francisco Dept. of Public Health will be discussing their financing models and how they use their FQHC status to care for people in supportive housing. Send a message to the email below to register for this event.

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

The results of an on-line survey and comments received during and after the conference indicated that it was very successful. On a rating scale of 1 - 5,

with 5 as the highest, the ratings were:

- 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**