



UNITED HOMELESS HEALTHCARE PARTNERS
JUNE 2011 NEWSLETTER

Quarterly UHHP Meeting

HOW WILL THE HEARTH ACT & AFFORDABLE CARE ACT IMPACT HOMELESS SERVICES IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY?

June 22nd from 9 a.m. to 12 noon, The California Endowment - Sierra Room, 1000 N. Alameda Street, Los Angeles

Join our expert panel to explore the implications of health and housing federal legislation on providing services to the unsheltered residents of Los Angeles County. Bring all the questions you have but didn't know where to ask them and prepare for a lively discussion about impacts and options. Hear experts from Los Angeles County Dept. of Health Services, Neighborhood Legal Services, Corporation for Supportive Housing, and Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority address the issues and answer your questions.

Please RSVP at info@uhhpla.org to ensure we have enough seats.

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New 2011 UHHP Network Directory

The 2011 UHHP Network Directory was just recently distributed electronically to our members. If you are not yet a part of the directory and would like to be, please contact us at: info@uhhpla.org

Our Email Address has changed!

Please Contact us at:

The UHHP email address is: info@uhhpla.org

Publicize Your Event on the UHHP WEBSITE!

www.uhhpla.org

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 pages. We also offer predominant space on the UHHP website home page to advertise your event - first come, first served, as

UHHP CONTINUES TO COORDINATE DISABILITY BENEFITS TRAINING WORKSHOPS

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

Mastering the Disability Application Package

The one-day training 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.

After the initial training, SSA will offer hands-on training. This service is available from the parallel SSA office that serves the provider's operations so that the provider's staff will establish an on-going relationship with their local SSA office.

Documenting Disability for Clinicians

This half-day workshop is designed for clinicians, advocates, and case managers who prepare documentation about applicant disabilities. It focuses on the differences between successful applications and those that are not approved.

New Disability Benefits Workshop Now Available

In addition to the two workshops offered by SSA and DDS, UHHP is also partnering with the training program formerly known as SOAR to offer a workshop titled "Steps to Successful Applications." We had previously titled this "Client Engagement & Gathering Documentation." The new title reflects the broader scope of this training. The one-day workshop focuses on ways to partner with clients to better assist them submit strong disability applications. It will focus on client engagement, advocating for clients, and collecting needed medical and other records.

Reserving Space in Disability Benefits Training Programs

Training sessions are scheduled on an as-needed basis and online registration is required to attend these workshop. The UHHP website (www.uhhpla.org) lists all the available dates and locations. If there are dates listed, you may indicate your preferred date and location. You will be notified about the availability of space in that workshop. These workshops have been very popular and fill up fast, so we encourage you to take a minute to register right away!

If no dates appear for specific workshops on the website, then registering will put you on the waiting list and you will be contacted when another class is scheduled.

LAHSA SPA-WIDE MEETINGS FOR HOMELESS SERVICES PROVIDERS

In April and May, the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority held the first round of quarterly SPA-wide meetings. These meetings are designed to address the changing landscape in homeless services and provide an opportunity for sharing information, networking, and to address community needs.

In the first sessions, topics included the impact of federal legislation and strategic plans on Los Angeles County and the regional "Home for Good" plan developed by the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce and United Way. Attendees also had an opportunity to participate in an exercise designed to identify the type of housing needs for specific target populations of people without shelter in each SPA.

The next round of meetings will be in late July and early August. During these meetings, participants will review the 2011 Homeless Count data, identify community housing needs based on updated data, and identify and address

space is available.

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

Please email your information to us at: info@uhhpla.org

Are you using the Los Angeles Homeless Resource Wiki?
LA's Most 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.

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obstacles to developing and sustaining people in housing.

Look for announcements from LAHSA and in future UHHP newsletters for dates and locations for the July/August sessions.

SPA 7 NETWORKING OPPORTUNITY

During the LAHSA meeting in SPA 7, participants indicated interest in forming a homeless services providers networking group or homeless coalition or some other format to share information and perhaps engage in joint planning for the region. If you serve SPA 7 and are interested in forming such a network, please let us know at: info@uhhpla.org

UHHP POLICY & ADVOCACY COMMITTEE

This very active committee has divided into subcommittees to more effectively address the many issues impacting providing housing and services to the unsheltered residents of Los Angeles County. The subcommittees are:

- Housing Vouchers
- General Relief to SSI
- Health Funding for Permanent Supportive Housing Services
- Land Use Planning
- State & Federal Issues
- Policy Summit Planning Team

Please contact info@uhhpla.org if you are interested in joining one of these subcommittees. The full committee meets on the third Monday of each month, from 3 to 5 pm. Subcommittees meet by conference call or on days/times determined by the members.

