



UNITED HOMELESS HEALTHCARE PARTNERS MARCH 2008 NEWSLETTER

Upcoming General Membership Meetings:

March 20th

9 am - 12 noon

The California Endowment

June 19th

9 am - 12 noon

Location TBD

Exciting Updates in Homeless Healthcare in Los Angeles County!!

March 20th UHP MEMBERSHIP MEETING

The next general membership meeting of UHP will be jam-packed with information and discussion on a variety of fronts. It will be held March 20, 2008, at The California Endowment, 1000 N. Alameda Street, Los Angeles, from 9 am - 12 noon.

Our agenda includes:

Project 50 Update

Service Delivery Co-Chair, Libby Boyce (Dept. of Health Services) and Beth Sandor (Common Ground) will present a status report on Project 50 - Identifying the 50 most chronic and vulnerable homeless people sleeping on Skid Row and placing them into housing.

Homeless Prevention Initiative

Garrison Smith (Los Angeles County Homeless Coordinator) will share an update on the Homeless Prevention Initiative.

Interim Staff for UHHP

Peggy Edwards and Pat Bowie are serving as interim staff for UHHP for the next few months. As Executive Director, Peggy is responsible for 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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LAHSA Update

Mary Boding, Interim Director of Policy & Planning, will discuss LAHSA's current activities and future goals.

UHHP Policy Development Progress and Next Steps

Co-Chairs Yolanda Vera (Los Angeles Health Action) and Dana Knoll (Watts Health Care Corp.) will outline their committee's work in addressing the "moving targets" of health care policy and "reform." They will also lead a discussion to gather input about advocacy training for UHHP that is planned for members in the next few months.

SSI Disability Training

Service Delivery Co-Chair, Mark Casanova (Homeless Healthcare Los Angeles) will provide a SSI Disability training update and discuss UHHP plans to offer training in May, June, or July.

What's Going On Around the County?

Participants will hear about exciting developments in several areas of the county as new networks are developing and existing groups are expanding and implementing their plans. Pat Bowie will lead a discussion about the need for different models of community engagement to address urban and suburban needs, as well as the differing needs of the chronic homeless and the "temporarily and/or economically" homeless residents of our county.

UHHP Committees

There is exciting work going on in the Service Delivery, Policy Development, and Organization Development Committees. Spend a few minutes hearing about the plans of these groups and consider joining one of them.