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June Membership Meeting to Focus on Policy Priorities

On June 11th, from 9 am to 12 noon, UHHHP will hold our quarterly meeting at The California Endowment, 1000 N. Alameda Street, Los Angeles, CA. The focus of the meeting will be on policy priorities for the next 12 to 18 months. Anyone interested in helping to further define policy needs in homeless health care and permanent housing with services is invited to attend.



Over the past weeks, the UHHHP Policy Advisory Board and the Policy Committee have honed these priorities. This week the Policy Committee will develop action plans to detail how these issues will be tackled. The UHHHP draft policy priorities are:

1. Increase funding for integrated services to people living in supportive housing to access, at a minimum, health, mental health, substance use, and case management services.
2. Remove administrative barriers that impede the ability of homeless people to access housing and services, and the ability of developers to create housing with services.
3. Improve coordination and collaboration among agencies, organizations, and funders to identify and adopt best practices in providing health, mental health, substance abuse, and case management services to people who are homeless.

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"INNOVATIONS & LESSONS LEARNED" CONFERENCE A SUCCESS

On May 14th, more than 120 people gathered at The California Endowment to participate in a half-day conference designed in a "modified World Cafe" format. Participants heard speakers give brief descriptions of some of the innovative homeless healthcare and housing projects underway in Los Angeles County.

They then moved to discussion groups focused on a wide variety of topics and developed ideas about how to implement versions of these projects in local areas in ways that meet the needs of the specific communities. Resource people in each discussion group provided additional information and experience and participants were urged to join several groups during the discussion time.

Projects present included:

- **Projects 50**
- **Leavey Center**
- **SSI Demonstration Project**
Libby Boyce
*Los Angeles County
Department of Health Services*
- **Los Angeles FQHC Capacity Building Initiative**
Gabriele Hooks
Corporation for Supportive Housing
- **Recuperative Care Models**
Ted Knoll
Whittier First Day Coalition

DawnMarie Kotsonis
Presbyterian Intercommunity Hospital

Discussions topics included:

- Recuperative/Respite Care
- Street Outreach
- Integrated Service Delivery
- UHHP Policy Priorities
- Recruiting & Supporting Volunteers
- Community & Regional Homeless Coalitions
- Transforming Regional Homeless Coalitions from Information Sharing to Action
- Transitioning from Shelters to Permanent Housing with Services

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- Partnerships Between FQHCs and Housing Developers
- Project 50 to Project 500
- Project Homeless Connect

If you participated in the conference and would like to complete an evaluation, please go to the following link: [Survey Monkey](#)

NEW MEMBERSHIP MEETING SCHEDULE TO BEGIN IN SEPTEMBER

Beginning with the September 24th meeting, general membership meetings will be held bimonthly. Feedback from members is that quarterly meetings are too infrequent and monthly meetings are too frequent. The new schedule will be:

September 24, 2009
November 2009
January 2010
March 2010
May 2010
July 2010
September 2010
November 2010

Specific dates will be communicated when space is confirmed. UHHP generally tries to meet the third Thursday of the month.

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