

Long Beach HIV Planning Group Meeting Minutes for 01.08.2014

Presentation: Dr. Sonali Kulkarni, HIV Medical Director, and Sophia Rumanes, Chief of Prevention Services at the LA County Division of HIV and STD Programs presented updated HIV data for the Long Beach and SPA 8 area and described innovative approaches to HIV and STD testing being implemented in LA County. The slide set for this presentation is attached.

Presentation: Julio Rodriguez and Marc McMillin presented footage on the World AIDS Day December 01, 2013 celebration at the Center in Long Beach. This activity represents a truly collaborative effort among the many agencies, offices and clinics represented in the Long Beach HIV Planning Group. Day forum culminated in a night vigil attended by many.

Commission on HIV update: Marc McMillin discussed major points on the role that treatment plays in HIV prevention. He encouraged attendance and participation in the HIV Commission meetings every 2nd Thursday of each month at St Anne's Maternity Home Foundation (Conference Room) in Los Angeles.

Business meeting: There was interest in the group to look into and revisit the state of HIV and STD testing in the City of Long Beach. Subcommittee meetings will be planned.

Announcements (see below): If you want any of your programs, resources or services added to the list on the website, please provide the information below.

Name of resource or service

Cost:

Contact:

Brief description of resource or service:

Date posted

Anticipated take down (if known):

If you want the full listing of free HIV resources and services in Long Beach from the LB Planning Group website, there are 2 ways to get there:

1) Click on this link. [You can share this link with patients and staff](http://www.longbeach.gov/health/lbhivpg/a_to_z_services_listing.asp)

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2) Search the long way

Google search: Long Beach Health Department

Once on the home page, click on Long Beach HIV Planning Group on the menu on the left side. Hover the mouse over it.

Click on A to Z Services Listing to find services and resources related to HIV in Long Beach and surrounding cities. Most, if not all, of the services are free.

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Conference – U.S. Conference on AIDS from 10/02/14 to 10/05/14, San Diego CA

Cost: There is a subcommittee formed to sponsor scholarships for eligible participants to attend the conference. The LA subcommittee is suggesting the submission of abstracts that focus on "Skills Building". For additional info on the Conference themes/abstract details check the website NMAC.org

Contact: NMAC.org

The National Minority AIDS Council (NMAC), a 501(c)3 organization, develops leadership in communities of color to end the HIV/AIDS epidemic since 1987. NMAC also serves as an association of AIDS service organizations providing valuable information to community based organizations, hospitals, clinics and other groups assisting individuals and families affected by the AIDS epidemic. Their next conference is going to be in October 2014. For those who are not able to attend the conference, the proceedings will be aired at the California Endowment Center. The deadline for submitting abstracts is April 4, 2014

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Food Bank - Free Food, Free Personal Care Items, Free Nutritional Counseling, Treatment and Advocacy

Cost: No Cost

Contact: Vance North Necessities of Life Program Food Pantries (213) 201-1433 or (213) 201-1586 Fax (213) 201-1464

Necessities of Life Program Food Pantries (NOLP) provide free groceries (eggs, cheese, yogurt, milk, fresh fruits and vegetables, frozen meats, canned and dry goods), personal care and cleaning items, and nutrition counseling to eligible individuals living with HIV / AIDS who live in Los Angeles County, and whose income is under \$1,395 per month. The Long Beach food pantry is located at 411 East 10th Street, Long Beach, CA 90813. NOLP also has other locations throughout Los Angeles County. Please call us at (213) 201-1433 or (213) 201-1586 if you need more information.

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Research Participation and Opportunities for Pregnant Women

Cost: No Cost - Qualified study participants will actually get financial compensation for their participation \$25 for the 1st session and \$40 for the 2nd session.

Contact: (562) 495-2330 / 109 Atlantic Avenue LB CA 90813

This research study would like to assess experimental rapid laboratory tests for HIV, syphilis, hepatitis B and hepatitis C. They are looking for pregnant women only.

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Statistics (HIV Related)

Cost: No Cost

Contact: Provided by Sonali Kulkarni MD MPH and Sophia Rumanes MPH, County of Los Angeles, Department of Public Health Division of HIV & STD Programs

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Support Group – Mentors and Buddies of the Long Beach Dept of Health & Human Services

Cost: No Cost - Free every 2nd and 4th Monday of the month between 6-7 PM. First meeting on Monday January 27, 2014 starts at 6:00 p.m.)

Contact: Julio Rodriguez at (562) 570-4213 / julio.rodriguez@longbeach.gov

A safe environment to receive information, guidance, respect and non-judgmental support. Meet others and share stories of survival and resilience. Open to all, regardless of HIV status, age or gender. Light meals & refreshments will be provided. Hablamos espanol.

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Transgender Services and Counseling (Transgeneros Unidas)

Cost: No Cost

Website: www.Bienestart.org

Contact: Victor Martínez, Director of Prevention Programs at (323) 727-7896 ext. 107 or at vmartinez@bienestar.org or Daniela Escobedo at T 562-438-5800 5200 F 562-438-5200 Long Beach Center 1464 Cherry Ave LB CA 90013

The Transgéneros Unidas Program (TU) was established in 1996 to provide services to the Latina Transgender community. The TU program is one of a kind program that caters specifically to the needs of Latina immigrant transgender women. The TU program offers weekly support group gatherings, education intervention programs, educational forums and social events such as Miss BIENESTAR. The TU program also focuses on empowering transgender women to be agents of change in their communities so that they can make educated decisions and lead healthier lives.

Transgender Services and Counseling (Comprehensive Risk Counseling Services)

Cost: No Cost

Contact: contact: Robert Gomez Director of Comprehensive Risk Counseling Services T.323-752-3100 F.323-752-3420 Email. Rgomez@bienestar.org Daniela Escobedo T. 562-438-5800 F.562-438-5200 Email descobedo@bienestar.org 1464 Cherry Ave. Long Beach, CA 90813

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Next Long Beach Planning Group Meeting: April 09, 2014

Best,
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