



WOMEN'S CAUCUS

Virtual Meeting

Monday, November 16, 2020

2:00PM-4:00PM (PST)

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| 1. Welcome + Introductions + Check-In | 2:00PM – 2:05PM |
| 2. Co-Chair Report | 2:05PM – 2:10PM |
| 3. Executive Director Report | 2:10PM – 3:00PM |
| • Committee, Caucus and Task Force Updates | |
| • Ending the HIV Epidemic (EHE) Updates | |
| • Child Care Services Updates | |
| 4. WeCanStopSTDsLA Collaboration Opportunity Re:
STD Prevention and Treatment in Young Cis and Trans Women of Color | 3:00PM – 3:10PM |
| 5. Virtual Lunch & Learn Series Women-Centered Discussions | 3:10PM – 3:30PM |
| • Follow Up + Updates | |
| • Next Steps | |
| 6. Planning for 2021 | 3:30PM – 3:45PM |
| 7. Meeting Recap + Agenda | 3:45PM – 3:50PM |
| 8. Public Comments + Announcements | 3:50PM – 4:00PM |
| 9. Adjournment | 4:00PM |



Women’s Caucus
September 21, 2020 | 2:00-4:00pm
VIRTUAL MEETING SUMMARY

In attendance:

Shary Alonzo (Co-Chair)	Dr. LaShonda Spencer (Co-Chair)	Maritza Ramirez
Natalie Sanchez	Roxanne Lewis	Shellye Jones
Thelma Garcia	Kiana Dobson	Genevieve Clavreul
Kevin Donnelly	Maria Scott	Carolyn Echols Watson (COH Staff)
Guadalupe Velazquez	Bridget Gordon	Dawn Mc Clendon (COH Staff)
Guadalupe Morales Avendano	Mariela Magana Ceballos	Cheryl Barrit (COH Staff)

1. Welcome + Introductions

Dr. LaShonda Spencer and Shary Alonzo, Co-Chairs, welcomed all attendees and provided opportunities for introductions.

2. Co-Chairs Report:

Co-Chairs thanked everyone for attending the special 4-part Virtual Lunch & Learn (VLL) series and contributing to its success. Dr. Spencer reminded the Caucus that the VLLs are not only used as a recruitment tool for the Caucus but also used to help inform the Commission in making impactful changes for women living with HIV.

Revisit Meeting Schedule. Co-Chairs suggested that the Caucus meet every other month to accommodate members’ schedules now that children are going back to school and the holidays are upon us, with the understanding that the work will continue, supported by staff and communicated by email. The Caucus agreed; next meeting will be November 16, 2020.

3. Executive Director Report:

Child Care Standards of Care Review & Feedback:

Cheryl Barrit thanked the Caucus for their feedback in its review of the Child Care Services standards of care and will compile all comments received, to include additional public comment, and present to the Standards and Best Practice (SBP) Committee for approval. The target goal is to have the full body approve the standard of care by the end of the year to allow enough planning time for DHSP to procure the service.

Ms. Barrit also shared that DHSP staff have reached out to the Caucus Co-Chairs and Part B partners to conduct additional need assessments to help inform how they would contract

for that service and that focus groups are currently being planned for the community to help inform DHSP on how the service will be delivered.

Dr. Spencer encouraged Caucus members to participate in the focus groups to ensure diversity of voices.

Ms. Barrit also shared she requested clarification from the HRSA Project Officer (PO) on extending the HRSA definition of child care services to dependent adults and will report back on the outcome.

The Caucus suggested Spanish translation of materials and communications be incorporated as a standard practice. A statement to DHSP was suggested requesting that all materials issued to the public be provided in Spanish as well. The Caucus was also applauded for providing the VLLs in English and Spanish and thanked Ms. Alonzo for all of her efforts in translating the VLLs.

Priority Setting and Resource Allocation (PSRA) Process:

Ms. Barrit updated the Caucus on the Commission's PSRA process and referred to an informational resource in the packet which provides an overview and guidance on the overall PSRA process.

Ms. Barrit reported that the Commission's multi-year priority setting and resource allocations were recently approved by the full body and the next step is to approve the Program Directives. The Planning, Priorities & Allocations (PP&A) Committee modified and approved the directives at its last meeting and will present to the Executive Committee for approval next Thursday.

Ms. Barrit noted that the Program Directives included many of the recommendations developed by the Women's Caucus and reminded the Caucus of the impact of their voices. Ms. Barrit thanked Dr. Spencer for her leadership and ensuring that the Caucus' voice was heard and included in the PSRA process.

COH Commission Co-Chair Bridget Gordon encouraged the Caucus to continue to recruit members to participate in the PSRA process also thanked Dr. Spencer for speaking up on behalf of the Caucus at PP&A Committees. Ms. Gordon suggested that all members be prepared to speak to women's needs at upcoming meetings in preparation for next year's PSRA.

Ending the HIV Epidemic (EHE) Updates:

DHSP's September 16, 2020 EHE Town hall presented the draft EHE plan which is now available on DHSP website for public comment with an October 16, 2020 deadline.

Ms. Barrit encouraged all Commission and community members to review the plan and submit comments individually; however, the Commission will formally submit comments on behalf of the Commission.

Ms. Barrit shared that she requested DHSP to present the EHE plan exclusively in Spanish and will update the Caucus on the outcome.

4. WeCanStopSTDsLA Collaboration Opportunity Re: STD Prevention and Treatment in Young Cis and Trans Women of Color

Kiana Dobson, Program Coordinator, provided a brief recap of the program by sharing that WeCanStopSTDsLA is strengthening its work with young Black and Brown women of color (to include transwomen) and using CDC grant recently awarded to jumpstart and lead the project. Through the grant, WeCanStopSTDsLA will form a CAB of women ages 18-24 to conduct community assessments, identify key projects to help reduce the STD epidemic, among other activities.

Ms. Dobson also shared that job bulletins to hire a Project Coordinator and Project Director were released last week; job bulletins can be found in the News section on its website at <https://www.wecanstopstdsla.org/>. Ms. Dobson asked that the Caucus share the job bulletins widely in their networks and communities. The job opportunities are opened until filled and interviews will be filled next week.

Ongoing updates and next steps for Caucus participation will be provided to the Caucus as the project progresses.

5. Virtual Lunch & Learn Series | Women-Centered Discussions Regarding Social Determinants of Health

Ms. Alonzo thanked the Caucus for attending and supporting the VLLs as they have been very successful and have resulted in overwhelming positive feedback. Ms. Alonzo thanked all consumer participants who have been courageous in sharing their stories. Ms. Alonzo noted that the August VLL attracted 60 attendees and the September 16 VLL attracted 44 attendees.

Ms. Alonzo also shared that the next VLL will be on October 14 and will address housing and economic insecurities, and invited consumer members who would like to share their stories to submit their interest to Commission staff. Jayda Arrington and Guadalupe Velazquez will participate as the consumer speakers at the October 14, 2020 VLL.

The Caucus requested that there be more time allotted to consumer speaker participation during the VLLs so that the consumer voice is at the forefront of the conversation and to encourage a more interactive process.

The Caucus also suggested that a disclosure be included at the onset of each VLL to assist those who may be triggered by the subject matter to highlight self care and/or seek help.

Ms. Alonzo expressed a desire to coordinate a more community friendly process in providing an increased interactive process, especially for monolingual Spanish speakers.

The Caucus agreed to continue the VLLs in the upcoming year and will discuss planning for additional topics at subsequent meetings.

Shelley Jones suggested that a WebEx tutorial be provided for potential consumer participants in October to prepare for the November VLL. Co-Chairs noted that any participant that may have trouble accessing WebEx, contact the Co Chairs and/or Commission staff for assistance. Commission staff reminded the Caucus that a link to a WebEx tutorial is embedded in the Commission's meeting notice for those who need assistance in accessing WebEx and that Commission staff is always available to provide 1:1 assistance. Commission staff will also develop a cheat sheet as suggested to assist individuals in accessing WebEx. The Caucus also suggested that one of the organizations/agencies host a WebEx training via Zoom w/ Commission staff support; if an agency/organization is interested in hosting, please contact Commission staff.

Caucus members were encouraged to attend a Zoom training, *Zoom like a Boss*, offered by BHS Prevention Services to learn more about how to participate in virtual meetings/events via the platform Zoom. Ms. Jones will forward the information to Commission staff for dissemination.

6. Meeting Recap + Agenda for Next Meeting:

- Staff to develop a WebEx cheat sheet;
- Conduct a WebEx training via Zoom w/ a partnering agency/org in October; contingent upon agency/org participation
- Create a more interactive and consumer driven conversation at the VLLs
- Planning for future VLLs
- Update on childcare standards of care clarification on dependent adults

7. Announcements:

- WeCanStopSTDsLA is partnership with Black Women for Wellness and The Wall Las Memorias for a town hall this Saturday w/ Sen. Holly Mitchell to hear she plans to address STDs. Event flyer will be sent out via Commission staff; register in advance. (Kiana Dobson)
- East Los Angeles Women's Center (ELAWC) is having a self-defense workshop on October 9, 2020; email Alejandra for more information. (Thelma Garcia)
- JWCH is opening up HARP virtual focus groups to women 18-64 in SPAs 4-7; participation is incentivized. If interested, contact Roxanne at 213.253.8245; will send event flyers via Commission staff. (Roxanne Lewis)
- REACH LA is offering free HIV test at Monday-Thursday, 10am-6pm; t-shirts and gift cards will be provided. 1400 E. Olympic Blvd. Los Angeles, CA 90021 Suite #240. (Maria Diaz)

8. Adjournment



LOS ANGELES COUNTY
COMMISSION ON HIV



SPECIAL 4-PART WOMEN & HIV VIRTUAL LUNCH & LEARN SERIES SUMMARY

August 31, 2020: Addressing Mental Health and its Impact on Women from a HIV Care and Prevention Lens

Speakers: Dr. Neva Chaupette, PsyD and Shary Alonzo

Registered: 78

Attended: 60

Spanish Translation Attendees: 2

September 16, 2020: Achieving Whole Person Wellness through Sexual and Reproductive Health & Justice

Speakers: Nomsa Khalfani, PhD, MFT, Executive VP, Essential Access Health; Porchia Dees and Monica Chagoyan

Registered: 59

Attended: 44

Spanish Translation Attendees: 5

October 14, 2020: Addressing Housing and Income Insecurities

Speakers: Elizabeth Lee, LCSW, Director of Housing, Downtown Women's Center; Jayda Arrington, Indira Gonzalez and Guadalupe Velazquez

Registered: 68

Attended: 46

Spanish Translation Attendees: TBD

November 10, 2020: The Impact of Trauma

Presenters: Dr. Susie Baldwin, MD, MPH, FACPM & Nicolle Perras, MPH, LMFT, Office of Women's Health, LA County Dept of Public Health; Aleacia Wallace and Alicia Rhoden

Registered: 78

Attended: 43

Spanish Translation Attendees: 3