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BLACK CAUCUS

Virtual Meeting



Thursday, July 18, 2024
4:00PM-5:00PM (PST)

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| 1. | WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS & MEETING GUIDELINES | 4:00PM-4:05PM |
| 2. | COH STAFF REPORT/UPDATES | 4:05PM-4:10PM |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Operational/County Updates | |
| 3. | CO-CHAIR REPORT | 4:10PM-4:20PM |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 2024 Workplan Development ONGOING• Organization Capacity Needs Assessment UPDATES• Faith Based Community Listening Session FOLLOW UP & UPDATES• Collaborative Partnership & Activities | |
| 4. | DISCUSSION | 4:20PM-4:50PM |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Community Listening Session Schedule & Planning<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ September = Same Loving Gender Men○ October = Women○ November = Non-Traditional HIV Providers• Community Engagement Events/ Activities<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ 2024 Taste of Soul (October 19)○ 2024 World AIDS Day (December 6) | |
| 5. | RECAP AND NEXT STEPS | 4:50PM-4:55PM |
| 6. | PUBLIC COMMENT & ANNOUNCEMENTS | 4:55PM-5:00PM |
| 7. | ADJOURNMENT | 5:00PM |



CODE OF CONDUCT

The Commission on HIV welcomes commissioners, guests, and the public into a space where people of all opinions and backgrounds are able to contribute. In this space, we challenge ourselves to be self-reflective and committed to an ongoing understanding of each other and the complex intersectionality of the lives we live. We create a safe environment where we celebrate differences while striving for consensus in the fights against our common enemies: HIV and STDs. We build trust in each other by having honest, respectful, and productive conversations. As a result, the Commission has adopted and is consistently committed to implementing the following guidelines for Commission, committee, and associated meetings.

All participants and stakeholders should adhere to the following:

- 1) We approach all our interactions with compassion, respect, and transparency.**
- 2) We respect others' time by starting and ending meetings on time, being punctual, and staying present.**
- 3) We listen with intent, avoid interrupting others, and elevate each other's voices.**
- 4) We encourage all to bring forth ideas for discussion, community planning, and consensus.**
- 5) We focus on the issue, not the person raising the issue.**
- 6) Be flexible, open-minded, and solution-focused.**
- 7) We give and accept respectful and constructive feedback.**
- 8) We keep all issues on the table (no "hidden agendas"), avoid monopolizing discussions and minimize side conversations.**
- 9) We have no place in our deliberations for racist, sexist, homophobic, transphobic, and other discriminatory statements, and "-isms" including misogyny, ableism, and ageism.**
- 10) We give ourselves permission to learn from our mistakes.**

In response to violation of the Code of Conduct which results in meeting disruption, Include provisions of SB 1100 which states in part, ". . . authorize the presiding member of the legislative body conducting a meeting or their designee to remove, or cause the removal of, an individual for disrupting the meeting Removal to be preceded by a warning to the individual by the presiding member of the legislative body or their designee that the individual's behavior is disrupting the meeting and that the individual's failure to cease their behavior may result in their removal." Complaints related to internal Commission matters such as alleged violation of the Code of Conduct or other disputes among members are addressed and resolved in adherence to Policy/Procedure #08.3302." (Commission Bylaws, Article VII, Section 4.)



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June 20, 2024 Meeting Summary

Meeting Packet Available [HERE](#)

WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS & MEETING GUIDELINES

Black Caucus Co-Chair Leon Maultsby opened the meeting and welcomed attendees.

COH STAFF REPORTS/UPDATES

- Staff announced the formation of a COH Housing Taskforce. Virtual meetings to take place on the last Friday of each month at 9AM; all are invited to participate.
- The Priority Setting and Resource Allocation (PSRA) process has begun, and a survey has been launched to gather input from RWP consumers and HIV/STI prevention consumers on needed services. This process will utilize feedback to help inform the priority setting and resource allocations process. Participants will be entered to win a \$100 GiftCard.
- COH leadership continues to debrief on the HRSA Technical Site Visit and will share updates with the membership appropriately.
- The COH meeting will be July 11, 2024, and will be held at the Vermont Corridor.

CO-CHAIR REPORT

- **2024 Workplan Development | Ongoing.** No updates.
- **Organizational Needs Assessment | Final Report & Next Steps**
 - DHSP is determining whether its leadership will directly reach out to the Black-led/servicing organizations that did not participate in the survey and key informant interviews, to invite them to a focus group as part of the needs assessment. Caucus and DHSP leadership will discuss coordination of convening a focus group and provide updates at the next meeting.
 - DHSP continues to work toward designing a technical assistance program based on the needs assessment findings.
 - Co-Chairs will schedule a meeting with DHSP to discuss next steps.

- **Faith-Based Community Listening Session | UPDATES & NEXT STEPS**

- An Executive Summary of the April 26 Faith-Based listening session is now available and included in the meeting packet. A follow-up session will be coordinated to help faith leaders establish a coalition to promote sexual health and HIV awareness.

DISCUSSION

June 14th Non-US Born Immigrant/Caribbean Community Listening Session | FOLLOW UP & FEEDBACK

The June 14 Non-US Born Immigrant/Caribbean community listening session had low attendance, but valuable connections were made with Dr. Tadios Belay and Kofi Peprah (U.S. Africa Institute). They will partner to host a follow-up event. Updates to follow.

Proposed Community Listening Session (CLS) Schedule

The Caucus agreed to schedule remaining CLS' as follows:

1. Women=October. Dr. Spencer, Danielle Campbell and Roxanne Lewis volunteered to participate in the planning.
2. Same Gender Loving Men=September. To align w/ National HIV Awareness Day.
3. Non-Traditional HIV Providers = November. Drs. Spencer and King agreed to facilitate the PCP session if needed. CLS inclusive of all providers, i.e., pharmacists, urgent care, PCPs, front line staff, etc.

Community Engagement Events/ Activities

The Co-Chairs solicited volunteers to support several upcoming activities, emphasizing that meaningful participation as a Caucus requires a collective effort and cannot rely solely on staff. Volunteers were requested for the following events:

- Black PRIDE (July 6)
- South LA Pride (July 13)
- 2024 Taste of Soul (October 19)

Additionally, the Caucus will begin planning for its 2024 World AIDS Day (WAD) event, scheduled for Friday, December 6, 2024.

TASKS/FOLLOW-UP

- Follow up with DHSP to discuss the next steps in moving forward with the needs assessment.
- Collaborate with Dr. Belay and his team to schedule a follow-up community listening session focused on the immigrant/Caribbean community.
- Seek volunteers to assist with community engagement activities and upcoming community listening sessions (CLS). Interested individuals should contact the Co-Chairs or staff.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Lilieth Conolly announced A Child's Dream-CA 2024 Back to School Outreach community fair; more details to follow in email.

- Leon Maulsby announced a Men's Health Fair at CDU on June 10th, offering free haircuts, food, and HIV testing.

NEXT MEETING

The next Caucus meeting will be held on Thursday, July 18 @ 4-5PM; meeting information to follow.



COMMUNITY LISTENING SESSION

Are you a member of the Black Immigrant community? Your voice matters!

We invite you to join us for a candid conversation addressing sexual health and HIV within the Black Immigrant communities of Los Angeles County.

Discussion topics include: *Addressing the stigma surrounding sexual health and HIV testing within the Black Immigrant community *Exploring obstacles and challenges in accessing sexual health services and HIV testing *Discussing cultural factors that may hinder access to healthcare and testing services within the community *Identifying opportunities for capacity building initiatives to enhance awareness and knowledge about sexual health and HIV.

RESOURCES

FOOD

GIFT CARDS

Sunday, August 11, 2024
7:00PM-9:00PM

*LOCATION TO BE SHARED UPON CONFIRMED REGISTRATION

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**This is part of a multi-series community conversation among key populations of the Black community within Los Angeles County to address HIV and sexual health. These sessions are supported by the Los Angeles County Commission on HIV Black Caucus and UCLA-CDU [Grant AI152501].*