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Virtual Meeting

Thursday, September 21, 2023

4:00-5:00PM (PST)

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| 1. | WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS & MEETING GUIDELINES | 4:00PM-4:05PM |
| 2. | COH STAFF REPORT/UPDATES <ul style="list-style-type: none">October 18-19th Community Partnership Opportunity w/ Dr. Ijeoma OparaCOH Bylaws Review Taskforce UPDATESUpcoming COH Events and Activities | 4:05PM-4:07PM |
| 3. | CO-CHAIR REPORT | 4:07PM-4:10PM |
| 4. | UPDATES+DISCUSSION <ul style="list-style-type: none">Organizational Capacity Needs AssessmentCommunity Listening SessionsDecember 6th Worlds AIDS Day (WAD) Partnership w/ Supervisor Holly Mitchell's OfficeOctober 21st Taste of Soul Participation | 4:10PM-4:50PM |
| 5. | RECAP AND NEXT STEPS | 4:50PM-4:55PM |
| 6. | PUBLIC COMMENT & ANNOUNCEMENTS | 4:55PM-5:00PM |
| 7. | ADJOURNMENT | 5:00PM |



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Thursday, October 19



Approaching Substance Use Prevention by Harnessing Black Girls' Strengths

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By **UCLA Luskin School of Public Affairs**

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Location

 California NanoSystems Institute Auditorium

570 Westwood Plaza Los Angeles, CA 90095

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Agenda

5:45 PM - 6:30 PM

Check-In and Reception

6:30 PM - 7:30 PM

Luskin Lecture by Ijeoma Opara

About this event

 1 hour 45 minutes

 Mobile eTicket

Check-in and Reception will begin at 5:45 p.m. The lecture will start at 6:30 p.m.

Part of the Meyer and Renee Luskin Lecture Series

Yale University scholar Ijeoma Opara will delve into substance use prevention tailored to the unique challenges faced by Black girls, harnessing their inherent strengths to achieve success. Many Black girls encounter intersecting societal pressures, deal with stereotypes and often must overcome systemic inequalities. Shifting the narrative from deficits to strengths provides a

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the approach advocated by Opara bolsters cultural pride, fosters community engagement and mentorship, and encourages self-expression while also discouraging substance misuse.

About the Speaker

Ijeoma Opara PhD is an associate professor in Social and Behavioral Sciences at Yale University's School of Public Health and the director of its Substances and Sexual Health (SASH) effort.

Opara has given several talks across the country about her work highlighting strengths of Black girls and prevention research. The author of more than 60 publications, she has been published in high impact journals such as AIDS & Behavior, Nature and Urban Education.

She is an award-winning scientist whose recognitions include the Woman of Impact award from the Community Healthcare Network-Nigeria, the 2020 National Institutes of Health Early Independence Award, and a Memorial Advocacy Award from the American Public Health Association. Her currently funded research includes a project on machine-learning methods with youths of color in New Jersey.

A licensed social worker who has worked primarily with youth and families of color in urban cities, Opara received her doctorate in family science and human development from Montclair State University, a master's in social work from New York University and a master's in public health in epidemiology from New York Medical College. Her bachelor's is New Jersey City University.

Part of the Transformative Action series:

Information is powerful only when it's in a form that can guide achievable change. This year, the Luskin School is highlighting innovators — here and elsewhere — turning vision into reality and producing Transformative Action.

LOCATION

UCLA California Nanosystems Institute (CNSI)

570 Westwood Plaza, Los Angeles, CA 90095

Check-in and reception begin at 5:45 p.m. with the lecture following at 6:30pm.

Part of the [Meyer and Renee Luskin Lecture Series](#).

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Save The Date

November 2, 2023

8 AM - 4 PM

TGI HEALTH SUMMIT

Increasing awareness of the health disparities and strategies surrounding Transgender, Gender-Nonconforming, and Intersex (TGI) communities. This Summit will support to mobilize information about community resources available, improving knowledge and awareness of HIV care and prevention services in LA, and offer community building initiatives centering healing for TGI Populations.

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DHSP & BC Black CBO Assessment Monthly Meeting

September 21, 2023

September 21st Meeting Agenda

- Review of Project Objectives and Guiding Questions
- Review Pilot Process & Findings
- Review Revised Timeline
- Discuss informant interview organizations (some of the organizations are not Black-led)
- Discuss Next Steps

Black-Led Org Assessment & Recommendations

Project Objectives

- To identify opportunities to provide tailored capacity building to strengthen Black-led agencies addressing the health conditions among Black communities in LAC.
- To identify ways public health funders can improve upon their procurement processes to advance equity among its grantees.

Black-Led Org Assessment & Recommendations

Project Guiding Questions:

The survey and interviews are designed to answer the following guiding questions:

1. What barriers inhibit LA County Black-led agencies' abilities and desires to contract with LAC and other government funders for public health programming?
2. What do Black-led agencies in LAC need from funders to increase their sustainability and impact?
3. What is the organizational capacity of Black-led organizations in LAC to support public health programming?

Process To-Date

- Survey tools developed
- Pilot
 - Dr. King completed survey on 8/24
 - Informant Interview with Dr. King done on 8/31

Pilot Findings

Disclaimer:

EIS will be presenting on the process of the pilot assessments and not the actual findings. The findings shared in this presentation are aimed to explore pilot data points/possible themes.

Pilot Assessment w/ William King Medical Group

Feedback from Dr. King:

- "I think that there might be differences in terms of how I answer questions versus an organization..."
- "Allowing more time between the survey and the interview - There was only one week between completing the survey and participating in the informant interview."
- "The process was fine, but some questions were a bit ambiguous"
 - (Dr. King can provide clarity of the ambiguous questions during the upcoming Black Caucus meeting).

EIS Observations from Pilot Assessment

- Modify introduction for conciseness, flow, and participant-friendly
- Responses from other questions were previously answered, which provided opportunities to gauge deeper
- Interview responses gave more depth/sense-making to the survey responses – showing the alignment between survey and interview questions
- Based on pilot responses, additional themes were Identified

Pilot Assessment Data Points/Themes

Barriers Identified:

- Awareness of Funding Opportunities
- Relationship with Funders
- Organizational Capacity

Needs Identified:

- Collaborative & Sector Transformational Funding Opportunities
- Relationship Building Opportunities with Funders
- Capacity Building

Areas of Organizational Capacity Identified:

- Implementing Public Health Programming
- Collaboration with Other Organizations
- Staff Support
- Monitoring & Evaluation
- Funding

Other Potential Questions to Ask:

- Organization's operational budget?
- Number of staff at organization?
- Type of organization (FQHC, Community Clinic, AIDS Service Organization, Community-Based Organization, For Profit)?
- Working relationship with DHSP?

Timeline (Revised)

Complete Survey Tools & Pilot by August 31, 2023

- August 14, 2023: Make final revisions on assessment tools
- August 15, 2023: Send Dr. King Survey Tool
- August 25, 2023: Conduct pilot with Dr. King & completion of pilot survey
- August 31, 2023: Finalize desired interviewee lists

Gather Feedback, Finalize Tools by September 30, 2023

- September 21, 2023: Present Pilot Findings to DHSP and BC
- September 30, 2023: Finalize assessment tools based on Dr. King, DHSP, and BC feedback

Conduct Survey with Black-led Orgs by October 31, 2023

- October 5, 2023: Send survey to Black-led orgs
- October 26, 2023: Close survey
- October 31, 2023: Analysis of survey data

Timeline (Revised)

Conduct interviews with Black-led Orgs by December 8, 2023

November 6, 2023: Begin scheduling interviews

December 8, 2023: Interviews completed

Provide final report and presentation on assessment findings and recommendations by January 31, 2024:

Organizational Information Interview List

Orgs. Identified by BAAC/DHSP:

1. Black Women for Wellness
Exec. Dir.: Janette Robinson Flint
2. First to Serve, Inc.
3. Healing with Hope
Exec. Dir.: Damone Thomas
4. Invisible Men
Exec. Dir.: Luckie Alexander
5. Jenessee Center, Inc.
CEO: Karen Earl
6. Umma Community Clinic*
CEO: Adel Syed
7. Unique Women's Coalition
Exec. Dir.: Chela Demuir
8. YWCA
CEO: Sharon Shelton

Organizations Added by DHSP

1. Brotherhood Crusade
CEO: Charisse Bremond-Weaver
2. Community Coalition*
CEO: Alberto Retana
3. MLK Campus Partners
CEO: Elaine Batchlor
4. Black AIDS Institute
CEO: Michelle Reese
5. AMAAD
Exec. Dir.: Gerald Garth
6. In The Meantime
Exec. Dir.: Jeffrey King

* Signifies non-Black CEO

Next Steps

- Finalize assessment tools based on feedback from Dr. King, DHSP, and Black Caucus by September 30, 2023
- Finalize list of organizations
- Conduct Surveys by October 31, 2023
- Conduct Interviews between November 6-December 8, 2023



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THURSDAY, AUGUST 17, 2023 | 4:00PM to 5:00PM

VIRTUAL MEETING SUMMARY

Meeting packet is available [HERE](#)

**Contact staff for verification of attendance*

COH STAFF UPDATES/REPORTS

October 18-19th Community Partnership Opportunity w/ Dr. Ijeoma Opara. The Black Caucus & Women Caucus are partnering with UCLA Luskin School of Public Affairs & UCLA Center for HIV Identification, Prevention, and Treatment Services (CHIPTS) to host Dr. Opara whose research interests focus on HIV/AIDS, STI, and substance use prevention for urban youth, racial and gender specific prevention interventions for Black girls, and community-based participatory research with urban youth. A special dinner has been scheduled w/ Dr. Opara on October 18 and 4-6 Women's Caucus + Black Caucus representatives are invited to attend. Lilieth Conolly, Arlene Frames and Jayda Arrington have expressed interest in participating in the dinner. Dr. Opara will also join the October 19 Black Caucus meeting virtually, followed by her lecture at UCLA as part of the Luskin Lecture Series. Her talk, entitled "Approaching Substance Use Prevention by Harnessing Black Girls' Strengths", will delve into substance use prevention tailored to the unique challenges faced by Black girls, harnessing their inherent strengths to achieve success. Staff will coordinate with those who expressed interest in participating in the dinner and will work with Caucus Co-Chairs to plan for the October 19 Caucus meeting.

COH Bylaws Review Taskforce (BRT)/ UPDATES. The BRT continues to review the bylaws for updates and will present recommendations once their review has concluded. Ongoing updates will continue to be shared with all committees and working groups for transparency and inclusion.

Upcoming COH Events and Activities. The Commission has several upcoming community engagement and education activities planned for 2023:

- ❖ September 22 @ 9AM-2PM (Vermont Corridor): Aging Caucus in partnership with the Department of Aging will host a sexual health summit for older adults. This event is provider-focused and is an educational opportunity designed to reach non-traditional service providers to educate them on how to have conversations with older adults around sexual health. For more information/register [HERE](#).
- ❖ November 2 @ 9A-3PM (Village and Ed Gould Plaza): Transgender Caucus will host a health summit with focus on community and empowerment. Mark your calendars; more details to follow.

- ❖ November 9 @ 9AM-4PM (Vermont Corridor): The Commission will be hosting its 2023 Annual Conference. The Executive Committee will be finalizing the conference agenda at its August 24th meeting. Mark your calendars; more details to follow.
- ❖ October 21st @ All Day: The Black Caucus will be hosting an outreach table at the [2023 Taste of Soul](#). More details to follow.
- ❖ December 6 @ 9AM-12PM (TBD): The Black Caucus in partnership with Supervisor Holly Mitchell's office will be hosting a World's AIDS Day event. Mark your calendars; more details to follow.

UPDATES + DISCUSSION

Organizational Capacity Needs Assessment. Julie Tolentino (DHSP) thanked the Caucus shared that the pilot phase will be administered to Dr. William King on 8/17/23. Dr. King will provide feedback which will be presented to the Caucus to help inform updates to the overall assessment. Thereafter, once final, the assessment will be administered to the nine selected Black-led + servicing organizations. A more comprehensive update will be shared at the September 21 Caucus meeting.

Community Listening Sessions. Members of the Community Listening Session Workgroup shared updates on their proposals to convene assigned key population listening sessions. The key populations include: Women, Same Gender Loving Men, Youth/Justice-Involved, Non-Traditional HIV Medical Professionals, Faith-Based, Trans Persons, and Non US Born/Caribbean Immigrants. Four key population planning groups have yet to submit their proposals and are encouraged to do so ahead of the next workgroup meeting. *Please refer to funding opportunities noted above – CFAR Incubator Award and Reunion Project – and let co-chairs and/or staff know whether you would like to assist in drafting proposals for funding which will help support the Caucus' activities.*

Worlds AIDS Day (WAD) Partnership w/ Supervisor Holly Mitchell's Office. The Caucus will be partnering with D2 Supervisor Holly Mitchell's office to host a Worlds AIDS Day event; see draft proposal in meeting packet [HERE](#). Jayda Arrington and Lilieth Conolly expressed interested in participating in the event.

October 21st Taste of Soul Participation. Staff will schedule a workgroup meeting to begin planning now that the Caucus is an official vendor; see above Doodle Poll. Staff will attend a TOS orientation on October 2nd and also noted a partnership with Dr. King to potentially provide a warm hand-off for HIV testing. D. Thomas requested to participate in the workgroup.

RECAP & NEXT STEPS

The next Caucus meeting will be held on September 21st @ 2-4PM. The Caucus will receive a comprehensive update on the needs assessment and hear updates regarding planning for the community listening sessions, Taste of Soul, and Worlds AIDS Day.

PUBLIC COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

L. Conolly shared that she and fellow Commissioner, Arlene Frames, participated in the August 12th A Child's Dream Back to School outreach event where they hosted a table to promote the Commission.

D. Campbell announced the ongoing LinkPositively Project which is a mobile health (mHealth) intervention tailored to Black Women living with HIV/AIDS in San Diego and Los Angeles who are affected by interpersonal violence. The purpose of LinkPositively is to improve HIV-related health outcomes among Black women living with HIV/AIDS including social support through peer support networks, retention in care, medication adherence, and viral suppression using peer navigator support and a mobile health application (app). For more information, click [HERE](#).



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BLACK CAUCUS: Community Listening Sessions Workgroup Virtual Meeting RECAP

Tuesday, August 8, 2023 @ 11:00AM-12:00PM

- As a reminder, the community listening sessions are designed to quantify the sexual health needs of our Black communities in LA County to improve the HIV prevention and care service delivery system in a way that is culturally responsive to their needs. The information collected from the sessions will assist in developing a framework that will provide a roadmap to create a/improve existing service delivery system(s) to meet the sexual health needs of our Black communities throughout LA County.
- The sessions are intended to be interactive and engaging and will focus on the key populations provided in the fka Black/African American Community Task Force (BAAC) recommendations and those identified during Caucus discussions. It is important that the sessions “meet the people where they are” and therefore planners may need to adjust each session to align with the needs of the respective key population, i.e., youth/young adults=evening/night; women=Saturday; non-traditional HIV medical providers=partner w/ Dr. King + Dr. Jefferson during monthly consortium dinner
- The listening sessions are divided into seven (7) key populations and workgroup members have been assigned to lead the planning of each session follows (updates included):

	Key Population/Community	Workgroup Members Assigned	Notes/Comments
1	Women	Danielle Campbell, Roxanne Lewis & Sandra Rogers	**PENDING PROPOSAL**
2	MSM/Same Gender Loving Men	David Lee, Leon Maulsby & Damone Thomas	See planning notes
3	Youth/Young Adult + Justice Involved	Leon Maulsby, Felipe Findley, Lambert Talley & Damone Thomas	See planning notes
4	Non US Born + Caribbean Immigrants	Damone Thomas	**PENDING PROPOSAL** D. Thomas identified a CLS venue (restaurant) located @ Century/Van Ness which will accommodate 45ppl w/ food

			purchase.
5	Non-Traditional HIV Healthcare Providers	Felipe Findley, Sandra Rogers & Dr. William King	See planning notes
6	Faith-Based	Lambert Talley + Gerald Garth	**PENDING PROPOSAL**
7	Transgender/Gender Non-Conforming	TBD	**PENDING PROPOSAL** Gerald Garth to reach out to Diamond Polk @ AMAAD. Opportunity to partner w/ COH Transgender Caucus

- Clarification was made regarding the definition of “speakers” for the sessions and it was agreed that the speakers are essentially moderators who are respected community members and represent the key populations. The moderators will engage the community and lead the discussions according to the guiding questions developed by the workgroup members.
 - ✓ The group agreed that two (2) moderators are sufficient per listening session + staff support to assist w/ technical items, set up/break down, and other event management activities.
 - ✓ Gerald indicated AMAAD can assist with moderation according to key population which aligns with their EHE efforts
 - ✓ Guiding questions should be “open-ended”
- Staff shared that the COH has allotted a budget of \$1500 for the sessions, to include \$25 Target gift cards for participants. Staff noted that the COH’s budget has already been submitted for the planning year and there are multiple competing community engagement activities that are being funded/planned by the COH. Although appreciative, the group expressed concerns regarding the budget and amount of the gift cards which may not be sufficient incentive to attract participation and engagement. Members are encouraged to identify additional sources of funding to help leverage the costs.
 - ✓ Leon indicated that CDU has access to CFAR grant funding that may be used to help support the sessions – will provide an update at the next meeting.
 - ✓ Danielle indicated she will look for funding opportunities – see the Reunion Project RFP info above
 - ✓ Staff to follow up with Supervisor Holly Mitchell’s office regarding WAD event community funding application
 - ✓ Staff to assess gift card inventory to determine how many gift cards the COH will be able to provide per session – will provide an update at the next meeting
- Next meeting will focus on:
 - ✓ Hearing the proposals for the final four – Women, Non-US Born/Caribbean immigrants, faith-based, and trans community **refer to the proposal submitted for the other key pops for guidance (attached)*
 - ✓ Discuss additional funding opportunities/budget
 - ✓ Create timeline; session scheduling
 - ✓ Finalize “master plan”
- NEXT STEPS:

- ✓ Next meeting to be held in the next two weeks; staff to send Doodle Poll. Please provide your availability via Doodle Poll: <https://doodle.com/meeting/participate/id/e9gNYkDb>
- ✓ The remaining four key pop groups (women, non-US born/Caribbean immigrants, faith-based and trans community) to meet and provide their proposal to include:
 - recommended moderators/facilitators
 - guiding questions (open ended)
 - venues
 - additional items related to the respective key pop

ANNOUNCEMENT/FUNDING OPPORTUNITY: The Reunion Project is accepting RFPs for a mini-grant intended for communities to develop and host their own peer-led community meeting, with a focus on educating supporting, and networking with people living with HIV. This could prove to be a great resource for funding the listening sessions.

Please take a moment to review the RFP information [HERE](#). Given time is of the essence, if you are interested in partnering with Danielle to submit an application on behalf of the Caucus to help support the listening sessions, please let staff know no later than Wednesday, August 16th.

Faith-Based Community Listening Session Proposal

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An interfaith, intentionally diverse group of 6-12 faith leaders who serve, represent, and/or are committed to addressing HIV within the Black communities of Los Angeles County.

1. Intentional recruitment and engagement of faith leaders from all SPAs
2. Moderated by a faith leader
3. 60-90 minutes
4. Stipended participation

Data to capture:

1. Zip code of house of faith
2. SPAs served
3. Demographics of congregation
4. HIV services provided?
 - Testing
 - Condoms
 - Other prevention services (please name)
 - Treatment services
 - Linkage/ Navigation
 - Education
 - Sexual health
 - Treatment education
 - Prevention education
 - Other (please name)
5. Other services provided
 - Housing
 - Behavioral/ Emotional health
 - Other

Questions:

1. Awareness of LAC services?
 2. Do you offer services?
 3. Know where to find services?
 4. What are recognized needs of congregation? Community?
 5. Related to HIV needs, how can LAC better:
 - Serve?
 - Support?
- c. Engage?

Faith-Based Community Listening Session Proposal

8.28.23

6. How do the collective of faith institutions better serve/ collaborate?
7. What barriers/ challenges is your congregation experience accessing HIV services?
8. What barriers/ challenges you as faith leader?

Same Gender Loving / MSM – Listening Session
David Lee, Damone Thomas, Leon Maultsby

- General Notes:
 - Having breakout sessions
 - Will have hybrid option
 - Need location: APLA Baldwin / Drew CARES Conference room.
 - Projected date – August 2023 | Preferably a weekend
 - Time : an hour – hour and a half.
 - Leon can work on a flyer + RSVP and QR code added.
- 3-5 Speakers
 - Will the LA COH provide a stipend for the speaker?
 - Chris Webb
 - Micah Marquez
 - Donnie Hue
 - Ted Booker
 - Ronald Jackson
- Prompting / Guiding Questions / Topics
 - What do you know about HIV and STI's?
 - If you wanted to get tested do you know where you could get tested at?
 - Do you feel you're at risk for HIV or STI's ?
 - What do you know about PrEP and who can benefit from it?
 - Are you aware of the different forms of PrEP?
 - Informed on the side effects?
 - If you wanted to get prescribed PrEP do you know where you could get it?
 - What motivates you to see a healthcare provider?
 - When was the last time you saw a healthcare provider?
 - What was your experience like? Were you able to get what you needed?

Non-traditional Healthcare Providers – Listening Session
Sandra Rogers & Felipe Findley

- General Notes:
 - Having breakout sessions
 - Location:
 - Projected date –
 - Time : an hour – hour and a half.
 - Will send out an email
 - Flyer + RSVP and QR code added.
 - Maybe have the discussion over lunch.
 - How do we incentivize providers to come out?
- 3-5 Speakers
 - Family medicine
 - Peds
 - MAT Providers
 - Watt's Health – Different departments.
- Prompting / Guiding Questions / Topics
 - Do you feel comfortable discussing sexual practices with a patient?
 - What do you need to feel more comfortable discussing sex with your patients?
 - What challenges do you face when discussing sex with a patient?
 - Are you familiar with PrEP/PEP or Doxy PEP?
 - Are you comfortable prescribing the above medications?

Youth | Justice Involved– Listening Session
Felipe Findley, Leon Maulsby

- General Notes:
 - Youth : 13 – 19 | 20 - 24
 - Having breakout sessions
 - Will have hybrid option
 - Location for Justice Involved:
 - Location for youth:
 - Projected date –
 - Time : an hour – hour and a half.
 - Flyer to advertise + Social Media
- 3-5 Speakers
 - Will the LA COH provide a stipend for the speaker?
 - A Place Called Home – Youth + JI
 - Probation officers – Youth + JI
 - LA CADA – Justice Involved
 - Youth Justice Coalition- Youth
 - Children's Hospital LA
 - Providers in the Jail.
- Prompting / Guiding Questions / Topics
 - Youth
 - Are you aware of close family medical conditions?
 - When was the last time you saw a doctor? How was that experience?
 - What prompts you to have concerns for your health?
 - Do you feel comfortable advocating for yourself to your doctor?
 - Do you feel comfortable talking about sex with your doctor?
 - If not your doctor who do you talk with about sex?
 - Has a doctor asked you about your sexual practices/history?
 - What STI's are you familiar with?
 - What do you do to prevent HIV and STI's?
 - Justice Involved
 - For individuals of a Trans experience, what has been your experience receiving appropriate medical care while incarcerated?
 - How has incarceration impacted your quality of life? (Housing, work, family?)
 - How has it been re-integrating back into your medical routine post release?
 - Who helps facilitate re-integration after release from a correctional facility?
 - How are correctional facilities supporting individuals who are sexually active?
 - Are there educational workshops in the facilities geared towards sexual health and practices?



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****DRAFT PROPOSAL****

**Commission on HIV (COH) Black Caucus and Supervisorial District 2 (SD2)
2023 World AIDS Day (WAD) Commemorative Event**

Date/Time/Location: TBD

*Agenda times, items, and presenters subject to change; final agenda contingent upon
Black Caucus & SD2 approval*

9:00AM-9:05AM	Welcome Cheryl Barrit, Executive Director, Los Angeles County Commission on HIV
9:05AM-9:10AM	Brief Remarks in Commemoration of WAD Danielle M. Campbell, MPH and Gerald Garth, MBA, Co-Chairs, Black Caucus
9:10AM-9:15AM	Historical Moment of Silence Danielle M. Campbell, MPH, Co-Chair, Black Caucus
9:15AM-9:25AM	Welcome and Brief Remarks Supervisor Holly J. Mitchell
9:25AM-9:45AM	Artistic Moment (e.g., Spoken word, Dance, Brief Movie Clip) **TBD**
9:45AM-10:00AM	SD2 HIV/STI Epidemiological Presentation LAC Department of Public Health, Division of HIV and STD Programs (DHSP)
10:00AM-10:30AM	Ending the HIV Syndemics Overview and Panel Discussion Representative, Ending the HIV Epidemic (EHE) Steering Committee COH HOPWA Representative COH Representative, Public Policy Committee COH Representative, Standards and Best Practices Committee
10:30AM-10:45AM	Q&A
10:45AM-10:55AM	BREAK
10:55AM-11:25AM	HIV from a Population Perspective Faith-Based Community Leader COH Representative, Transgender Caucus COH Representative, Black Caucus COH Representative, Aging Caucus COH Representative, Consumer Caucus

11:25AM-11:35AM	Q&A
11:35AM-11:45AM	Bringing the Movement Full Circle Inspirational/Motivational **Speaker TBD**
11:45AM – 12:00PM	Walking Charge and Closing Remarks **TBD**

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Black/African American Caucus

“Taste of Soul” Planning Workgroup

Saturday, October 21, 2023

TASKS & LOGISTICS

Booth Setup and Decoration:

- ☐ Booth location: *Standalone; not a part of the County’s Pavilion. Request submitted to be placed next to Dr. William King’s medical tent.*
- ☐ Design an eye-catching booth
- ☐ Resource Material Preparation: *COH has promotional materials currently in print, i.e., brochures, stickers, decals, postcards & tshirts*

Volunteer Coordination:

- ☐ Develop schedule for volunteers to staff booth throughout the event

Engagement Activities:

- ☐ Develop interactive activities or games to engage event attendees and encourage discussions
- ☐ Swag

Promotion and Outreach:

- ☐ Promote our presence at the event through social media, local news outlets, and community partners.
- ☐ Consider partnering with other organizations: *Dr. King, CDU & Watts Healthcare, etc.*

Logistics:

- ☐ Arrange for necessary equipment and supplies, including tables, chairs, signage, and any technology required.

ENGAGEMENT IDEAS

- ☐ **Interactive Workshops:** Offer short, engaging workshops on HIV prevention and awareness, led by knowledgeable speakers or facilitators.
- ☐ **Interactive Booth Activities:** Include activities like trivia games, Q&A sessions, or mini-seminars to educate visitors and encourage them to participate actively.
- ☐ **Free Resources:** Distribute free educational materials, condoms, and information on local HIV testing and support services.
- ☐ **Community Stories:** Share personal stories and testimonials from members of the community who have been positively impacted by the Commission's work.
- ☐ **Social Media Engagement:** Create a dedicated event hashtag and encourage attendees to share their experiences and insights on social media platforms.