

## ASTHMA COALITION OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY GENERAL COALITION MEETING

Meeting Notes  
April 23, 2012

ISSUE/TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION/FINDINGS
<b>Welcome and Introductions</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Review minutes</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Meeting was called to order at 1:20 PM.</li> <li>• Minutes were reviewed and approved with no corrections.</li> </ul>	
<b>Asthma Coalition Member Recognition</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Steering Committee disseminated Certificates of Appreciation to recognize Coalition members who have attended at least 3 of the last 4 Coalition meetings. 20 members were acknowledged for their Coalition participation and engagement.</li> </ul>	
<b>Asthma Coalition World Asthma Day Events</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Asthma Coalition was awarded \$1,600 from RAMP to organize a World Asthma Day Event.</li> <li>• ACLAC will be hosting "Home is Where the Asthma is" on May 9 from 10 am to 12 pm. This event will take place at an apartment complex where residents are suffering from housing related health conditions. The event will feature tenant-led asthma trigger tours of the units, and an education and advocacy table for residents. The event MC will be Jim Mangia, President and CEO of St. John's Well Child and Family Center. The coordinating agencies are the Asthma Coalition of Los Angeles County, St. John's Well Child and Family Center, Strategic Actions for a Just Economy and Esperanza Community Housing Corporation. The event will be located at 1245 E Adams Blvd. Los Angeles CA 90011.</li> <li>• The Long Beach Alliance for Children with Asthma (LBACA) will be hosting an Asthma Resource Fair on Saturday, May 19th from 10:00am - 2:00pm at Admiral Kidd Park, Long Beach.</li> <li>• Zachery from the Asthma and Allergy Foundation announced their new asthma video campaign titled "Asthma Sucks" in honor of Asthma Awareness Month. The campaign launches on May 1<sup>st</sup> and a new video will be released each week in the month of May.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Please contact Janet if you are interested in helping with the event.</li> </ul>
<b>Presentation and demonstration of non-toxic cleaning products</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Kathy Estrada from the Long Beach Department of Health and Human Services with 2 of her colleagues, Elizabeth and Helma provided a presentation and demonstration of non-toxic cleaning products.</li> </ul> <p><i>Presentation Highlights:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Young kids spent 90% of their time in the home.</li> <li>• Murphy's Oil is the "king" of cleaning products and can be used on everything except for glass.</li> <li>• Baking soda has many purposes. It can be used in place of scouring power (like Ajax or Comet). It can also be used to absorb odors in the refrigerator, carpet or home.</li> </ul>	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Helpful cleaning tips include:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Use a spray bottle to hold a mixture of vinegar and water for quick clean ups in the kitchen and bathroom.</li> <li>○ Spray the bathtub, shower walls and curtain with vinegar and water solution to reduce or eliminate mold and soap scum.</li> <li>○ Use steel wool to plug little holes around your home to prevent rodents from entering.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
<b>Asthma Coalition Steering Committee Elections</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The slate of 13 nominees was presented and the membership voted unanimously to approve the proposed list of Steering Committee members.</li> </ul>	
<b>Workgroup Updates</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Indoor Air Workgroup</b> – has primarily been working on the World Asthma Day Event</li> <li>• <b>Healthy Schools Workgroup</b> – Working to adopt a comprehensive asthma policy in Pasadena and Los Angeles Unified School Districts.</li> <li>• <b>Outdoor Air Workgroup</b> – announced that the workgroup is looking for members.</li> <li>• <b>Clinical Workgroup</b> – is planning to engage clinicians and have a meeting soon.</li> </ul>	
<b>General Updates:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clean Cars Campaign – CARB’s Historic Vote!</li> <li>• CDC PHPS Fellow Recruitment</li> <li>• Summary - California Healthy Housing Coalition Annual Mtg.</li> <li>• Asthma related Policy Update</li> <li>• Rx for Prevention – Achieving &amp; Maintaining Asthma Control</li> <li>• Health Outreach to SCAG Regional Council</li> <li>• Financial Report</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CARB recently voted unanimously to adopt new air quality standards. The Coalition championed this effort by writing letters of support and providing public testimony. Well done ACLAC!</li> <li>• DPH submitted an application on behalf of the Asthma Coalition for a CDC Public Health Prevention Service (PHPS) Fellow. PHPS is a 3-year training and service program with a 2-year field assignment in program management. The extensive application process includes a 10-page application, phone interviews with fellows and face-to-face interviews in Atlanta, Georgia. If selected, the Fellow will work with the Coalition to advance our policy agenda and support the workgroups. We will find out mid July if we’ve been selected as a field placement site. Fingers crossed!</li> <li>• Several groups throughout the State who work on improving affordable housing thru policy and systems change gathered in San Diego in March for the California Healthy Housing Coalition Annual Meeting. Goals of the Healthy Housing Coalition are to expand membership, determine how to collaborate with other coalitions throughout the state and advance policy agenda.</li> <li>• Anne presented an asthma related policy update – she reviewed a series of bills with relevance to reduce environmental asthma triggers related to outdoor air, housing, land use and schools. The Asthma Coalition will continue to monitor AB 441, AB 1721, AB 1721, AB 1922, SB 535, SB 1339, and SB 1220 and support or oppose as deemed appropriate by the Steering Committee. In the future, the policy updates will be available on the Coalition website or e-mailed to the Coalition membership.</li> <li>• Dr. Marilyn Li from the USC Breathmobile and Janet Scully authored an article about achieving and maintaining asthma control for the Rx for Prevention Publication. The</li> </ul>	

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	<p>publication is disseminated to over 5,000 medical providers throughout LA County. Janet provided copies of the Rx for Prevention at the meeting. Additional copies are available by contacting Janet at <a href="mailto:jscully@ph.lacounty.gov">jscully@ph.lacounty.gov</a>.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SCAG has been looking at a comprehensive transportation plan and communities sustainability strategies. The plan lacked a health component. The Asthma Coalition rallied to support incorporating a health piece in the plan and it was recently adopted by SCAG.</li> <li>• The current ACLAC budget is \$3,344.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Announcements from the Floor</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• UCLA’s Center for Health Policy Conference</li> <li>• Asthma Education Institute</li> <li>• ALA Scamp Camp</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• “Paying the Price with Our Health” is a community strategy conference on clean air and better health in Long Beach and Boyle Heights. May 2nd-3<sup>rd</sup>, 8am-3pm at the California Endowment. This is an opportunity for you to voice your thoughts and ideas about policies and practices to reduce exposure to air pollution and its impact on communities. Go to: <a href="http://www.healthdatabytes.org/registration">www.healthdatabytes.org/registration</a> to register.</li> <li>• The Asthma Education Institute will be hosting its Asthma Educator Conference in San Diego on May 14-15 from 8-5. For more information contact Debra Kelley at (619)683-7519 or <a href="mailto:debra.kelly@lung.org">debra.kelly@lung.org</a></li> <li>• The American Lung Association announced their upcoming SCAMP Camp on June 24-29<sup>th</sup>. For more information contact Luis Lechuga at (619)683-8660 or <a href="mailto:luis.lechuga@lung.org">luis.lechuga@lung.org</a></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Please let the ALA know if you are a physician or nurse who would like to volunteer at SCAMP Camp.</li> </ul>

Recorded by Janet Scully