

ASTHMA COALITION OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY GENERAL COALITION MEETING

Meeting Notes
October 22, 2012

ISSUE/TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION/FINDINGS
<p>Welcome and Introductions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review minutes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aarti Harper called the meeting to order at 1:20 p.m. • Minutes were approved as written. 	
<p>Presentation: “The Proposed I-710 Expansion Project: Opportunities for Advocacy” Angelo Logan, EYCEJ</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Angelo Logan of the East Yard Communities for Environmental Justice (EYCEJ) provided a presentation on “The Proposed I-710 Expansion Project: Opportunities for Advocacy.” • Project to widen the I-710 corridor goes from the 60 freeway down to the ports of Long Beach; main objective was to increase truck traffic; proposal is to add additional lanes for a total of 14 lanes on the freeway; currently the largest infrastructure project in review in the country • Created coalition (EYCEJ) with many other organizations to address issues of the I-710 expansion • Conducted a health risk and health impact assessments, environmental health studies, etc. to help inform the project • Corridor area description: Low level of educational attainment; Studies: By age 18 children that have been exposed to air pollution are more likely to develop asthma; exposure to “goods movement” (trucks on highways) is related to more children with asthma; air pollution affects communities of color more often; higher levels of poverty, lower levels of employment and income • Community Alternative 7: Promotes a positive project in lieu of widening the freeway and to keep it at 8 lanes while addressing the congestion, population growth, and traffic through a comprehensive transportation plan; project will cost about \$6 billion; important to prevent harm while doing construction for the project • Promote decreasing traffic vs. widening the roads; add truck lanes only without widening; increase rapid public transit including shuttles to transit centers • Project Committee – will provide a proposal to Caltrans for a preferred alternative; EYCEJ is advocating that the committee propose “Community Alternative 7”; EYCEJ will be promoting a sign-on letter that others may sign • Gateway Council City of Governments – To find references to statistics provided in the presentation 	<p>Janet will post presentation and handouts on the Coalition website: www.asthmacoalitionla.org</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Southern CA Gateway Project – May present on this topic at a future date 	
<p>General Updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Asthma Awareness Month Event Video • CHEST Conference • American Lung Association’s Fight for Air Walk • Asthma Related Policy Update • Financial Report 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Asthma Awareness Video: Played the 2 minute video to raise awareness of poor housing conditions in South LA and how that affects health; still need to translate video into Spanish; aim is to use the video as a resource; after the Asthma event, an inspection was conducted at the apartment building where the event took place • CHEST Conference: LA Care & Monica Morello from the Coalition will be attending the conference in Atlanta, GA from October 24-25 • Fight for Air Walk: The Coalition and LA Care both formed teams and walked in support of the event • AB 441: Provides guidance on incorporating health into regional transportation plans; signed by the governor • SB 535: Earmarks a percentage of revenues from the greenhouse gases project for communities affected most by climate change • Financial Report – \$2,855 left in the Coalition budget; start thinking about how to generate additional funds 	<p>Video will be posted on Coalition website and Facebook page</p> <p>Janet/Monica and the Coalition to brainstorm ideas for generating additional funds for ACLAC</p>
<p>Presentation: “A Community–based Participatory Research Project to Adapt Asthma Education for After-School Programs” A collaboration between SC CTSI, BREATHE LA and COPE Health Solutions” Marisela Robles, USC CTSI</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community based participatory research project – Collaborative project for after school asthma curriculum • 3 phased project funded for one year by NIH: Assess gaps in knowledge & perceptions of community about asthma management, revise curriculum and pilot revised version • Study took place in Long Beach • Used Photovoice method to assess asthma needs in the community – Participants took pictures to illustrate their answers to the study questions around asthma and asthma management • Participants completed a short survey; parent and child focus groups • Focused on themes of social support, physical limitations of asthma (e.g. physical activity), advocacy (e.g. eliminating smoking where people live), • Next step is to conduct an efficacy trial with the revised curriculum – need for additional funding and larger study • Tip: Medi-Cal Managed Care – Readability and suitability guidelines for health education materials 	<p>Contact Marisela for additional educational booklets</p> <p>Presentation will be posted on the Coalition website</p>
<p>Workgroup Updates</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Indoor Air Quality: none. • Outdoor Air Quality: none. • Schools: Board policy for Pasadena Unified going to committee; will meet 	<p>Monica will begin working with workgroup chairs to</p>

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	<p>Wednesday Oct. 31 at 11 a.m.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clinical: none. 	<p>refine Goals & Objectives and develop a work plan for the upcoming calendar year</p>
<p>Announcements from the Floor</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> BREATHE LA – COPD Conference November 14th 10-4 @ USC California Asthma Summit – December 5-6, 2012 in San Francisco (Focused on environmental health risks) Health Homes Collaborative – Fundraising reception on Oct. 23 at Bonaventure Brewing Co.; For more info. contact Luis at luis@healthyhomescollaborative.org 	

Recorded by Monica Morello