

**Healthy Births Learning Collaborative  
SPA 4**

**May 10, 2007**

Meeting Location:

**Good Samaritan Hospital  
637 S. Lucas Avenue  
Los Angeles, CA 90017  
Cedar Room**

Meeting Notes

**Meeting Objectives:**

1. Select an Indicator from the Wilder Survey Results
2. Resource Guide Update
3. Action Plan for 2007

**Co-Chair:** Nicole Ramos

**Co-Chair:** Linda Baltierra

**1. Welcome and Introductions**

**2. Business**

• **Program Showcase**

Elena Bazini, Debra Winski, and Celia Valdez introduced Maternal and Child Health Access (MCHA) to the SPA 4 HBLC. MCHA is dedicated to ensuring meaningful access to health and social services for low-income women and their families and to help them improve the quality of their lives. MCHA provides information, support, and technical assistance to health and social service organizations, assists individual women to achieve healthy pregnancies and obtain quality health care for themselves and their children, and educates policymakers and the general public to improve the health and social services systems for all low income women and families and to benefit the entire community in which we live. The following are some programs offered at MCHA:

- Training and Education
- Perinatal Outreach and Education
- Breastfeeding Support Groups
- Health Education
- Monthly Meetings, and
- Women's Art Collectively

For additional information about these programs please call: 213 749-4261.

**3. Discussion**

- LABBN Update, Wilder Survey Results  
**Select one of the Indicators and develop a plan for improvement**

At the last meeting HBLC members were informed about the Wilder Survey Results.

- The Wilder Collaboration Inventory demonstrated the HBLCs' success in bringing together community stakeholders to improve birth outcomes throughout Los Angeles County. The indicators that exhibit the strengths of the Healthy Births Learning Collaboratives are as follows:
  - Mutual respect, understanding, and trust
  - Flexibility
  - Open and frequent communication
  - Skilled leadership

#### **Areas for Improvement:**

- There are two areas where the majority of HBLCs expressed a need for improvement. These are:
  - Appropriate cross section of members
  - Sufficient funds, staff, materials, and time

The recommendations were that each HBLC will choose at least one indicator and develop a plan for improvement in the second quarter.

Group members chose the indicator, "**Members share a stake in both process and outcome**", and agreed on working on a recruitment strategy.

- The first step will be to develop a brochure including all members' information that will be utilized for future member recruitment.
- Collaborative members were encouraged to submit a sentence describing resources and services provided by their organizations to Ms. Radillo by May 18, 2007.
- Group members brainstormed agencies in SPA 4 that are not part of this collaborative:
  - ▶ El Nido
  - ▶ LA Child Guidance
  - ▶ AltaMed
  - ▶ Amanecer
  - ▶ About Face
  - ▶ Children's Planning Council

#### **Resource Guide Update**

- Collaborative members were informed that Good Samaritan Hospital will sponsor the printing costs of the SPA 4 HBLC Resource Guide
- Ms. Gutierrez reported the results of the focus group she conducted with a group of teenagers that evaluated the resource guide to ensure the content appealed to teenagers. The following are some of their recommendations:
  - ▶ Title could read "Pregnant and Parenting Teen Resource Guide"
  - ▶ Use more simple language
  - ▶ Front picture should be Latino or other ethnicity to represent the community
  - ▶ Front picture does not have to be a photograph
  - ▶ Cover should state what areas the resource guide is covering

- ▶ Fonts could be cuter/friendlier
- ▶ Bilingual titles on each page
- ▶ Include a description under each topic to explain what it is
- ▶ List hours of operation
- ▶ More graphics if possible on each page
- ▶ Include page numbers
- ▶ Include information on Jobs (i.e. Job corps, one stop centers, etc)  
Transportation, Metro, get passes, tokens, etc.
- ▶ Alphabetize topics or put into big sections like Medical. Counseling, Basic Needs, Schools or Education, Child Care, Legal Aid etc.
- ▶ Not enough resources
- ▶ Too much Health/Medical info
- ▶ Not very teen friendly looking, too formal
- ▶ Do not include the grid lines

Ms. Gutierrez also submitted clipart suggestions for the cover and additional resources to be incorporated to the resource guide.

#### **Action Plan for 2007**

- Group members discussed that the dissemination of the SPA 4 Resource Guide will be part of our action plan for 2007.

#### **4. Next Steps**

Submit a description of services provided by your organization to Ms. Radillo by May 18, 07.

If you volunteered at the March meeting to contact agencies and verify the accuracy of services please do so as soon as possible. Please contact Ms. Radillo if you are not sure what agencies you were expected to call.

#### **Next meeting will be:**

**July 12, 2007**

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We hope to see you there!

#### **5. Announcements**

#### **6. Adjournment**