

Health Committee Meeting Notes – 9/17/19

10:00am to 11:15am

In Attendance:

Barbara Kappos – Co-Chair

Rebeca Melendez – ELAWC

Patty Hernandez- APU

Jennifer Bell – Jenesse Center, Inc.

Niccole Perras – DPH OWH

Diane Viera - APU

Yasmin Tarver – Jenesse Center, Inc.

Michelle Excell – Downtown Women's Center

Meeting led by Barbara Kappos, called to order at 10am

Members reviewed the committee goals and discussed the purpose and sustainability of the Health Committee into 2020 and beyond.

APU shared their model for training nursing students in partnership with the YWCA Wings program, scheduled for every other Wednesday from 1-5pm

- Discussion around ways to improve and increase training for nursing students and program staff around DV and health

Discussion around surveying Los Angeles-based shelters (DPH contracted sites and DVC members) and sampling survey questions at the Beyond Silos Symposium on 10/29/19 to gather information on shelters are already doing around DV and health, such as:

- What are you currently doing?
- What programs/models are you implementing
- Where do you need support?

What will the Health Committee do with this information once collected?

- Individual and org use of the data
- Make the case for more funding and apply for homelessness money (Home Funds)
- Jenesse model - health topic each week and then offer health services right after (aligned with the public health model)
 - Happens in the emergency shelter (30-40 days)

Discussion around the link between homelessness

- Idea to tie this work in with homelessness
- \$240 million to homelessness programs in LA (Home Funds from the Governor in CA)
 - 1 time money
 - Special designation under his budget
 - Outreach, prevention, shelters, education, direct services
- Measure H and Measure HH - other homeless funds
- Yasmin will send list of meetings/times for anyone in the Health Committee to attend the Home Funds meetings
- Health Committee and dovetail and partner with homeless programs
- Use the information from the survey to apply for homeless funds
 - Can show they are long-standing programs that can help with homelessness through DV programs

Michelle talked about the Downtown Women's Center

- Access health services through the Day Center (voluntary)
- No actual shelter in the program

- Support permanent housing
- Homeless women are more likely to access services at DWC than DV survivors
- No health assessment offered, health services are just there and available for anyone who wants it or feels they need it

Brainstorming around sample Qs for survey administration, as an online survey

- **Niccole**/DPH will check on what other surveys and data DPH has from DV service providers and will check on their work load to be able to do this
 - How many shelters are in the system/contracted?
 - Typical survey response rate
 - What data do you already have on these programs?
- Once info is collected, Health Committee will invite the health deputies to attend the Health Committee meeting
 - Discussion around the need to change the date so BOS and health deputies can attend
- Discussion around the links with DV and substance use
 - Maybe need to change the date of the meetings
- Ideas for Survey Questions
 - Brief definition of what Health Advocacy is and what it looks like
 - Do you integrate health advocacy into your program in some way?
 - How?
 - Do you routine do/offer health assessments with clients?
 - Do you have a health partner?
 - Do you make referrals for health services?
 - Do you offer training to staff on the health impacts of violence, assessment and response to survivor health issues?
 - How often?
 - What barriers do you come up against to implement health advocacy at your program?
- Committee agrees to implement initially at the Beyond Silos Symposium
 - Distribute and collect at the beginning of the morning breakout, with a brief overview of the Health Committee
- **Jennifer** will send out a draft to everyone
- Health Committee will have a table at the Symposium
 - Lead by Nikki and Diane volunteers to support the table
 - Materials for the table:
 - 1 pager on the Health Committee
 - Sign up sheet for folks interested in attending
 - Survey
- Goal to get the survey out by January to all Los Angeles based shelters
 - DPH will send out the survey link to contracted sites and DVC members
 - Health Committee will manage/monitor the survey and results
- Next Committee meeting is Tues. Nov. 19
 - Yasmin and Barbara cannot attend
- Announcements
 - DVAM event from ELAWC

Meeting adjourn 11:15am