



Healthy Births Learning Collaborative

SPA 4

October 11, 2007

Meeting Location:

Good Samaritan Hospital

637 S. Lucas Avenue

Los Angeles, CA 90017

Cedar Room

Meeting Notes

Meeting Objectives:

1. Showcase Presentation: PAC\LAC
2. Teen Birth Rates in SPA 4
3. Resource Guide Dissemination Plan

Co-Chair: Mollie Miodovski

Co-Chair: Nancy Gutierrez

1. Welcome and Introductions

- Ms. Radillo opened the meeting with a brief welcome and introductions.

2. Business

- **Program Showcase**

- **PAC\LAC**

Ms. Jennifer Taylor elaborated on the numerous programs and services offered at PAC\LAC.

PAC\LAC is a non-profit maternal and child health organization that has been working towards improving pregnancy and birth outcomes for more than two decades.

PAC\LAC provides professional education, technical assistance and support to nurses and physicians on perinatal health topics, develops Guidelines of Care, for prenatal and neonatal services, advocates for health policy, and serve as an external evaluator on maternal and child health and social service programs. For additional information please call 818.788.6850 or visit: www.paclac.org.

- **Teen Birth Rates in SPA 4**

Ms. Karen Menendez from the LA County, Department of Public Health presented data on Teen Birth Rates in SPA 4 as requested by group members at the September meeting. Although teen pregnancy rates have been decreasing since 1994, Latinas have the highest rates of teen pregnancy. See attached graphics.

3. Discussion

- **Resource Guide Update**

Collaborative members reviewed the revised final version of the resource guide and approved all changes, Katie volunteered to adjust the “Other Resources” page. Once this is completed the resource guide will be forwarded to Mirian so she can turn it in to Good Samaritan Hospital. We are anticipating that it will be printed before our next meeting scheduled for December the 13th, 2007.

- **2008 Action Plan**

- ▶ Group members participated in a rich discussion regarding the direction of the 2008 action plan, and agreed on creating a poster to promote teen pregnancy prevention and to encourage the use of birth control.

- ▶ It was discussed that parents encourage adolescents to abstain from sex and do not discuss different birth control options. Unfortunately, discussions about abstinence are not always effective, and in certain cases, adolescents can have two or more babies during their teenage years.

- ▶ Collaborative members discussed that school nurses and counselors will benefit from this information as well, since often times they do not deliver the proper information simply because of the lack of information available.

- ▶ Once the poster is developed it will be posted in Laundromats, WIC Offices, Bus Stops, and School Nurses.

4. Next Steps

- ▶ At the next meeting group members will work on the poster concept and target population. Collaborative members were encouraged to bring ideas for the poster.

Next meeting will be:

December 13, 2007

Location:

LA Best Babies Network
350 S. Bixel Street, Suite 100
Los Angeles, CA 90017

5. Announcements

6. Adjournment