

LA BEST BABIES NETWORK



Healthy Babies. Our Future.

Presented by First 5 LA

Healthy Births Learning Collaborative

SPA 4

May 14, 09

Meeting Location:

Good Samaritan Hospital

637 S. Lucas Avenue

Los Angeles, CA 90017

Palm Oak Room

Meeting Notes

Meeting Objectives:

1. LABBN Update: Proposition 1D
2. Teen Pregnancy Symposium Evaluation Report
3. Action Plan Updates: Art Posters Calendar

Co-Chair: Nancy Gutierrez

Co-Chair: Mollie Miodovski

Note-taker: Irma Radillo

Welcome and Introductions

Ms. Gutierrez opened the meeting with a brief welcome and introductions.

Discussion

- **LABBN Update: Proposition 1D**

Irma handed out a fact sheet with frequently asked questions regarding Proposition 1D.

We are encouraging everyone to become informed about Proposition 1D.

Proposition 1D will go before voters on May 19th. This Proposition requests to redirect funds from Proposition 10 (First 5 Dollars) to the State's general fund for five years and designates how funds may be used. If passed, First 5 LA will have to reduce its budget by about 60% and focus on direct service only. This would reduce the First 5 LA budget from about \$113 million in 08-09 to about \$45 million in 09-10. The California Secretary of State posts pros and cons for the public to view. Visit <http://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/statewide-special-election-051909/vig-info-051909/vig-051909.htm> for additional information.

- **Teen Pregnancy Symposium Evaluation Report**

Collaborative members reviewed the Teen Pregnancy Evaluation Results.

◇ The majority of the participants felt that the information they received (resources, legal issues and public counseling) at the training was very informative and useful to take back to their respective agencies to assist them with the teens and moms that they work with. Many found the teen panel and testimonials to be very touching and powerful in teaching them what teen moms go through and to be sensitive to their needs as they interact with them when providing services.

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◇ Many participants preferred that the training be longer in order to allow more time for the breakout sessions, more time for the presenters to talk, and an opportunity to attend more sessions.

For future events most attendants expressed they would like:

- The sessions to be longer;
- To learn more techniques regarding teen pregnancy prevention; and
- More Information on LAUSD

◇ The majority of the participants commented that the training was “very good” and very well planned. Participants congratulated those in charge of organizing the event.

- **Funds from Symposium**

Nancy informed group members that there is money left from the Symposium. She proposed to use those funds to sponsor a College Field Trip for Pregnant and Parenting Teens to Pasadena City College.

There will be only 50 spaces available. Transportation, food, and free gifts will be provided to all participants. Nancy will send out the flyer through PerinatalLinks – perinatallinks-bounces@lists.labestbabies.org for recruitment purposes.

Bus Transportation will be provided from Franklin HS (Huntington Park) and Wilson HS (East LA).

Nancy suggested that if we still have money left after the field trip, we should donate it to the Rosemary Couch Scholarship Fund. Collaborative members were in agreement.

- **Action Plan Updates**

◇ Irma announced that the LA Best Babies Network will sponsor the printing costs of the calendar. However, funds for this project need to be spent by June 30, 2009.

◇ Collaborative members selected 13 posters for the calendar, including one for the cover. HBLC members volunteered to research monthly observances to put on the calendar and will email them to Irma by Friday May 22, 09 at: iradillo@labestbabies.org.

◇ We anticipate to have a draft calendar by June 1st, and submit the request to the printing by June 12, 2009.

◇ We discussed a dissemination plan for the calendars and agreed on providing copies to:

- All the students that submitted a poster
- The teachers that encouraged students to participate
- School nurses
- Art teacher
- Project NATEEN
- El Nido Family Centers
- Planned Parenthood
- All SPA 4 HBLC members to distribute among their clients
- Nancy will obtain a list of schools within the SPA 4 area so that we can deliver some calendars.

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- Fernanda will develop a letter to accompany the calendars so that agencies and schools not familiar with the project will be informed of its purpose.

Next Steps

*** Next Meeting: June 11, 2009 from 1:00 to 3:00 pm at:
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637 South Lucas Avenue
Los Angeles, CA 90017.

Announcements

Adjournment