

Healthy Births Learning Collaborative

SPA 6

April 23, 2008

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon

Meeting Location

A.C. Bilbrew Public Library

150 E. El Segundo Blvd.

Los Angeles, CA 90061

Meeting Notes

Meeting Objectives:

1. Program Showcase: Shields for Families, Inc.
2. South Los Angeles Best Babies Collaborative Update
3. LA Best Babies Network Update: Collaborative Sustainability
4. DIG Application Update

Co-Chairs: Nicole Vick

Co-Chairs: Kevin Donovan

Co-Chairs: Dia Bell

1. Welcome and Introductions

- Mr. Donovan opened the meeting with a brief welcome and introductions.

2. Business

- **Program Showcase:** Shields for Families, Inc.

Ms. Alison Kellman introduced the Shields for Families, Inc. organization to the SPA 6 HBLC. SHIELDS for Families, Inc. is a non-profit community based organization dedicated to developing, delivering and evaluating culturally sensitive, comprehensive service models that empower and advocate for families affected by substance abuse and child abuse.

SHIELDS has fifteen programs that serve the South Central community with a static capacity of 700 families enrolled in services. All programs provide for a continuum of comprehensive services that address the needs of the entire family. In order to increase the opportunities for successful outcomes, SHIELDS provides all services utilizing center-based, one-stop shopping models in conjunction with home visitations. Currently, over 20 agencies, including King Drew Medical Center, WIC, Los Angeles Unified School District, the Department of Rehabilitation, the Los Angeles County Department of Public Social Services, and the Los Angeles County Department of Children and Family Services, provide on-site services to SHIELDS clients. All services are offered in English and Spanish.

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Services Include:

- Substance abuse treatment
- Child development
- Juvenile crime prevention
- Family support programs
- Transportation
- Outreach and intake services
- Youth services
- Family preservation
- Aftercare
- Case management
- Mental health
- Vocational services
- Housing

SHIELDS has been nationally recognized and its programs used as models by federal, state, and local entities.

For additional information about services provided please contact Alison Kellman at: (310) 603-1098 ext. 102.

3. Discussion

• South Los Angeles Best Babies Collaborative (SLABBC) Update

Ms. Claudia Molina introduced the SLABBC to the SPA 6 HBLC. Ms. Molina announced that the SLABBC is funded by First 5 LA under the Healthy Births Initiative.

The Mission of the (SLABBC) is: *To promote healthier pregnancies, birth outcomes and interconception care in South Los Angeles by strengthening linkages between community-based medical and social service providers.*

Through strengthened linkages, the South Los Angeles Best Babies Collaborative (SLABBC) expects to promote more integrated, coordinated and comprehensive services for pregnant and parenting women and teenagers. (SLABBC) will accomplish this through the implementation of an array of interventions focused on the core areas of Outreach, Health Education and Messaging, Case Management, Social Support, and Interconception Care.

In order to achieve desired outcomes of healthier pregnancies and birth outcomes in South Los Angeles, the (SLABBC) will establish many new interagency activities including:

- Agencies convening to share resources and best practices
- Promotion of consistent outreach and education messages
- Linked referrals
- Targeted focus on identification, referral, tracking and follow-up of high-risk women and teens
- Use of a common tracking and evaluation system
- New and expanded teen services
- Coordinated training curriculum for SLABBC staff/agency capacity-building

- Focus on the interconception period
- Increased social support resources
- Documentation of service deficits

SLABBC Service Area

The SLABBC provides services to women and teens in South Los Angeles. Priority target areas include the zip codes of: 90001, 90002, 90003, 90011, 90037, 90044, 90059, 90061, 9020, 90221, 90222, 90255, 90262, 90280 and the communities of: Bell, Bell Gardens, Cudahy, Compton, Huntington Park, Los Angeles, Lynwood, and South Gate. For additional information please call:

- **LA Best Babies Network Update: Collaborative Sustainability**

Ms. Radillo announced that with the new expansion of the Healthy Births Initiative, there are some program modifications. The LABBN staff has been here to help to establish the collaboratives, and we have already engaged in activities that begin the process of sustainability for all the collaboratives, including SPA 6, such as:

- a) the development of our Mission Statement and
- b) the development of our governance structure
- Ms. Radillo stated that in order to continue in the process of sustainability, the collaborative needs to begin transferring some of the administrative duties to HBLC members. The Network suggests beginning with the transferring of note-taking and typing of meeting minutes.
- LABBN staff will provide the template currently being used by the Network’s Community Outreach Specialists, and collaborative member taking notes will type them using the provided template and send to LABBN staff. Network staff will review the notes and send them out electronically to HBLC members.
- Group members discussed that it will be easier for them to type out the meeting notes on a lap top the day of the meeting. Ms. Radillo offered to bring a lap top.
- Meeting attendees also discussed the possibility of recording the meeting in progress, and agreed on bringing their own tape recorder when taking notes, if this is the way they prefer to take notes.
- The collaborative agreed on rotating the role of note-taking. The following people volunteered to take notes during the following meetings:

Month	Person Responsible
May 28, 08	Ms. Alison Kellman
June 25, 08	Ms. Korie White
July 13, 08	Mr. Kevin Donovan
August 27, 08	Ms. Dia Bell
September 24, 08	Ms. Thelma Hayes
October 22, 08	Ms. Claudia Molina
November 26, 08	Ms. Jean Floyd

- **DIG Grant Update**

- Mr. Donovan announced that we were not able to obtain the signatures required in order to submit the DIG application this month as anticipated. The next application filing deadline will be May 20, 08, and the date to present to the Interagency Operations Group will be June 10, 08.
- Ms. White reported that she was not able to schedule the meeting with the hairstylist, Cynthia. However, she proposed to have a backup plan in case we are not successful in getting more beauty salons to join our project. Ms. White suggested targeting Junior Colleges, Grocery Stores, Costco, Libraries, Banks, WIC sites, Nutritional Centers, Day Care Centers, Churches and other business owners in Leimert Park to establish a relationship with them to be able to deliver information on preconception care on a one-on-one interaction.
- A concern was raised regarding delivering information to customers at grocery stores, as members thought that customers will feel uncomfortable being approached. Since our target audience is African American women, it was thought to be inappropriate to only approach one race at a particular location, such as a grocery store, and excluding women of other ethnicities. ▪
- Ms. White also suggested that we could hold our next meeting in a restaurant in the Leimert Park area. It was discussed that half of the meeting time would be used to map out the area, and discuss how the information will be delivered as well as assigning meeting participants to different team groups.
- Group members did not reach consensus in terms of meeting at a restaurant in May, and another suggestion was made to decide on our deliverables in order to be more effective.
- The evaluation component was discussed and a suggestion was made to have participants fill out a survey right after they receive the information instead of having them return at a later date/time to fill out the evaluation.
- We also discussed the training for the hairstylists and the need to create talking points for them in order to be able to deliver the same information.
- Ms. Jameelah Harris-Mims volunteered to outline some talking points and basic information on how to start a conversation with women of childbearing age regarding preconception care.

4. Next Steps

Next meeting will be:

May 28, 2008 from 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon

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5. Announcements

6. Adjournment

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