

Healthy Births Learning Collaborative

SPA 7

October 14, 2008

Meeting Location:

AltaMed

Health Services Corporate Office

Training Room B

500 Citadel Dr., Suite 490

Los Angeles, CA 90040

1:30 PM – 3:30 PM

Meeting Purpose:

1. Increase awareness and knowledge on Preconception and Interconception Health
2. Introduce the SPA 7 HBLC Group to Key Stakeholders of the SPA 7 Community.

Co-Chair: Christine Gibson

Welcome and Introductions

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

1. Opening Remarks

- Healthy Births Learning Collaborative

Ms. Julie Gates, HBLC Coordinator elaborated on the LA Best Babies Network and its different components, including the Healthy Births Learning Collaboratives (HBLCs).

The (HBLCs) were created to provide opportunities for providers to participate in shared learning and planning in order to better meet the needs of pregnant women, infants and new families in their communities. The HBLCs are built upon a framework for community engagement that holds that community members must be part of the planning, discussion and work in order to create a solution to build and sustain health and well-being for all families.

HBLCs provide free, community-based meetings in seven of LA County's eight Service Planning Areas (SPAs). They are the venue for representatives from the Best Babies Collaboratives, other networks and initiatives, community organizations, health care and service providers and community members to come together on a regular basis for knowledge sharing, capacity building, collaborative planning and action to improve pregnancy and birth outcomes in Los Angeles County.

In addition, Ms. Gates informed group members about previous and future action plans in the SPA 7 area. In 2007 the SPA 7 HBLC created a teen-friendly Info-Card wallet-size card containing resources specific to teens' needs.

Currently, this HBLC is working on a Breastfeeding Power Point presentation as an effort to increase breastfeeding awareness and promotion. Once completed, it will be posted on our website and members of this collaborative will be able to download it and make use of this information.

2. Keynote Presentation

Preconception and Interconception Health

Dr. Carolina Reyes, Executive Director for the LA Best Babies Network talked about Preconception and Interconception Health. For a copy of this presentation please go to: www.LABestBabies.org. Click on “Healthy Births Learning Collaboratives” and select SPA 7.

3. Networking Activity

- Meet your colleagues in the SPA 7 area

Ms. Sonia Alvarado led the networking activity. Meeting attendees were asked to introduce themselves to at least three people and talk to them about services provided by their agencies.

4. Closing Remarks and Adjourn

Ms. Otilia Elszy encouraged group members to attend the next meeting scheduled for:

December 11, 2008

Location:

AltaMed Health Services Corporate Office

Training Room A

500 Citadel Drive, 4th Floor Suite 490

Los Angeles, CA 90040

We hope to see you there!