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Next MCH Access Monthly Meeting:

Thursday, June 16, 2016

10:00 am - 12:00 pm

LOCATION:

MCH Access

Patricia Phillips Community Room

1111 W. 6th St., 3rd Floor

Los Angeles, CA 90017

(6th St., and Bixel St.)

SPEAKER/TOPIC:

Updates - State Legislation and the State Budget

**Afton Cissell, Staff Attorney, National Health Law Program,
a member of the California Coalition for Reproductive
Freedom**

Nancy Gomez, Organizing Director, Health Access

Lynn Kersey, Executive Director, MCHA

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PARKING:

Free at MCH Access; enter on 5th St. to 2-story parking (between Lucas and Bixel) and walk across the alley to our building.

Please contact our office with any questions regarding this email or visit our [website](#) for further information about our organization.

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SAVE THE DATE

Tuesday, June 21, 8 AM - 2 PM - The 7th annual Reproductive Health & the Environment conference (FREE) will be held again at the California Endowment. Registration information comes out in April. Click [here](#) for flyer.

RESOURCES:

Reduced Metro and TAP cards: Families who have students from K-12th Grade may apply for reduced fares on the Metro [here](#). If you have a child who is in college or enrolled in a vocational program, they may also apply for a reduced fare TAP card [here](#). Other info and applications for reduced fare TAP cards [here](#).

LONG BEACH HOUSING AUTHORITY [Now Accepting Applications](#)

The Housing Authority of the City of Long Beach (HACLB) will be accepting applications for its HOPWA (Housing Opportunities for Persons

May 19, 2016 meeting

Click [here](#) to see materials

Fabiola Sandoval: Health Care for Women and Children in Boyle Heights: Community Portraits of Access, Barriers, Needs and Resilience

Fabiola Sandoval presented the work MCHA has been doing in Boyle Heights since 2014. Then, she conducted a survey, focus groups, and meetings with key stakeholders about barriers to quality healthcare for women and children, what the unmet needs are and what ideas emerge when the community comes together. She showed the [MCHA video](#) about the work, and slides explained the project's outcomes. Barriers women expressed included: Lack of access to quality health or any health care at all for those without legal immigration status; communicating with English-only providers; income/finance issues; lack of information, and cultural and internalized barriers. The areas of health care identified as most needed were mental health support, comprehensive dental services for adults, and reproductive/sexual health. See the MCHA website, front page "Exploring the health of women and children in Boyle Heights" for the video and full report. Watch for the full-graphics Spanish and English shorter version soon!

Meeting Notes: April 19, 2016

Pilar Schiavo California Nurses Association/National Nurses United Campaign for a Healthy California "Fix It: Healthcare at the Tipping Point" (film and discussion)

Ms. Schiavo is a representative of the California Nurses Association/National Nurses United (CNA/NNU) Campaign for a Healthy California (CHC). They are utilizing the film "Fix It" - "a powerful new documentary that reaches across the political and ideological divide to expand support for major healthcare reform" as an organizing tool for the Campaign for a Healthy California. The film shows patients, nurses, doctors, business and labor leaders discussing the dysfunctional health care system with multiple examples of patient and economic impacts. It's an excellent film and thought piece. You can download the movie itself, but it's much more fun and impactful to see it among a group of people, have discussion and hear about events taking place. See www.fixithehealthcare.com or contact the [Campaign for a Healthy California](#), devoted to the national debate on health care. Two handouts are posted on MCHA's page for monthly meetings:

With Aids) and HCV (Housing Choice Voucher aka Section 8) waiting list beginning Monday, June 6, 2016 and closing Monday, June 20, 2016 at 11:59 pm.

How Do I Apply: You may complete an application online at this web address once the waiting list has opened. Please call the Automated Information Telephone Line for more information - (562) 570.6309. If a computer, tablet or smart phone is not readily available to you please visit one of our satellite locations listed below to complete your online application. APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE AT THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OFFICE

Employment

We're looking for a talented Data Analyst/Specialist for our Welcome Baby Program. Please click on link below to see the full job description and the application process.

* [Data Analyst/Specialist](#)

MCHA is an Equal Opportunity Employer; women and people of color are strongly encouraged to apply.

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[Affordable Care Act vs. Medicare for All and Q and A: the National Medicare for All Debate:](#)

Kids Transitioning to Full-Scope Medi-Cal

According to the State Department of Health Care Services, 86% of the kids who were to transition from Restricted Scope to Full Scope Medi-Cal have done so. By the end of June, they expect to have transitioned all eligible kids. There ARE notices that have come back to the state as returned mail, but those children still represent kids who've had Restricted Medi-Cal and are being moved to Full Scope in the system. If you see kids who have not gotten notification, please be sure their address is correct with DPSS. About 6300 children have applied as new applicants; these include kids being added to an existing case. For kids currently in Kaiser's Child Health Program who have had Restricted Medi-Cal transitioning to Full Scope Medi-Cal, please stay tuned as we are verifying the possible need for a "permit to enroll" in addition to choosing Kaiser in the managed care packet sent...

From the California Advocacy Network for Children with Special Health Care Needs: CALIFORNIA CHILDREN'S SERVICES

Hearing Set for June 21 on CCS Redesign Bill: The Assembly Committee on Health has scheduled a hearing on Senate Bill 586, which addresses the future of the California Children's Services (CCS) program and the state's proposed plans to move some children covered by CCS into managed care. Advocacy groups recently proposed [revised language](#) for the bill, which was introduced in February 2015. The amended language addresses a variety of topics, including timelines, rates, treatment guidelines, monitoring, evaluation, family involvement family. Assembly Committee on Health Hearing Tuesday, June 21 1:30 PM, State Capital, Room 4202. [Read more and see how to listen to the hearing.](#)

If you aren't signed up for the Network's Newsletter - sign up for this excellent e-blast [here](#).

Vision and Screening Services Required Under Medicaid

Children and adolescents enrolled in Medicaid should receive both vision and hearing screenings at each well-child check-up. Medicaid.gov [has posted information](#) about the importance of screenings and the states' requirements to provide services and information to families.

ZERO TO THREE Parenting Survey

ZERO TO THREE in partnership with the Bezos Family Foundation conducted a comprehensive national survey of parents revealing brand new insights on some of today's most heated conversations about raising young children.

A nationally-representative sample of 2,200 parents of children birth to 5 years responded to our survey questions. Some key findings:

- When it comes to attitudes, aspirations and parenting challenges, there is more that unites than divides parents.
- Parents believe that parenting can be learned and want help to be the best parents they can be.
- Dads are more than babysitters. They love being involved fathers, and want - and deserve - more credit. Moms agree that dads don't get enough credit.
- Almost all parents feel judged, almost all the time.
- Half of parents are not getting the support they need when they feel overwhelmed or stressed - the time when help is most important.

ZERO TO THREE will use findings from the Parent to ensure that our programs and resources provide parents the information they want in relatable and engaging ways. We will also use the new research to elevate parents' voices in the national conversation about parenting young children and create opportunities for parents to share common experiences with each other. See the [page](#) on this topic.

Infographic: [Income Disparities in Oral Health and Well-Being for U.S. Adults](#)

Highlights from the new report. This report from the American Dental Association's Health Policy Institute includes data for all 50 states and the District of Columbia and is based on an innovative survey of nearly 15,000 adults nationwide. Highlights from the new report: This [report](#) from the American Dental Association's Health Policy Institute includes data for all 50 states and the District of Columbia and is based on an innovative survey of nearly 15,000 adults nationwide.

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The Affordable Care Act (ACA) has had tremendous impact on expanding coverage opportunities and improving the overall health of children. Over the past six years, California has been a leader in implementation of the ACA and continued the momentum with additional efforts to improve health care for families. The Children's Partnership, a California-based children's advocacy organization, released a new report, "The Affordable Care Act and Children's

Coverage in California: Our Progress and Our Future," offering a look into the health reform advancements made in California and detailing the future actions necessary to continue to support a healthy future for all California children. The California and Federal Action Agendas lay out concrete recommendations for advancing children's coverage and care. Read the report and action agendas [here](#).

On the subject of Clean Air:

The California Air Resources Board (CARB) has released its proposed [Short Lived Climate Pollutant Reduction Strategy](#) to reduce harmful climate pollutants. This is a huge opportunity to further shape California's climate leadership and save lives by reducing the most deadly pollutants.

The Health Professionals for Clean Air was founded 10 years ago by the American Lung Association in California and works to advance public policy that will improve [air quality](#) and fight [climate change](#) in order to reduce the effect of air pollution on public health. They recently prepared a letter to urge the CARB to place greater emphasis on eliminating wood combustion from residential heating, and transitioning our freight sector to zero emission technologies as broadly and rapidly as possible. This way the California Air Resources Board can meet its goal to accelerate market transitions to cleaner technologies to cut harmful pollution and save lives.

Join Saves Lives Coalition campaign today!

The Lung Association together with Save Lives California Coalition submitted 1 million signatures to put a \$2 tobacco tax on the November ballot. A higher tobacco tax will reduce teen smoking and save lives, but we know the tobacco industry will do everything to stop it. We are kicking off a grassroots campaign to ensure passage in November and we need your help. Please join the Coalition by signing up [here](#).

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