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Next MCH Access Monthly Meeting:

Thursday, September 15, 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:

**The Book of Ballot Measures - review of health-related
initiatives**

Program Updates

**Guest speakers (invited) on the health-related ballot
measures:**

**Prop. 52: Make Hospital Fee Permanent to Pay for
Healthcare Services**

**Prop. 55: Extend the Tax on the Wealthy to Fund Education
and Healthcare**

**Prop. 56: \$2 Tobacco Tax to fund healthcare, research,
and prevention**

Prop. 60: Mandatory condom use in adult films

**Prop. 61: Requires CA to Pay Less for Pharmaceutical
Drugs**

Prop. 63: Safety for All Initiative to Reduce Gun Violence

Prop. 64: Legalizes Marijuana for Recreational Use

SAVE THE DATE:

Monday, Nov. 14: Home Visiting and Safety Workshop (Time of workshop to follow - see www.idaofcal.org) at Braille Institute, Los Angeles, CA

Saturday, November 19: HomeWalk 10-Year Anniversary United Way's Annual 5K Family Run/Walk New Location: Grand Park, Downtown Los Angeles. This year, we're celebrating 10 powerful years of running and walking together to end homelessness in L.A. County. Register [here](#) to join us.

Tuesday, November 22 9AM - 3:30PM 14th Annual Hepatitis C Summit. The California Endowment, 1000 N. Alameda Street, Los Angeles. Registration information soon, or reach out to: Samuel Gonzalez, MS, Associate Director of HIV and HCV Programs, St. John's Well Child and Family Center, 323-541-1600 Ext. 1079 (office) sagonzalez@wellchild.org

Employment

Please click on the job title you are interested in to view the full job description and the application process. And provide a cover letter and current resume with your application that specifically outlines your employment history experience and

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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.

July 21, 2016 meeting

Click [here](#) to see materials

Are you registered to vote for the upcoming election? October 24 is the last day to register in California.

From Strategic Concepts in Organizing and Policy Education (SCOPE): This November, our country will be electing a new president -but in California, we will also be voting for state and local representatives and on 17 different statewide propositions that include school and healthcare funding initiatives and sentencing reform measures. This election stands to influence the policy landscape for years to come and our communities have the opportunity to shape the outcome. SCOPE, along with community organizations across the state, is working to register new voters for this year's pivotal election. By asking your friends and neighbors- Are you registered to vote?-you can help us build the power needed to make the best decisions for our communities and state. Can we count on your support to help [register one person to vote](#) for the November Election? You can do it right from your phone: [send a tweet](#), share a [Facebook message](#), or send a short email. You can also help our street action team register and reach more people by volunteering your time with us. Email us at info@scopela.org for more information on our volunteer days.

Comment on

California's Medi-Cal Fee-for-Service Access Monitoring Review Plan

educational background for which you're applying.

- [Parent Coach - Welcome Baby Program](#)
- [Outreach Coordinator - Welcome Baby Program](#)
- [Health Programs and Benefits Trainer](#)
- [Human Resources Manager](#)

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

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Last fall, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) issued a final rule related to access for covered services in FFS Medicaid programs. For additional information on the final rule, please visit [here](#). Under the final rule, states are required to design and develop an access monitoring plan, and establish procedures to monitor beneficiary access when proposing to reduce or restructure Medicaid FFS payments. States are required to submit their initial plans to CMS on or before October 1, 2016. The plans submitted to CMS are required to include both the state's proposed methods for monitoring access to specified services as well as the baseline data and selected measures to be used to analyze access. The draft plan is available on DHCS' Access Monitoring and Public Notice & Input [webpage](#).

Guest Speaker: Carolyn Winston, National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI), Urban Los Angeles

Founded in 1979, NAMI is the nation's largest grassroots organization - dedicated to improving the lives of people living with serious mental illness, and their families.

NAMI Urban LA was founded in 2000 and has a membership of over 200 family members. Ms. Winston gave background on mental illness and explanatory factors: a societal criminal justice response to mental illness and a shortage of short-term and long-term psychiatric care options. One in five people will develop a mental illness at some point in their lives, and four of the top ten causes of long term disability in the US are severe mental illnesses. Major depression is the top of the four. Ms. Winston gave the breakdowns for major mental illness frequency in the US. Adding to the raw numbers is the fact that 50% of all mental health cases begin by age 14, with 75% beginning by age 24, and less than 50% of adults and 33% of children receive treatment. Much of the barrier to receiving care is stigma-related.

NAMI Urban LA conducts advocacy, education and support. Their educational services include a free 12-week course for family and caregivers of individuals with severe mental illnesses and a six week course for family and caregivers of children and adolescents diagnosed or showing signs of mental illness before age 13. Both are available in English and Spanish. They also provide peer to peer and family support. Emerging programs include mental health and criminal justice education programs for the families of transitional age youth, and faith-based initiatives with several churches. Email is info@namiurbanla.org, with the website address www.namiurbanla.org. NAMI has an event in downtown LA on Saturday, October 1: [NAMI Walks](#)

Since MCHA's July 21/16 meeting: Trends in Maternal Morbidity

The California Department of Public Health (CDPH) Maternal, Child and Adolescent Health (MCAH) Division, contracted with the Maternal Quality Indicators (MQI) Workgroup to conduct a study describing trends in maternal and neonatal morbidity in California. This is a report, dated Jan., 2016 but recently released, based on those findings and presents statewide and county-level morbidity data with the goal of guiding improvement efforts for public health prevention, clinical service delivery, and in-patient hospital care. Global measures of overall health of childbearing women in California are summarized in addition to specific diagnoses of interest. These findings add to the understanding of maternal morbidity prevalence and trends in California by building upon a previous report, "Trends in Maternal Morbidity in California 1999-2005" published in January 2011, and include data from calendar years 2007, 2008, and 2009. Where possible, continuous trends over the ten-year period are presented "[Trends in Maternal Morbidity](#)". And in the New York Times, Sunday September 3: "[America's Shocking Maternal Deaths](#)"

RESOURCES

[Parenting Matters: Supporting Parents of Children Ages 0-8](#) Decades of research have demonstrated that the parent-child dyad and the environment of the family - which includes primary caregivers - are at the foundation of children's well-being and healthy development. From birth, children are learning and rely on parents and the other caregivers in their lives to protect and care for them. Parenting Matters identifies parenting knowledge, attitudes and practices associated with positive developmental outcomes; universal/preventive and targeted strategies used in a variety of settings.

Addressing Poverty - two short reports from the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities: [In California, Safety Net Lifts Roughly 4.9 Million People Above Poverty Line and Provides Health Coverage to 49 Percent of Children](#) AND [Welfare Reform and the Safety Net: Evidence Contradicts Likely Assumptions Behind Forthcoming GOP Poverty Plan](#)

CBPP also produced evidence of the positive impact of the ACA on health coverage: [Upcoming Census Estimates Expected to Show Continued Major Gains in Health Coverage](#)

Hispanics Rank Access To Quality, Affordable Health Care As Top Priority - A new poll's aim was to help leaders understand what Latinos and other Americans find most important in creating opportunity for their communities.

Los Angeles Daily News: Healthcare, Holding Politicians Accountable Among Top Concerns For US Hispanics Quality affordable healthcare and holding elected officials accountable for their decisions are among the highest priorities for Hispanics in the U.S., according to a new Harris Poll survey. **Seventy-seven percent of Hispanics surveyed rated quality affordable healthcare as "absolutely essential/extremely important" to improving opportunity in their community** while 76 percent rated holding elected officials accountable as "absolutely essential/extremely important," said Abigail Golden-Vazquez, executive director of The Aspen Institute's Latinos and Society Program, at the institute's second annual America's Future Summit on Tuesday at the California Endowment in downtown Los Angeles. (Gazzar, 8/16)

Abolishing the Welfare "Family Caps"

Since the Welfare Cap, or Family Cap in California, was abolished in the June Budget Bill, effective in January of 2017 (see **MCHA's July mailing**) Issue Brief - **Bringing Families out of 'Captivity: the Path Toward Abolishing Welfare Family Caps**

From Families, USA: The Affordable Care Act Is Improving Women of Color's Access to Health Care - As evidence piles up on how the Affordable Care Act (ACA) is helping millions of Americans obtain health care, new data offer encouraging evidence that women of color are reaping the benefits of the ACA-enjoying more reliable access to health care and less trouble affording the care they need. Read **more...**

Pertussis - two infants have died this year From Steve Nish at LABBN: **Please see this notice from the Calif. Dept. of Public Health on preventing pertussis in infants**

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