

**COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES – DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES
PUBLIC HEALTH**

**FIRST 5 LA – Policy Roundtable Discussion
Enhancing System-Wide Coordination and Resources for
Families with Children in Skid Row**

1. Programs and activities serving children in Skid Row?

Alcohol and Drug Program Administration

- **Out-patient alcohol and drug program** - for homeless women at risk and women with children (provider not in Skid Row)

Children's Planning Council

- Co-convened by Community Liaison Representative, SPA 4
- Coordinates and plans services for children within SPA 4

Children's Medical Services

- **The Child Health and Disability Prevention Program (CHDP)** – Provides access to complete preventative exams including; medical and developmental, dental, nutritional assessment, vision and hearing screening, immunizations, TB, and health education
 - APC Medical Group, 1005 E. Washington Blvd., 90021 (closest provider to Skid Row – approx. 2mi)

Maternal, Child, and Adolescent Health Programs

- **Black Infant Health Program (BIH)** - Assures that at risk pregnant and parenting women and their infants and children up to age two have access to quality maternal and child health services through street outreach activities. Also provides parenting skills and empowerment classes at contracted agencies.
- **Children's Health Insurance Outreach (CHIO)** - Increases health access and care for children and their families in Los Angeles County through Medi-Cal, Healthy Families, Healthy Kids, or other no or low-cost health programs through outreach conducted in downtown areas.
- **Nurse Family Partnership** – Improves the overall health of first time mothers and their newborns through intensive case management.
- **Prenatal Care Guidance** - Identifies high-risk pregnant women and assures their access to appropriate prenatal care.
- **Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program (CLPPP)** - Utilizes public health nurses and environmental health specialists within an interdisciplinary team responsible for performing population-based public health case management activities and services that enhance the identification of lead sources and coordination of medical care.

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1a. Child safety assessment:

BIH – safety assessed when clients are being served by BIH contractors

CHIO – increased access to medical care including full health and developmental assessments facilitates interaction of families, children and providers who can assess child safety

CLPPP – prevention and management of childhood lead poisoning cases

CHDP – access to complete preventative exams with mandated providers who assess child safety and make referrals as needed

1b. Facilitating families exit from Skid Row:

Referrals to social service providers who can assist in exit from Skid Row and/or homelessness are offered and encouraged.

2. What enhanced services are you considering in response to the Board Motion?

- a. Providing education/training/outreach to homeless service providers in Skid Row on the services currently provided by Public Health, how to access them and how to utilize them.
- b. Assigning a Public Health Nurse within a service provider in Skid Row to facilitate public health involvement and/or guidance when appropriate and to act as a resource for families and providers within the community.
- c. Working with one of the medical clinics in Skid Row to become a CHDP provider for children.

3. What formal agreements/contracts currently exist or are being considered to further service integration?

- a. Current contracts:
 - a. Verdugo Mental Health Center – ADPA
 - b. Great Beginnings for Black Babies, Inc. - BIH
 - c. Maternal & Child Health Access - CHIO
 - d. California Hospital Medical Center - CHIO
 - e. APC Medical Group, Inc. – CHDP
- b. Considered expansion:
 - a. Education/outreach/training with Skid Row providers
 - b. Public Health Nurse or Health Educator integrated into a Skid Row provider
 - c. CHDP provider at one of the Skid Row health clinics

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<i>Public Health Program</i>	<i>Services Provided by the Public Health Program</i>
Alcohol and Drug Program Administration 626-299-4193	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Residential and out-patient drug and alcohol services on Skid Row – 4 providers
Children’s Medical Services 310-222-2324	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>Child Health and Disability Prevention Program</u> – No cost complete preventative medical exams for children
Environmental Health Office 626-430-5110	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>Food and Milk Program</u> conducts sanitation inspections on food salvage operations and respond to any food borne illness allegations at homeless feeding sites <u>Vector Control</u> inspects properties and streets for rodent problems and does night baiting, if necessary in the Skid Row area <u>Vehicle Inspection</u> conducts enforcement activities relating to illegal vendors and salvages non-perishable foods for distribution to downtown food banks <u>Housing and Institutions Program</u> conducts inspections of all housing and food service facilities (lead, asbestos, etc.) <u>Northeast District Environmental Services</u> conducts inspections of permitted retail food facilities in the Skid Row area and responds to food-related complaints at unlicensed facilities <u>Metro North Housing</u> responds to complaints related to portable toilet facilities and housing sanitation issues in the Skid Row area
Maternal, Child, and Adolescent Health Programs 213-639-6400	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Black Infant Health Program Children’s Health Insurance Outreach Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program Nurse Family Partnership
Office of AIDS Programs and Policy 213-351-8000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> HIV, STD and Hepatitis A, B, C Counseling and Testing at 12 sites within the Skid Row area via storefront and mobile van activities HIV health education and risk reduction at 9 sites and via street outreach within the Skid Row area 4 health station kiosks within the Skid Row area HIV case management, emergency and transitional housing and transportation services for persons living with HIV in the Skid Row area

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Sexually Transmitted Disease Office 213-744-3070	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Health outreach and education through mobile testing units • Agency based trainings and health fairs • Condom donation program
TB Control Program 213-744-6232	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consultation and education services • Clinical care provided through the Area Health Office / SPA 4
Area Health Office/ SPA 4 213-240-8043	<p>District Nursing: (95% of work is TB client management)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TB Satellite Clinic Staffing • TB nursing assessment. • Provision of food, housing, transportation and rehabilitation of TB clients. • DOT of TB medications • TB Home visits, locating clients and referrals. <p>Other Area health office activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Liaison with HIV Health Clinic • Health education focused on community outreach: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Education directly to CBOs and Service Networks ○ Emergency and Disaster Preparedness ○ Health prevention education • Community liaison nursing focused on improving: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The health of residents ○ Enhancing the quality of health services ○ Enhancing the quantity of health services
Office of Women’s Health 626-569-3850	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cervical Cancer Prevention, Education, & Outreach