

**Meeting Location:**

**March 5, 2008**

**9:00AM – 10:30AM**

Antelope Valley Hospital ~ Imaging Center

**Conference Room 203, 2nd Floor**

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Lancaster, CA 93534

**Meeting Notes**

**Meeting Objectives:**

1. Partner Update
  - a. LABBN Update: Wilder Survey Results
  - b. PFF Quarterly Update
2. AV Network Business
  - a. AV Network Calendar of Events
  - b. Brainstorm 2008 Action Plan

**Co-Chair:** Gwen Cole

**Co-Chair:** Nicki Brown

**Welcome**

- Introductions

**Partner Update**

- LABBN Update ~ Brenda Robledo
  - Wilder Survey Results

In December of 2007, the Wilder Survey was administered to evaluate the strengths and weaknesses of the collaborative on the basis of 20 factors. The results of the AV Network for Healthy Families Wilder Survey were presented and copies provided. For comparison, the previous year's Wilder Survey results were provided. The AV Network has improved on all factors from last year. All members were asked to look over the results and at the next meeting in April, plan to decide as a group which indicator factor to focus on, and develop a plan to improve it within the collaborative.
- Partnerships for Families (PFF) ~ John Whitaker, PhD
  - Quarterly Update

PFF had little to report, as they are currently working on the mid-year report and preparing to change over to a new fiscal year, June 2008 to July 2009. In February, PFF received 7 self referrals from pregnant women and currently has 33 active cases. Dr. Whitaker also re-stated the expansion of PFF to Palmdale zip codes.

In January, the prescription pads that are designed to refer pregnant women in need of services such as depression, exposure to domestic violence or exposure to substance abuse were distributed; it was also decided to have a cover letter to go along with the pad. The cover letter was created so providers and physicians would not confuse the referral pads as a notepad. At this meeting the cover letter was available to pass along with the prescription pads.

Lastly, he announced the Play & Learn groups through the Parent Mentor Program is continuing; many parents are not aware of what is age appropriate play and end up frustrated with the children. This type of group is helping parents understand and develop play skills with their children.

### **Showcase Presentation**

- HCC: Deficit Reduction Act ~ Raquel Quezada-Delgadillo  
Raquel Quezada-Delgadillo briefly presented the HCC and what they do:
  - HCC helps limited-income residents of Los Angeles County having problems with health care, by providing advocacy services, community education and outreach and policy work.
- The Deficit Reduction Act (DRA's) Medicaid Citizenship Documentation Rule
  - DRA requires: U.S. citizens and nationals who apply for or currently receive Medi-cal to show proof of their identity and citizenship status
  - DRA does not require any new documentation from non-citizen immigrants, non-citizen immigrants have always needed to show proof. The only difference lies in the type of Medi-cal they receive full scope versus restricted. Exceptions to U.S. citizens applying for Medi-cal: SSI or Social Security Disability, CalWORKS recipients, Presumptive Eligibility, Minor Consent, Accelerated Eligibility, Deemed Eligible, Medicare
  - The DRA rules for U.S. citizens and Nationals are different for Applicants vs. Recipients: Applicants must provide documents BEFORE eligible for full scope benefits; Recipients must provide proof at Annual Re-determination. \*if recipients make a "good faith effort" to provide documents can stay on full scope Medi-Cal benefits.
  - Documents are only required Once; provide copies of all documents, No Originals
  - State DHCS will check California birth records electronically, if there is a match in the MEDS system, this is reliable proof. Applicants or recipients with a birth record match in MEDS DO NOT have to provide documentation to prove citizenship, BUT do have to provide proof of identity unless under 16 years old.
  - DRA effective June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2008 for applicants and current beneficiaries. DPSS sending notices for Annual eligibility re-determinations due in August. DPSS will have special lobby teams in many welfare offices for applicants and beneficiaries to bring original documentation, have a copy made and receive a receipt.
  - HCC Consumer Toll-free Hotline: 1-800-896-3203

### **AV Network Business**

- AV Network Calendar of Events
  - Stephen Sorenson County Park contacted LA Best Babies Network to invite AV Network for Healthy Families to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Family Health Fair "Better Your Health" fair. Event is scheduled for Saturday, April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2008 at Stephen Sorenson Park 10am-5pm.  
AV Network members were asked if they would like to volunteer a time slot to represent the AV Network as well as provide information from other member agencies and organizations at the "Better Your Health" fair. There were many volunteers interested; Brenda Robledo will send a schedule for volunteers to sign up. If there are enough volunteers to represent the AV Network, a booth will be reserved. If there are not enough volunteers, possibly an AV Network member agency that is already attending the "Better Your Health" Fair can take AV Network materials.
  - Upcoming events in the Antelope Valley were compiled into a calendar for the AV Network to consider attending these, as a way to gain visibility for the AV Network. Next upcoming event is the Poppy Festival scheduled for Saturday-Sunday April 19<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup>, 10am-6pm.

- 1<sup>st</sup> Trimester Posters ~ Gwen Cole  
The 18x24 posters were not available for this meeting; there were some delays in the printing process. Also, informed the group that there were not enough funds to print the 4x6 postcards, at the last meeting AV Network members agreed to donate \$5 to print additional postcards. Members agreed to have additional postcards printed, as they enhance the message and presence of the posters, increase visibility of the AV Network and increase the use of 211 and other services in Antelope Valley. Members that agreed to donate \$5, listed their name and contact information. Co-Chair, Gwen Cole, collected the donations at the meeting and will be collecting the remainder of the donations.
- Brainstorm 2008 Action Plan ~ Nicki Brown  
The group resumed the “Sticky Wall” brainstorming activity. We reviewed the sticky wall discussion from February’s meeting. There was in depth discussion as to what population to outreach to and educate in the Antelope Valley. AV Network members would like to see statistics specific to the Antelope Valley in regards to pregnancy and birth outcomes, identifying key factors in infant mortality and the prevalence of women abusing drugs and/or alcohol during pregnancy and their birth outcomes. We hope to have these statistics available at the April AV Network meeting so we can identify an area and focus our 2008 action plan.  
Additionally, the group continued to identify individuals, agencies and organizations that are not represented at this meeting and invite them in order to have a good consensus of the community services, resources and the decision makers.

### **Announcements & Adjournment**

#### Attendees:

Gwen Amie, Charles Avila, Dorothy Bargainer, Linda Bowling, Nicki Brown (AV Network, Co-Chair), Sonja Busum, Gwen Cole (AV Network Co-Chair), Roslyn Gordon, Ellaine Hartley, Aretha Lightner, Margie Guzman, Jenny Morales, Raquel Quezada-Delgadillo, Brenda Robledo, Sylvia Simpson, Wendy Tashiro, John Whitaker, Donna Wolfe, Jean Wood, Azalia Cupeles, Karen Gilmore, Amy Degaetano, Geraldo Colon

**Next Meeting: Wednesday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2008**