

2020 Healthy Pets Healthy Families Coalition Update



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“Teamwork is the ability to work together toward a common vision. The ability to direct individual accomplishments toward organizational objectives. It is the fuel that allows common people to attain uncommon results.” - Andrew Carnegie

On March 18th, 2017 the Healthy Pets Healthy Families (HPHF) Coalition met for their 22nd meeting with over 20 people in attendance!

The meeting started with an update from the coalition which included reviewing the mission, vision and strategies to promote healthy communities of Los Angeles (LA) County, as well as the “MAP-IT” strategy. The coalition is currently in the *Implement* stage, where HPHF members are beginning to implement strategies and action steps identified in the “White Paper Project.” The goal of this project is to create local change in human/animal health by collectively developing relevant strategies and recommendations for policy & decision-makers. Since the last HPHF Coalition meeting, members voted on three potential White Paper topics and chose “Pet-related guidance for multi-unit housing in LA County” as the project’s focus for this year.

Natasha Roland, an attorney at Inner City Law, presented information on issues related to pets in multi-housing units within LA County. Inner City Law is the only provider of legal services on Skid Row in Downtown Los Angeles that contests slum housing while developing strategies to end homelessness.

Following the presentation, there was a facilitated activity in which Coalition members identified major issues related to owning a pet while living in multi-unit housing, as well as stakeholders that can provide resources for the White Paper Project. This will be discussed on page 2.



Natasha Roland from Inner City Law discussing their services at the HPHF Coalition meeting.

Don't hesitate, participate!

Get involved with making a difference in your community.

The next HPHF Coalition meeting is **Tuesday August 29th** from 9:30-12:00pm at 5555 Ferguson Dr. Commerce, CA 90022 (in the auditorium)

For any questions/comments, please contact us at: vet@ph.lacounty.gov

Facilitated activity— Identifying major issues

- Activity: In small groups, discuss at least one significant issue you, or someone you know, experienced related to pets and housing. Input from the group included:

Paying additional fees for owning a pet

Flea control

Constant barking

Neighbor’s health concerns



Noise concerns

Property damage

Safety Issues

Restrictions of some dog breeds

Pet owners not cleaning up after their pets

Facilitated activity— Identifying stakeholders

Activity:

- Activity: In small groups, discuss potential stakeholders and resources for white paper topic “Provide guidance and recommendations around pets and multi-unit housing . Input from the group included:

Southern California Veterinary Medical Association

Insurance companies

California Landlord Associations

LA County/ City of LA Animal Shelters



Bet Tzedek

PAWS/LA Program

L.A. Homeless Service Authority

Apartment Association of Greater LA County

LA Homeless Service Authority

Inner City Law Center

Final Thought:

- If you would like to assist in developing the white paper, please send your name, what you would like to help with and your time commitment to vet@ph.lacounty.gov
- If you know anyone who would be interested in attending the next HPHF Coalition meeting as a stakeholder for the white paper topic, please invite them to attend on Tuesday August 29th!