



Co- Chairs: Linette Escobar & Eva Iraheta  
Secretary: Cristy Dieterich

## SF-CAIRS Meeting

Wednesday, September 12th 2012 – 12:15 pm– 1:45pm

Host:

**Welcome & Introductions** –Eva Iraheta (HSA-WDD), Cristy Dieterich (SF-DPH), Linette Escobar, Daisy Reyes (LEN Institute), Zaw Phan (Newcomers Health Program), Clarisa Sanchez (Catholic Charities), Angela Chan (Asian Law Caucus), Rosamunda Ayala (Mission Language and Vocational School)

### Special Topic:

**Angela Chan, Attorney, Asian Law Caucus**- Tel: 415.848.7719 [angelac@asianlawcaucus.org](mailto:angelac@asianlawcaucus.org)

**Overview of Security Communities and TRUST Act Bill.** “S-Comm” is a fingerprint sharing program that all CA counties are participating in since Feb 2011. Fingerprints are sent to DHS/ICE for all arrests. This wide net is ensnaring people that such as victims of domestic violence that are sometimes initially arrested with their perpetrator, and citizens with minor traffic violations who’s residency status is not updated in the various federal systems. There is no automatic right to a lawyer or review process by a judge since these are considered civil matters, leading to negative impacts and outcomes including automatic deportations.

**The TRUST Act** (Transparency and Responsibility Using State Tools) will address the harmful impact of California’s participation in the federal government’s controversial “Secure Communities” (S-Comm) program. The bill will provide essential safeguards to address serious concerns raised by the program’s detrimental effects on public safety, community policing and civil liberties. CA is taking the lead on this legislations which could be a model for other states to follow.

This bill will be on the governor’s desk to sign or veto on September 30, 2012. Please express your support as individuals and agencies.

Please see attached 1-page Fact Sheet and Angela’s powerpoint for more info, as well as a sample letter of support for the TRUST Act that you can send to governor Brown.

Angela is available for education sessions and briefing kits. She is especially looking for sessions with sheriff and police chief offices if you have any contacts.

If you have a connection to Gov. Brown’s office please contact Angela. Angela Chan, Attorney, Asian Law Caucus- Tel: 415.848.7719 [angelac@asianlawcaucus.org](mailto:angelac@asianlawcaucus.org)

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**Refugee Services Plan for FFY12-13**

**Eva Iraheta, Special Projects/ IR Coordinator**, Workforce Development Division, Human Services Agency  
Overview of SF Refugee Services Plan. Only 10 counties in CA receive this federal money that provides services to refugees and asylees in the first 8 months of status.

SF agencies receiving funds for Refugee Social Services (RSS):

- *Len Institute and Arriba Juntos*. ESL and job readiness and job search services for Refugee Cash Assistance recipients.
- *International Institute of the Bay Area*: Older Refugee support. Case management, referrals, citizenship classes and naturalization support.
- *Arriba Juntos*: Targeted Assistance Services. 15 hours/week support with job skills trainings for specific target populations:
  - Illiterate in their native language
  - Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender
  - Experiencing social or psychological conditions
  - Suffering medical conditions that impede ability to readily find employment

Eva is presenting this to the commission at the end of September.

What other needs do your clients have that could be covered by RSS? Please contact Eva.

For questions concerning the planning process, please contact Eva Iraheta, County Refugee Coordinator, at 415-557-5638 or [Eva.Iraheta@sfgov.org](mailto:Eva.Iraheta@sfgov.org).

**Discussion Items:**

- SF-CAIRS Leadership roles for 2013 are open! See Linette’s previous and email and the leadership role descriptions. Contact any of the current leaders with questions. They will provide support through leadership transitions.
- SF-CAIRS Website – updates – Refugee Awareness Month photos are posted - check out all the great resources by category! [www.sf-cairs.org](http://www.sf-cairs.org) and your agency listing under “About Us”. Any feedback or changes, please contact Cristy – [cristy.dieterich@sfdph.org](mailto:cristy.dieterich@sfdph.org)

**Agency updates, current initiatives, events, announcements etc.**

**Clarisa Sanchez (CCCYO)** - Si Se Puede resource fair for survivors of domestic violence for September 29<sup>th</sup>. Please contact me as soon as possible if you would like to represent your organization by holding an informational table at this event. There is no cost to do so.

If you know of any young men and women who may qualify for deferred action for childhood arrivals (DACA), we are holding weekly informational/document review workshop every Wednesday. More information and resources are available on our website at <http://community.cccyo.org/>.

Meeting Evaluation

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**Next meeting: Wednesday, Nov 14<sup>th</sup> 2012 – 12:15pm– 1:45pm**

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**SFCAIRS Meeting Evaluation:**

**San Francisco Coalition for Asylee, Immigrant and Refugee Services**

Meeting Date: 9/12/12

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\* What topics or panel would you like to see presented for future meetings? (If you know of a speaker on a specific topic, please provide the speaker's name and contact information if possible.)

- [Housing](#)

\* Are there other community partners or agencies who could add to the work of SF CAIRS?

If yes, who?

- [ICE](#)
- [Mission Hiring Hall](#)

\* What did you enjoy most about today's meeting?

- [Making new friends](#)

Please share any additional comments:

- [Thank you for organizing the meeting](#)

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