



Co- Chairs: Clarisa Sanchez & Eva Iraheta

Coordinator: Cristy Dieterich

SF-CAIRS Meeting

Wednesday, July 9th, 2014 12:15 – 1:45pm

Host: American Red Cross

Welcome & Introductions –*Cristy Dieterich (SF-DPH/Newcomers Health Program), Eva Iraheta (SF-HSA), Rebecca Pfeifer-Rosenblum, Orena James (Red Cross Restoring Family Links), Efrain Sandoval (Arriba Juntos), Olga Radon (Sunset Russian Tobacco Project-BACR), Karina Almanzia (Catholic Charities) Anam Haque (UCSF-Trauma Recovery Center), Michime (Red Cross Restoring Family Links), Leticha Taylor (HSA), J. Humberto Trinidad (Medi-Cal), Jadma Noronha, Piyali Banergi (Survivors International)*

Reminder: members can send emails to group via: sf-cairs@googlegroups.com

Contact Cristy if you have any problems: cristy.dieterich@sfdph.org

Legislative Update:

ACA/Covered CA – SF update –Immigrant, Refugee, Asylee, T & U visas applications & challenges
Humberto Trinidad -MediCal Specialist

- Certain lawfully present immigrants qualify for plans under the Affordable Care Act.
- One application determines Medi-Cal or Covered California (ACA). Be sure tax info is complete and signatures are included. Auto renewal selection option on page 17. Enter “refugee/asylee” in Document Type
- Be sure to complete forms to avoid processing delays.
- RMA recipients will receive letters requesting more info when their case will be re-evaluated post 8-months.
- In SF, those on Refugee Medical Assistance (RMA) will automatically continue on Medi-Cal after the 8-month RMA expiration until the state implements new guidelines.
- Remind your clients to respond to any Medi-Cal requests!
- Other counties have not recognized the need to override options after RMA expiration.
- Contact Marisa Ramos from the State Refugee Health Program Bureau will contact county offices.
- PHONE: (916) 552-8264
- EMAIL: Marisa.Ramos@cdph.ca.gov

Refugee Awareness Month Celebration: Highlights and photos! Katrina Almanza, Catholic Charities, CYO. Photos to be posted on SFCARIS website soon! www.sf-cairs.org

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SF-CAIRS meeting and listserv assessment and survey results.

Recent survey to assess how SF-CAIRS could better serve you and the populations you work with. See pdf results of survey in email.

Follow up questions with 7/9/14 meeting attendees about meeting time and frequency.

Meeting Time Preference:

2 - 10 am

1 - current time (12:15pm)

6 - sometimes at 9 am

Meeting Frequency Preference:

2 : bi-monthly

1: bi-monthly or quarterly

6 : longer, quarterly SF-CAIRS meetings instead of bi-monthly meetings

Nor. Cal Refugee Resettlement Agency Consultation update

Updates from June 25th, Regional (San Francisco/Santa Clara/ East Bay) Refugee Resettlement Agency Quarterly Community Consultation meeting in San Jose.- by Eva Iraheta See emailed notes regarding:

-SIV problem solving

- Health concerns

- Unaccompanied minors issues and risk of ORR funding

- Housing challenges

Next quarterly consultation will be on Sept 10th at Catholic Charities 1010 Gough St.

Announcements:

- SAGE – Early Intervention Prostitution Program – looking for ways to engage sex workers for services without law enforcement involvement.
- ILRC CBO Liaison group meeting Aug 14 with the Asylum Office- see email and contact Lourdes Martinez
- Red Cross Restoring Family Links assistance to help locate and connect with missing family members
www.redcross.org/bayarea

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