



Chair: Eva Iraheta

Coordinator: Cristy Dieterich

Secretary: Daisy Reyes

SF-CAIRS Meeting

Wednesday, January 14, 2015 9-11am

Host: American Red Cross

1663 Market St, San Francisco, CA 94103

Welcome & Introductions –*Cristy Dieterich (SF-DPH/Newcomers Health Program), Eva Iraheta (SF-HSA), Efrain Sandoval (Arriba Juntos, English Language Training program), , Daisy Reyes (LEN Institute), Grace Lau (Refugee Transitions), Christina Biasetto (Survivors International), Rosamunda Ayala, (Mission Language Vocational School), Jaclyn Chevas & Tania Dubrovsky (BACR), Hediana Utari (Asian Women’s Shelter), Marina Pantchenko (Bay Area Legal Aid), Lorenzo Ajel (Amer. Red Cross), Frank Rodriguez (Dolores Street Community Services)*

Via phone: Blythe Raphael (EBRF)

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

Rosamunda Ayala, Coordinator -Mission Language Vocational School

Talleres de Poesia Collaborative – Promotes children literacy throughout the Bay Area as well as El Salvador and Central America.

New, grassroots agency, promoting literacy in SF and El Salvador. Multi-cultural and bilingual Children’s books. Events and work based at Luna’s Press & Bookstore 390 Mission St. @ Richland

<https://www.facebook.com/lunaspessandbookstore>

Saturday Feb 7 12-2pm Free Children’s Author of the Month event: Duncan Tonatiuh.

Eva Iraheta, San Francisco Refugee Coordinator

Workforce Development Division, Human Services Agency

Benefits and services available for Refugees, Asylees, T and U Visas

Refugee Resettlement and Trafficking and Crime Victim Assistance Programs in San Francisco

Benefits and services that are provided for Refugees/Asylum were presented and discussed. There is a new SF funding for “Targeted Assistance Project” to help Refugees/Asylees who have been here no more than 5 years since their status were approved. TA allows them to receive training that will help them gain more skills that are needed in the competitive work force if they meet all the requirements. The two agencies that are providing these services are Arriba Juntos 1850 Mission St. and L.E.N. Institute 1254 Market St., Ste 200.

See emailed slides provided by Eva for more details on benefits. Feel free to contact Eva with any questions. 415-557-5638 eva.iraheta@sfgov.org

Announcements, Agency Updates, Events, etc:

Lorenzo Ajel, American Red Cross

Naomi Pease taking over for Joan Kelly who retired late last year from Restoring Links Program.

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San Mateo pilot program: Youth Refugee Assistance & Psychological Program– assess psychological and other needs. Referrals provided to local service providers in San Mateo. Contact Jo Addy: jo.addy@redcross.org

Marina Pantchenko, Bay Area Legal Aid <http://baylegal.org/>

Free legal services available to refugee to low-income residents in the Bay Area covering various topics such as immigration work (DV, U and T visas), housing rights, and access to health care and billing issues. MPantchenko@baylegal.org

Nor. Cal Refugee Resettlement Agency & Community Consultation

Catholic Charities Oakland. January 29, 2015. To review, share, consult on challenges of refugee resettlement. Email will be sent to SFCAIRS regarding attendance and/or call-in info.

Christina Biasetto – Trauma Recovery Center/Survivors International – free psychological services for SF residents who were victims of torture. Call or email for eligibility requirements when you have a client with history of victimization. cristina.biasetto@sfdph.org (415) 546-2080

- Meeting Evaluation

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Next meeting: Wednesday, April 8th 9-11am.

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