



Chair: Eva Iraheta

Coordinator: Cristy Dieterich

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## SF-CAIRS Meeting

Wednesday, April 8, 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 & Marilyn Bing (Arriba Juntos, English Language Training program), , Daisy Reyes (LEN Institute), Grace Lau & Jane Pak (Refugee Transitions), Doris Vasquez (Mission Asset Fund), Hediana Utarti Asian Women's Shelter), Aili Golubjatriikov & Ann Tran (UCSF/TRC/SI), Pat Pianko (ORR - Region 9), 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](mailto:cristy.dieterich@sfdph.org)

### *Partner Agency Presentations:*

**ILRC – Immigrant Legal Resource Center** [www.ilrc.org](http://www.ilrc.org)

Lourdes Martinez, Staff Attorney-

*DACA:* The judicial hold on the executive action programs for deferred action. A judge issued an injunction and the program is indefinitely put on hold. There will be a hearing in the 5<sup>th</sup> Circuit soon if the program is allowed to move forward. There is a significant decrease in participation since the injunction.

*CA Driver's Licenses (AB60):* ICE has access to DMV database but it's unclear how it's used. If individual is in "immigration fugitive" status then it is a risk to apply for a CDL and some risk to fly since TSA is trained by CBP. Undocumented status is less at risk. Application for CDL can only be for driving privileges, not to be used for accessing other services.

Government says they only prioritize "order of removal" as of January 2014.

*Health Care:* There is an ACA/health insurance mandate. For those not eligible for ACA they must file for an exemption to avoid the fee based on not being eligible. No real case updates at this time. Please share what you learn.

**Asian Women's Shelter** [www.sfaws.org](http://www.sfaws.org)

Hediana Utari, Project Assistant, Community Projects Coordinator. 415-751-7110 [hediana@sfaws.org](mailto:hediana@sfaws.org)

Crisis Line: 877-751-0880

AWS provides comprehensive programs for survivors of domestic violence and human trafficking. The mission of the Asian Women's Shelter is to eliminate domestic violence by promoting the social and economic and political self-determination of women and all survivors of violence and oppression. The organization provides shelter and case management for all survivors of domestic violence and human trafficking. Clients include men and non-Asian survivors and their children.

AWS has 15-18 shelter beds and collaborates with partner agencies for health, legal, mental health, and employment support services.

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AWS is committed to LGBTQ services through its Queer Asian Women & Trans Support (QAWTS) program, and has a special program services for transgender survivors domestic violence and trafficking across gender spectrum.

An interesting fact about AWS's commitment to anti homophobia is that all straight identified staff must join the Homophobia Busters Team; the team addresses homo/transphobic issues in the organization.

### **Arriba Juntos**

Efrain Sandoval, Project Assistant, Case Manager/Employment Specialist

Training and employment opportunity are available for CalWorks and PAES (adult cash assistance/employment) participants. Some of their training are open non-SF residents and non-CalWorks individuals too.

AJ is first stop for services including:

- Targeted Assistance Program – case management for non-aided individuals in the US less than 5 years.
- Covered CA enrollment assistance
- Certified Nurse Assistance program (8 weeks, low income, English level 5)
- Food pantry program
- Flea market to sell goods
- And more!

See brochure of programs shared with list and on website: <http://www.arribajuntos.org>

### **Announcements, Agency Updates, Events, etc:**

**Refugee Awareness Event 2015** - Arriba Juntos is hosting the Refugee Awareness Month on Friday, June 12 from 12 pm to 3 pm. This is the 5<sup>th</sup> year that Arriba Juntos is hosting this event. Please email Efrain for participant information. See RAM flyer sent to listserv and promote at your agency and with clients.

Efrain Sandoval [ESandoval@arribajuntos.org](mailto:ESandoval@arribajuntos.org)

### **Mission Asset Fund** [www.MissionAssetFund.org](http://www.MissionAssetFund.org)

Doris Vasquez, Accounts Manager [doris@missionassetfund.org](mailto:doris@missionassetfund.org) 415-373-6014

Social Loans/Lending Circles available for citizenship applications, DACA, deferred action, and a zero-interest social loan. Multiple workshops for acculturation for immigrants to get them financially ready. The first step to establishing financial credit and history.

Eva Iraheta, San Francisco Refugee Coordinator [eva.iraheta@sfgov.org](mailto:eva.iraheta@sfgov.org)

Refugee meeting in Sacramento, April 28 and 29. Please email any questions or concerns that she can bring up.

### **- Meeting Evaluation**

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San Francisco Coalition for Asylee,  
Immigrant and Refugee Services

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**Next meeting: Wednesday, July 8<sup>th</sup> 9-11am**

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### MEETING EVALUATION RESULTS

Meeting Date: 4/8/15

Please circle the appropriate number to the statements below.

Format	Strongly Disagree ☹	Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree ☺
The time of the meeting was convenient.			50%	50%
The location of the meeting was convenient.			30%	70%
The length of the meeting was appropriate.			50%	50%
Time was used efficiently.			30%	70%
<b>Speaker(s)</b>				
The speaker's presentation was relevant/interesting to my work. <b>Asian Women's Shelter</b>			10%	90%
The speaker's presentation was relevant/interesting to my work. <b>Arriba Juntos</b>			10%	90%
The speaker's presentation was relevant/interesting to my work. <b>Immigrant Legal Resource Center</b>			20%	80%
<b>Communication</b>				
The frequency of emails from SF-CAIRS is appropriate.			20%	80%

\* 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.)

- Current asylum immigration delay/process
- Implementation of ACA, the future of Healthy SF, the future of ACA in SF
- Housing for seniors maybe?
- Immigration topic related to DAPA/DACA
- Current backlog in SF immigration courts and best ways to support individuals legally and in terms of their mental health whose hearing dates have been long/indefinitely delayed.

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\* Are

there other community partners or agencies who could add to or benefit from the network of SF CAIRS?

- Senior Disability Action
- CUAV or any other LGBT immigrant services
- Need info regarding mental health services for refugee, immigrants, asylees

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

- Community helping same population
- Info from Mission Asset Fund!
- All information provided
- Face to face sharing, strategizing, etc. is always good
- The new services to immigrant communities presented
- Learning/got update re: DACA, AB60 etc.
- Got more info re: services in SF, Great!
- Partner organizations info presentations. As first time attendee this meeting was very informative.
- Hearing about various programs and services for immigrants provided by other centers.

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