



## SF-CAIRS Meeting

Wednesday, Oct 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), Karen Li (NICOS), Rachel K Prandini (ILRC), Angelina Romano (SFUSD), Thomas Muyunga Mukasa (BayHeal) Otis Landerholm (Landerholm Immigration, A.P.C.), Khalil Anvar (Photographer), Tania Dubrovsky, Olga Radom (Sunset-BACR)  
Via phone: Nora Goodfriend-Coven, Jacqueline Hom, Aupe Sandhu

*Partner Agency Presentation:*

**NICOS Chinese Health Coalition, Problem Gambling Project** [www.nicoschc.org](http://www.nicoschc.org)

**Karen Li** - *see attached powerpoint overview.*

Problem Gambling Help Line: 888-968-7888

NICOS offers Problem Gambling Programs, including a Help Line, Technical Assistance and Training Project, and Telephone Intervention Program.

Since 1985 NICOS has been engaged in research, training, advocacy, and resource development for the benefit of this community and the organizations which serve it.

### **Welcoming Communities overview – Pilot Community Consultation Report**

**Eva Iraheta** – <http://tiny.cc/7d1e4x>

The Office of Refugee Resettlement's technical assistance provider for fostering greater community support for refugees, examining the degree of refugee welcome and ways to strengthen it across all phases of resettlement and integration is a priority for Welcoming America. The community consultation process, in particular, has been of interest because it is a powerful mechanism with the potential to accelerate refugee welcome. A Federal Action Plan on Immigrant and Refugee Integration highlights the importance of creating welcoming communities for immigrants and refugees, and references local stakeholder meetings as one important avenue to do so.

Findings, strengths, and recommendation for San Francisco (Bay Area) are found in pages 4 to 5. Positive comments about SF, SF CAIRS is mentioned in the report.

*Community Announcements:*

**Thomas Rogers Muyunga Mukasa** – Bay Area Healthy Living Support and Communication Platform – BayHeal and as a member of the Anti-Stigma Committee. [muyungamukasa@gmail.com](mailto:muyungamukasa@gmail.com)

Mission is to empower immigrants in the Bay Area to access healthy living skills as well as providing resources on Support Services in the Bay Area. Many links and outreach to African immigrant communities.

Our areas of intervention since January 2015:

- Mental Health Services; where we have managed to link 8 beneficiaries to mental health support services.
- Medical Check-ups; where we escorted 4 beneficiaries to hospitals as a way of reassurance.
- Diet and Nutrition Planning; where we provided 12 talk sessions on dieting and nutrition planning.
- Exercise and Play; we continue to provide information on nearest aerobics and sports facilities to encourage physical exercise among immigrants.

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**Immigrant Legal Resource Center (ILRC) – DACA, youth arrivals, and asylum applicants**

**Rachel K. Prandini – Unaccompanied Minor Law Fellow/Attorney**

Phone: (415) 255-9499, ext. 772 Email: [rprandini@ilrc.org](mailto:rprandini@ilrc.org) [www.ilrc.org](http://www.ilrc.org)

**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 5th Circuit soon if the program is allowed to move forward. There is a significant decrease in participation since the injunction. Resolution will not happen maybe around summer 2016

Unaccompanied minor arrivals in SF for fiscal year 2015 went down significantly from 2014 due to an increase in immigration enforcement in Mexico. New dockets filled up and taking longer for their cases to be heard and will not be heard until a year later or up to 2017.

**SFUSD School Health Programs, Student, Family, and Community Support Department**

**Angelina Romano** –Caminos Program Coordinator – target Newcomer Latino/Spanish-speaking students and families. **Cell: 415-637-8666 – [romanoa@sfusd.edu](mailto:romanoa@sfusd.edu)**

SFUSD is starting Family Unification Curriculum – Start normalizing the lives of newcomer youth. Help with legal connections for deportation proceedings. Help families with legal representation by referring to SF Bar Associates. Case management at newcomer school sites in San Francisco.

Provide services in:

- Mental Services via partner referrals
- Family Unification services
- Family Care Wellness Management
- Acculturation

**Landerholm Immigration, APC – Otis C. Landerholm, Esq. Founding Attorney**

Phone: 415-322-3850 – [www.Landerholmimmigration.com](http://www.Landerholmimmigration.com) *see attached powerpoint overview.*

The firm primarily serves clients from San Francisco County, San Mateo County, Alameda County, Santa Clara County, and Solano County. The firm also serves immigrants throughout California, the United States and the world.

Laderholm Immigration, A.P.C. helps clients solve immigration problems understand the U.S. immigration system, and care about people. Their firm concentrates on immigration cases related to *Asylum, U Visas, Fiancé visas, Family based petitions for green cards Naturalization and citizenship, The G+DREAM act and DACA, Deportation defense, and Immigration and crimes for people who are detained by ICE due to criminal arrests of convictions.*

They take 1 Pro Bono case per quarter and they also offer payment plans. The work with a team approach of one attorney, one paralegal, and one case manager to work with you. \$50 gift voucher available to SF-CAIRS members. Please contact Cristy.

Khalil Anvar is a current MFA photography student at the Academy of Art University and is available to use his photographic skills to support SF-CAIRS programs and immigrant communities.

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He is available until Oct 25 to meet with you to review your program image needs. He will use his photographic skills to document images for use in brochures, websites, reports, or document an event or meeting. [www.khalilanvar.com](http://www.khalilanvar.com)

Please contact him ASAP to schedule a time or ask questions: [khalil.anvar@gmail.com](mailto:khalil.anvar@gmail.com) 925-858-4019

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Contact Cristy if you have any problems: [cristy.dieterich@sfdph.org](mailto:cristy.dieterich@sfdph.org)

**Next meeting: Wednesday, January 13, 2016 9-11am.**

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*Chair: Eva Iraheta*

*Coordinator: Cristy Dieterich*

*Secretary: Daisy Reyes*

### **Evaluation questions:**

\* 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.)

- **Health care for immigrants and refugees**

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

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

- **I got lots of information on what is going on. In all these areas.**
- **Thank you for inviting me**
- **The meeting agenda was an eye-opener/educative**

\* Please share any additional comments:

- **Everything was good.**
- **Hope to continue attending/interacting**

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