

Sex Workers on Your Block

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Today's Agenda

In this meeting, we'll be going over the following:



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Our Mission
Statement

02

Our User Group

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Our Prototype

04

Our Budget



Our Mission Statement

To improve the medical care for Black, Poor, Disabled, TGNC, Sex Workers by providing community sourced information and strategies to medical providers in South Los Angeles through trainings.



Our Values

Anti-criminalization, Intersectionality, Community Power, Accountability to best serve the Community, Communication (Open, Honest, Compassionate)



Our Norms

Empathy, Respecting Accommodations, Speaking with Intention and Vulnerability, Allow this to be a Learning Space

Our User Group

Identities: Black, Poor, Disabled,
TGNC, Sex Workers

Age: 18-24

Location: South Los Angeles



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Impact on User Group

"FSSWers face a multitude of barriers when it comes to accessing care, from stigma to violence to criminalization. Due to fear of these barriers (i.e., being stigmatized, violence, or arrest) FSSWers often do not feel safe going to mental health clinicians. As a result of these barriers, FSSWers face higher rates of mental health struggles. As clinicians it is important to recognize the needs and challenges of this community in order to better serve them."



STATISTICS

01

Sex Workers

02

Black
Individuals

Black individuals were 50% less likely to receive psychiatric treatment and 60% less likely to receive psychiatric medications.

03

Disabled
Individuals

Adults with disabilities report experiencing frequent mental distress almost 5 times as often as adults without disabilities.

04

TGNC
Individuals

Of 617 TGNC survey responders, 70% reported having faced one or more types of medical marginalization.

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Low Income
Individuals

Depression and anxiety are up to three times as likely for those on low incomes.



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Strategy

Community led medical trainings to destigmatize sex work, transphobia, ableism, classism, and racism for medical professionals. Taught by active and retired sex workers. Compensated. We strive to build a safe space for Black, poor, disabled, TGNC, Sex Workers in medical facilities. As well as provide resources and equipment that are accessible and affordable (free).

This isn't new, medical marginalization (and resistance to it) is historic in the Black, poor, disabled, TGNC, Sex Worker communities. These intersectional efforts led by individuals have not yet been done. The community must have the resources, space, and funds to ensure survival and safety.

Services and Programming

Facilitated inclusivity trainings for medical centers by compensated community members
Connecting community with accessible and affordable health care

Logistics

Virtual meetings to enhance the accessibility
Trainings once every fiscal quarter with extra trainings on a need basis

Possible Partners

TransMasc Health Justice Report: Gender Justice LA, SWOP LA, Invisible Men, TransLatin@ Coalition, St. Johns Well Child & Family Center, Black Sex Worker Collective, GLITS, LA CAN

Our Prototype



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The Assumption:

We do not know what content would be most beneficial to relay or what content the facilitators would be willing to cover.

What content will the trainings entail?



The Prototype

We will conduct a survey with the same goal of finding the social determinants barring the focus group from accessing health care and compensate user group individuals who complete the survey.

Then

We will hold a virtual space with a focus group of ten individuals from our user group compensated with \$25 each from the \$250 budget with the goal of finding the social determinants barring them from accessing health care.

Our Budget

If we were granted \$50,000 for 1 year, we would...



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Destigmatization and Inclusivity Trainings

- 🌹 Firstly, Training would be Sex-Worker Led with compensation
- 🌹 Organize trainings for health care providers across all practices i.e. regular providers, mental health clinicians, etc.
- 🌹 Create a larger-scale summit to unite our user group with medical providers through educational presentations, panels, and updated methodologies.

Mutual Aid and Resource Repurposing

- 🌹 Manage mutual aid requests from specifically low-income and/or disabled individuals from our user group through donated items or services.
- 🌹 Emphasis on ongoing/long-term support for these user group individuals by connecting them with accessibility and accommodation efforts through transportation to and from donated services, guaranteed aftercare, and follow-up amenities.

Sustainability

- 🌹 Pursue alternative funding from fiscal sponsors such as the Peace Development Fund, Community Partners, etc.
- 🌹 Reinvest in our user group by supporting individuals with creating a comprehensive newsletter, by and for, for accessibility requests and subscriptions that directly compensates and contributes to community members.