

LA COUNTY MEETS TO KICK OFF HEALTH NEIGHBORHOOD PLANNING By Kimberli Washington, Public Information Office



The LA County Department of Mental Health (LACDMH), along with LA County Department of Health Services (DHS), LA County Department of Public Health (DPH), Substance Abuse Prevention and Control (SAPC) and researchers from UCLA came together for a regional planning meeting titled *Help LA County Build Health Neighborhoods*, on Wednesday, July 30, 2014, at the California Endowment Center. Over 50 attended the meet and greet that consisted of representatives from each of the 8 Service Areas, in order to link together the County's strategic plan to build Health Neighborhoods.



The event began with a welcome and introduction of speakers by LACDMH Chief Deputy Director, Robin Kay PhD. Director of the UCLA Center for Health Services and Society, Ken Wells, MD, MPH, briefly spoke about how his proposed research can enhance Health Neighborhoods around Los Angeles County. Additional speakers

included LACDMH Director, Marvin J. Southard, DSW; DPH Chief Deputy Director, Cynthia Harding, MPH; and Community Clinic Association of Los Angeles County (CCALAC) President and CEO, Louise McCarthy, MPP, each discussed how their agencies can work together to create Health Neighborhoods.



The 8 Service Area groups separated for a breakout session to plan 2 goals they intend to accomplish over the next year for the development of Health Neighborhoods in their regions. Each group selected a representative to present the goals back to the larger group. The event ended with closing remarks from Dr. Southard.



Each Service Area was represented by a centerpiece model of healthy neighborhoods designed specifically to their designated area, created by the LACDMH PIO and LACDMH staff member Ebony Loot.



Service Area 1



Service Area 2



Service Area 3



Service Area 4



Service Area 5



Service Area 6



Service Area 7



Service Area 8