

**COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH
AMERICAN INDIAN UREP SUBCOMMITTEE**

MINUTES – Monday, July 16th, 2012

Location: LACDMH 695 S. Vermont Ave, Los Angeles, CA

PRESENT: Dan Dickerson – UAI Cheryl McKnight – BHS/AICS, CSU	Ana Suarez – DMH Charlotte Lujan – AICC Gloria Shepard – AICC	Melanie J. Cain – AICC Nina Tayyib – DMH Planning Div Angelita Diaz-Akhori, WET
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MEETING TOPICS	ACTION STEPS
<p>AI/AN UREP Consumer Engagement</p> <p>AI/AN UREP committee members began to discuss how to increase consumer participation and representation at the AI/AN UREP meetings and events. The previous Consumer Advisory Board, started by Glenda Ahhaitty at AICC was discussed. It was also suggested that</p>	
<p>DMH WET Update (Angelita Diaz-Akhori)</p> <p>Angelita discussed that a Loan Assumption program has been approved in the last month. She discussed the specific qualifications that are needed to apply for these programs.</p> <p>Angelita discussed the License Prep program that MHSA WET is paying and subsidizing individuals who need to take the license preparation program as well as the fees for the exams themselves for psychologists, MSWs, or MFTs. This opportunity is open to both contractors and directly operated staff. There are DMH service commitment requirements. Individuals can enroll into these programs through their schools. There was discussion regarding previous UREP questions around AI/AN students, if they are being targeted for stipends, if bi-cultural (AI/AN) along with bi-lingual applicants being considered, if all degree programs included, and if substance abuse trainees are included.</p> <p>Angelita reported that WET has begun the community college partnership project where WET goes to the various Supervisory Districts and look at those community colleges that are interested in knowing more about mental health services in terms of Transformations and Recovery and Resilience. WET takes the recovery philosophy and beliefs to the community colleges. This year, 8 forums were completed. UREP members discussed what community colleges should be targeted in order to reach more AI/AN students.</p> <p>Angelita also discussed the DMH Health Navigator training program and reported that both AICC and UAI sent staff for this three day training.</p>	
<p>AI/AN Mental Health Conference 2012 (Nina Tayyib)</p> <p>The Board Letter is still pending and it needs to be approved by Board of Supervisors before any commitments fiscally can be made. She informed the group that it should be approved in early August. AI/AN UREP members expressed concern of the delay.</p>	
<p>Next UREP Meeting</p> <p>It was agreed that the next meeting would occur after Board Letter approval, since nothing can be scheduled before then. Where there is both a UREP meeting and a Conference Planning Meeting, the meetings would be joined.</p>	