

**COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH
 AMERICAN INDIAN UREP SUBCOMMITTEE
 MINUTES – Wednesday, April 29th, 2009
 Location: 695 S. Vermont Ave. 15 Floor Conference Room
 Los Angeles, CA 90005**

PRESENT:

Sam Chan	Margaret Lee	Paul Sacco
Dan Dickerson	Elton Naswood	Marilyn Seide
Al Garcia	Tammi Robles (minutes)	

WELCOME	BLESSING – Elton Naswood	INTRODUCTIONS – Elton
DISCUSSIONS		ACTION STEPS
<p>Learning Collaborative Presentation – Rose Pinard, Ph.D.</p> <p>Rose presented an in-depth informative presentation on the Learning Collaborative. It is a statewide initiative sponsored by CiMH with the emphasis on how to learn new ways to be effective in helping community in need and how to create a collaborative across multiple entities, organizations and communities to reach those not being served.</p> <p>Look at ways to strengthen natural community supports that are based on community strength, Hope/Recovery and building relationships with protective factors. Not interested in an abstract notion of community instead interested in a community that can ACT together, based on concrete specific relationships which in this case is urban native Americans living in Los Angeles.</p> <p>It's looking into integration of traditional healing methods with evidence based practices. Challenges included overcoming nervousness because it's taking something sacred and bringing it into the open among different healers from different tribes and doing it in a respectful way. Learning Collaborative is interested in learning how to integrate both into more effective treatment.</p> <p>Phase 1 focused in opening dialogues among a small group to facilitate discussions of delicate topics to document the learning and come up with recommendations for next actions. Phase 2 is about the policy and taking what was learned and putting it into action steps throughout LA County.</p> <p>Phase 1 group came up with 4 strategies for creating a new reality in 3 years leveraging all the community strengths. Phase 2 focuses on these strategies: <u>Research</u> on what it really means to integrate within LA county and their unique challenges and opportunities. Also looks at money needs and time frames to develop proposal for implementation. <u>LAC DMH policies</u> not yet designed to integrate these types of services into clinical practice. DMH also has fiduciary responsibility to tax payers and citizens to show effectiveness of treatment. Will work internally at challenges and opportunities that will support; how will Community-defined evidence, what kind of measures, look at if really strengthening community strength. <u>System for Referral</u> for guidance on training clinician to know when referral is needed for traditional healer. Information needs to be readily accessible to all tribes/agencies. <u>Community Dialogue (forum)</u> to learn from each other and 'feel' community supporting the Learning Collaborative. Community will help by identifying legitimate healers and recruiting different cultural activities and members to participate in cultural healing.</p> <p>Discussion followed. Perception was limited participation but was small for the intention of developing a learning conversation. Thus opening up larger, robust conversation within the community in either System for Referral or Community Dialogue.</p>		
<p>Discussion of AI/AN Community Forums (Elton)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Handouts at meeting but more discussion at next meeting. Good opportunity to discuss AICC along with County Counsel 		

<p>UREP Leader's Meeting Update (Margaret) Talking about things related to FSP, The Incubation Academy (getting new agencies to be contract providers) and UREP structure. Structure is for all the UREP subcommittees including rules, voting, responsibility of co chairs/planning division, coordination and accountability.</p>	
<p>PEI Update Mark was to give update but he was unable at this time. Community Forums to be discussed next meeting Community Defined Evidence Models – Mark was to look into as he has looked into other models but not necessarily from LA County</p>	
<p>American Indians Thriving in the Los Angeles Community Friday, May 8, 2009, California Endowment On agenda, what and who UREP is and what initiatives AI UREP has proceeded with. Elton and Paul most likely to speak for 10 minutes or so about purpose and organizing and issues being worked on.</p>	
<p>Next Meeting July 2009, exact time to be determined</p>	