

**COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES – DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH
 AMERICAN INDIAN UREP SUBCOMMITTEE
 MINUTES- Tuesday, December 13th, 2007 & Tuesday, December 18th, 2007
 Location: United American Indian Involvement- UAII**

PRESENT:

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Department of Mental Health
 American Indian Children's Council
 United American Indian Involvement
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 AIDS Project Los Angeles
 Department of Mental Health

DISCUSSIONS	RECOMMENDATIONS/DECISIONS
Provide recap of American Indian Children Council meeting and election results: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Delegate: Ben Hale • Co-Chair: Glen Ahhaitty 	Purpose of tonight's meeting: To elect a 2 nd Delegate/Alternate and Co-Chair
<p align="center">Delegate:</p> <p>Role: Represent the American Indian community by serving on a Department of Mental Health advisory and planning body composed of over 100 other delegates representing different community entities</p> <p>Responsibilities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participate in Delegate meetings (once a month at St. Anne's during the day), including relevant ad hoc committees • Maintain active communication with the American Indian community to represent their voice • Receive recommendations concerning new Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) plans • Develop final recommendations for new MHSA plans 	<p align="center">Co-Chair:</p> <p>Role: Co-chair the American Indian Underrepresented Ethnic Population (UREP) subcommittee</p> <p>Responsibilities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Serve as a liaison between the Department of Mental Health and American Indian community • Manage logistics related to meetings, communication, and other community events • Effectively communicate the mental health needs of the AI community at larger UREP meetings
<p>Nominations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Delegate/Alternate: Elton Naswood • Co-Chair: Monique Smith 	<p>Voting and Election Results (via ballot):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Delegate/Alternate: Elton Naswood • Co-Chair: Monique Smith
Needs and structure of American Indian UREP committee discussed.	Further discussion to take place at next delegate/chair meeting. Meeting date to be determined by elected representatives.

December 18th Co-Chair Meeting

Present: Elton Naswood, Glen Ahhaitty, Monique Smith, Margaret Lee

DISCUSSIONS	RECOMMENDATIONS/DECISIONS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community has been "over-researched" with data studies and needs assessments: need to create a tangible product that is accessible to the entire community • Current grants and resources tend to be agency-specific; a need for a cross-organization project available to the collective community is desirable. • Focus on mental health education and advocacy. 	Create a collaborative website that is cross-cutting across all American Indian service organizations. Website would serve as a portal for all things Indian related in Los Angeles with an emphasis on mental health services and resources. Webmaster would be hired within the community and a launch party would serve as the main PR community event. Cost of ongoing web maintenance would be covered by available UREP funds or shared by agencies.
UREP Membership open to everyone. Specialized ad-hoc committee to be determined by chairs with representation from all American Indian agencies and organizations.	Ben Hale appointed as delegate/ Elton Naswood Alternate: Duties will be shared between both.

Next Meeting: January 15th @ UAII. 4 PM.