

**COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES – DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH**

**AMERICAN INDIAN UREP SUBCOMMITTEE**

MINUTES- Tuesday, November 6<sup>th</sup>, 2007

Location: American Indian Counseling Center, Cerritos

Facilitator: Glenda Ahhaitty

<b>PRESENT:</b>	Brent Hale	Keith Vielle
Julia Bogany	Estele Hayard	Lena Tsosie
Ken Taylor	Danielle Glenn-	ChaMo
Glen Ahhaitty	Rivera	Stephen Baum
Uarie Sanai	Delight Satter	Larry Gasco
Susie Yellowhouse	Carrie Johnson	Margaret Lee
Jensen	Ron Andrade	Tara Yarialian
April Skinas	Paul Sacco	
Mark Parra	Chrissie Castro	

OPENING SESSION	WELCOME AND LUNCH	PRAYER AND SONG
<b>DISCUSSIONS</b>	<b>RECOMMENDATIONS/DECISIONS</b>	
<p><b>Announcements</b></p> <p>Handout about recent homelessness rates in LA County. Discusses importance since 1/6 of homeless are Indian American.</p> <p>MHSA Implementation powerpoint presentation is also passed out.</p> <p>Draft state guidelines for PEI passed out.</p>		
<p><b>Introduction</b></p> <p>Two new guests were introduced: Tara Yarialian and Margaret Lee from DMH Planning Division. Tara is the UREP team lead and Margaret is the American Indian UREP liaison. UREP is introduced to the group and a need for Co-Chair, Delegate, and Alternate is announced.</p>	<p>Ron Andrade expresses frustration that the American Indian Commission (AIC) was not informed about UREP. Tara apologizes on behalf of DMH and emphasizes DMH's commitment to serving underrepresented populations.</p>	
<p><b>Chair and Delegate Qualifications</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Member of community</li> <li>• commitment to attending meetings</li> <li>• able to verbally express themselves at meetings</li> <li>• familiar with needs of American Indian community and its leaders</li> <li>• open to everyone, including leaders, consumers, DMH employees, etc.</li> </ul>	<p>Because all important members of the community were not present, Ron Andrade proposes that temporary people are chosen until a more official decision-making process can be established</p> <p>AIC will take responsibility of UREP by making it a subcommittee.</p>	
<p><b>Chair and Delegate Process</b></p> <p>Glenda and Tara express the need to establish Chair and Delegates as soon as possible, as all other subgroups have already chosen people and have had initial meetings. The allocated 20-30K must be spent by June 2007.</p>	<p>Ron Andrade will serve as the interim Chair and Delegate until a more formalized process is in place. Communication will take place with Margaret Lee, the American Indian liaison.</p>	

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<p><b>DMH meetings</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Nov 30<sup>th</sup> Stakeholders Meeting</li><li>• Workforce Education and Training (WET) meeting November 14<sup>th</sup> at Cathedral. Roundtable style meeting that will discuss important funding issues.</li></ul>	<p>Very important to attend these meetings, especially to represent the needs of the American Indian community.</p>
<p><b>UREP Funding</b></p> <p>The allocated 20-30K can be used in anyway the UREP deems appropriate to meet the needs of the community. Some examples include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• technical assistance</li><li>• hiring a consultant for a project</li><li>• pilot projects</li><li>• create a resource center</li></ul>	<p>Will aim to plan how to use the funds within the next 2 months.</p>
<p><b>UREP Funding Meeting</b></p> <p>November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2 PM- 3:30 PM at 550 Vermont Ave. LA CA 90005. 12<sup>th</sup> Fl. Conference Room.</p>	<p>Ron Andrade will attend in order to represent the Indian American community.</p>
<p><b>UREP Delegates</b></p> <p>Tara Pir (Middle Eastern and Eastern European group) and Luis Garcia (Latino group) are the 2 Delegates representing UREP as a whole.</p> <p>Concern that these two delegates do not represent the needs of the American Indian community. Discussion over how the American Indian UREP group came to be formalized within the UREP decision making process.</p>	<p>Need clarification on the historical formation of the American Indian UREP group in context of the larger DMH decision-making process.</p> <p>Emphasize importance of American Indians being involved in the decision-making process by attending relevant DMH meetings.</p> <p>Ron Andrade will serve as the interim Delegate. Ken Taylor will serve as the interim Alternate.</p> <p>Mark Parra works for at DMH headquarters and has offered to be a support to represent American Indian needs at meetings.</p>
<p><b>Large UREP Meeting</b></p> <p>December 3<sup>rd</sup> from 10 am to 3 pm. Monday. St Anne's @ 155 N. Occidental Blvd. Los Angeles CA 90026. Free Parking available onsite.</p> <p>Every UREP group should be in attendance. This is a very important meeting. Lunch will be provided.</p>	
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