

Under-Represented Ethnic Populations (UREP)

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Comments/Discussion/Recommendations/Conclusions	Action/Assignment
<p>Website proposal submitted by Monique Smith. Proposal details implementation of \$50K for the creation of an American Indian MHSA website. Proposal provides background information for Americans Indians in LA County and the following justification:</p> <p><i>“The American Indian UREP is proposing to use \$50K of its funding to hire a web designer to create and American Indian MHSA website. This website would provide necessary outreach and education to the American Indian Alaska Native (AIAN) Community residing in LA County. Through capacity building efforts with LA County DMH, this website could provide valuable information to the AIAN community about available resources in their community”.</i></p> <p>Recommendation for justification section to include more information regarding fund distribution, plans for website sustainability, and technical assistance information. The funding will be handled through a consultant who will coordinate all the different parts. Monique recommended using a Native technical assistance organization (i.e. Kaufman Associates) who may be able to provide web design services for free.</p> <p>Justification section should be expanded to include information related to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • how the website will be socially marketed • funding to raise community awareness of the website and to assist them with website usage • define how funds will be distributed, especially in relation to consultant fees (Chrissie Castro) <p>Website Content Website content should include community input to see what different sectors would like to see represented on the website. Important to receive input directly community, especially from youth and elders.</p> <p>Potential Website Target Audiences</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) <u>Newcomers to LA</u>: website can help connect them to the community through events and resources 2) <u>Mentally Ill</u>: providing resources that are already existent in paper form, but can be available online 3) <u>Youth</u>: Website can serve as a preventative tool to help reinforce connections and provide possible social networking opportunities. 4) <u>Parent Resources</u>: Provide parenting resources 5) <u>Consumers</u>: Provide information related to Indian-run businesses in the area 6) <u>Non-Indian clinicians</u>: Provide culturally-competent resources and materials for clinicians working with American Indian clients 7) <u>Substance Abusers</u> <p>Once community input is received, ad-hoc committee will meet to discuss planning the content. There are many useful resources that are being used by agencies, including brochures and the Circle of Care Study. Committee members should gather all relevant information related to American Indian mental health and community resources.</p>	<p>Monique will contact organizations to see if they can provide free services.</p> <p>Margaret and Elton will work on expanding justification section</p> <p>Collect input at next UREP meeting at AICC meeting: April 8th 2008 at 6 PM.</p> <p>Next ad-hoc meeting: Thursday, April 10th, 1 PM @ UAI, Monique’s office. Bring any relevant brochures or materials that can be used on the website.</p>

