

Date: June 20, 2019

Present: Makesha Jones Chambers, Romalis Taylor, Adjoa Jones, Jim Sales, Reba Stevens, Imani Bradley, Dr. Karen Gunn Senait Adamassu, Eric Hutchins, Earl Edward, M. Ferrera, MC Harris, Janet Kelly, Erica Melbourne, Bridget Gordon, Amy Williams, Tiana Brown and Mayra Guevara (BOS).

DMH Staff: Keacha Stewart, Anna Yaralyan and Mirtala Parada Ward

Participants via conference call: Wendy Cabil

Agenda Items	Comments/Discussion/Recommendations/Conclusions	Action Item	Person(s) Responsible
Welcome & Introductions	Welcome and Introductions.		AAA UsCC membership
Review of Minutes	Meeting Minutes approved with 1 correction.		Co-Chairs/ Romalis Taylor
Review and Feedback on the UsCC Charters	<p><u>YourDMH UsCC Charter - Review of the Revised Bylaws</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Mirtala provided the Subcommittee with a draft copy of the new proposed UsCC Charter Bylaws for their review and feedback.● The subcommittee worked together, discussed each section of the Bylaws, and gave their recommended edits/corrections to the document.● Mirtala will make all the suggested corrections/edits to this document .Once revised, the second draft of the UsCC Charter Bylaws will be emailed within a week to the group for a final review.● Mirtala informed the subcommittee of the target date for the implementation of the new UsCC Charter Bylaws is July 1, 2019. <p><u>Comments and Suggestions from Members:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● MC Harris suggested that the Co-Chairs should be attending all of the meetings in each Service Area, not just the subcommittee meetings.		Mirtala Parada Ward
Review and			Mirtala

<p>Feedback on the UsCC Charters</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Gunn suggested adding to the bylaws for administrative staff on a higher level to be present at the community meetings. • Reba Stevens suggested developing a system that connects the consumers to services and resources while they are attending the meeting, an exchange of contact information, follow up. Some assurance that a person is heard and supported, and a commitment. • A DMH consumer stated it feels like she is attending a DMH staff meeting. She believes that she is the only one in the meeting, who is not connected with DMH. • Eric Hutchins stated the Department should have someone from DMH present to provide services on the spot, if a person wanders into the meeting, they should be given some type of referral for services to assist them with the issues they are dealing with. • M. Ferrara from Nami Urban LA stated she can share a resource page to be printed and shared at the community meetings. We have talk lines, warm lines, crisis lines, urgent centers, homeless centers, yoga, a very extensive resource page. • Romalis Taylor suggested the department provide resources that we can build on this idea and have the ambassadors do a more formalized process. • Romalis Taylor informed the members that the AAA subcommittee did a café and designed an outreach and engagement strategy for this year called the Community Ambassador Project. They go out in the community, do outreach, and engage the community. The project will target SPA 1, SPA6 and SPA8. • Romalis Taylor stated in order to formalize voting an application needs to be developed. 	<p>Parada Ward</p>
<p>Review and Feedback on the UsCC Charters</p>	<p><u>The Black Peoples Experiencing Homelessness</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Earl Edwards is involved with a research team at UCLA that focus on black people and people of color. 	<p>Reba Stevens & Earl</p>

<p>Homelessness</p> <p>The Report on Black People Experiencing Homelessness</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Earl Edwards shared how they started an ad-hoc committee on black people experiencing homelessness. • Earl Edwards stated the data that was collected in 2017 which, showed that 9% of the population was experiencing homelessness. Currently, this number has increased to 40% of blacks experiencing homelessness. • In Los Angeles County 1 out of 250 white people are experiencing homelessness and 1 out of 40 black people are experiencing homelessness. • Earl Edwards shared data from 1987. His data stated that black people represented 38% of the homeless population, with a total of 55,000 people experiencing homelessness. • Earl Edwards shared that the ad hoc committee consists of 25 members which includes individuals with lived experiences, council members, staff from the mayor's office and County Departments. It is a diverse set of people. • Earl Edwards stated that they used a racial equity tool to gather the data on homelessness. • The goal is to lower the disproportionality of homelessness for black people in LA County. • The Ad-hoc Committee talked to the stakeholders and analyze the current data to see the issues, and determine the benefits and burdens that are happening throughout the community. • The Ad-hoc Committee had public community meetings surrounding several topics such as the re-entry and criminal justice system, child welfare system, interim housing and permanent housing. Experts were present at the meetings to share their perspective to make sure the committee was informed. • The group split up into small groups to focus on the recommendations, the individuals who were involved had lived experiences or some type of expertise to tackle these issues. • Earl Edwards stated that his team conducted community listening sessions and talked to people who 	<p>Edwards</p> <p>Reba Stevens & Earl Edwards</p>
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<p>The Report on Black People Experiencing Homelessness</p>	<p>are experiencing homelessness, or working with individuals experiencing homelessness.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The areas that we visited were: Skid Rowe, South Central, West Adams, Venice, Santa Monica, and San Pedro. • After the report was completed, we reported back to two of the areas we visited and shared the data and recommendations with the individuals to seek their feedback. This information was brought back and shared with the committee before moving forward. • The LAHSA Commission approved 67 recommendations. The areas the team focused on were the following: Cross system coordination, data research, funding, hiring and training programs and services, and policy and advocacy. • Earl Edwards stated that our Institutions are having bias within them and their overlap with each other. • Our Education system shows individuals are not graduating high school, and they are not able to get certain types of jobs. If an individual has been arrested, they cannot receive public housing services. • Commissioner Reba Stevens expressed her concerns about black people experiencing homelessness. Reba Stevens stated that currently the overall system shows that we are overrepresented with homelessness, criminal justice system, and child welfare system due to internal bias. 		<p>Reba Stevens & Earl Edwards</p>
<p>African American Infant Maternal Mortality</p>	<p><u>African American/Black Infant and Maternal Mortality</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AAIMM Community Action Team presented information to the group on Infant Mortality • The South LA County African American/Black Infant and Maternal Mortality Community Action Team to elevate the needs of the community and create and implement strategies that will help reach this goal. • In Los Angeles County, the infant mortality rate amongst African American babies is 10.4 per 1000 live births, and is considered 3.3. times higher than white babies. • The maternal mortality ratio among African American women living in LA County is 65.1 per 100,000 live 		<p>Adjoa Jones</p>

