

**LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH  
AFRICAN/AFRICAN AMERICAN UsCC SUBCOMMITTEE**

**MINUTES – March 21, 2018**

**Location: 3731 Stocker St. Suite 201**

**Los Angeles, CA 90008**

**2:00m to 4:00pm**

**Date:** March 21, 2018

**Present:** Romalis Taylor, Makesha, Jones-Chambers, Desiree DeShay-Weakley, Senait Admassu, MC Harris, Brenda Ingram, Kenisha Trotter, Nina Womack, Belanie Brown, Kwesi Aggrey, Brenda Ingram, Dawn Franks, Gabrielle Waring and Sayida Peprah.

**Participants via conference call:** Lisha Singleton, Denise Ellis, Terri Boykins, Lorenzo Murphy, Reba Stevens, Mesbel Mohamoud, Earleen D. Parson, Mirtala Ward and Wendy Cabil.

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<b>Welcome &amp; Introductions</b>	Attendee introductions		AAA UsCC membership
<b>Review of Minutes</b>	The March 21 <sup>st</sup> meeting minutes were reviewed and approved with one correction noted. Romalis Taylor asked for a motion; the motion was made Senait Admassu and seconded by Belanie Brown. Romalis called for the vote and the motion was carried and minutes were approved, with one abstention from Wendy Cabil.		Co-chairs
<b>SLT Updates</b>	<p>SLT(System Leadership Team) Highlights</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Board of Supervisors approved and passed a media campaign for May Mental Health month.</li> <li>• Part of this campaign will include community engagement mini grants. Each grant will be 1k to 5k. CBO's are encouraged to apply. A link with the application will be sent out by Mimi McKay in the next few days.</li> <li>• Mimi McKay revealed DMH's new organizational chart and introduced Greg Polk and announced that the new Chief Deputy for Clinical Operations will be Dr. Curly Bonds. He will report to his new assignment on April 2, 2018.</li> <li>• Romalis presented the AAA UsCC stakeholder proposal at the SLT.</li> <li>• He also announced that \$35.7 million dollars needs to be spent, by June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2018 and if not spent it will be returned to The State.</li> </ul>		Romalis Taylor



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	<p>cultural humility training, which is the 2018 model on how people are being trained under the previous term cultural competency. In dealing with racism, we need to make a shift with people of color. She also stated that DMH needs to be intentional and purposeful about addressing racism and a discussion needs to happen.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gabrielle stated that Cultural Humility provides skills to everyone and challenges other to have a true understanding of another’s culture.</li> <li>• MC Harris stated that he had a challenge on how his has been treated negatively while working at DMH.</li>   <li>• Belanie stated that Cultural Competency is part is DMH’s Culture, and that proposals were created in the past to speak to African-American Culture as it related to cultural competency. She also stated that it is important to look at “cultural linguistics”.</li> <li>• Romalis stated that racism affects the dynamics of young people, families as well as African-immigrants. He also stated that for our next AAA meeting we can have a depth conversation about racism and the issue of disparities. We may want to consider having a conference on Racism.</li> <li>• Belanie wrote down these terms below to elicit a discussion: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ DMH Culture-Income Equity</li> <li>○ Racism-Position Equity</li> <li>○ Black Psychology- Transparency</li> <li>○ Discrimination</li> <li>○ Health Care</li> <li>○ Big “I” Little “Us”</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Romalis also spoke about the International Association for Public Participation also know and the IAP2 Spectrum, which is becoming an international standard. There are five essential steps to this process, which includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Inform</li> <li>• Consult</li> <li>• Involve</li> </ul> </li> </ul>		

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<p><b>Proposal Ideas for AAA Stakeholder Engagement AAA UsCC subcommittee</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Collaborate</li> <li>• Empower</li> <li>• This was the framework that was used to develop the AAA UsCC engagement proposal.</li> </ul> <p>Dr. Makesha Chambers-Jones discussed the AAA proposal to address questions and clarify some points. The proposal will be sent out via email for additional feedback and before it is finalized. We have also sent out the draft to other UsCC subcommittees to help them with the development of their stakeholder engagement proposals.</p>		<p>Makesha Chambers-Jones</p>
<p><b>Other Items discussed</b></p>	<p><b>UsCC Capacity Building Project Update:</b> The Black Immigrant Youth Empowerment project is now out for solicitation.</p>		<p>Desiree DeShay</p>
<p><b>Next meeting</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2018 MLK Jr. Center for Public Health</p>		<p>Desiree DeShay</p>

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Respectfully Submitted,

*Desiree DeShay-Weakley*

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