

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

MINUTES – April 19th, 2018

**Location: MLK Jr. Center for Public Health
Community Engagement Room # 1003
11833 S. Wilmington Ave.
Los Angeles, CA 90059
2pm-4pm**

Date: April 19th, 2018

Present: Romalis Taylor, Makesha Jones-Chambers, Desiree DeShay-Weakley, MC Harris, Kenisha Trotter, Nina Womack, Belanie Brown, Dawn Franks and Karen Gunn, Mirtala Ward-Parada Naga Kasarabada, Dana Calloway, Vincent Galloway, Lorenzo Murphy and Lakeisha Jones.

Participants via conference call: Lisha Singleton, Eko Canillas, Senait Admassu and Kandee Lewis

Agenda Items	Comments/Discussion/Recommendations/Conclusions	Action Item	Person(s) Responsible
Welcome & Introductions	Attendee introductions		AAA UsCC membership
Review of Minutes	The March 21 st meeting minutes were reviewed and approved with one correction noted. Romalis Taylor asked for a motion; the motion was made Belanie Brown and seconded by Keisha Trotter. Romalis called for the vote and the motion was carried and minutes were approved.		Co-chairs
SLT Updates	SLT(System Leadership Team) Highlights <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The MAY is Mental Health Month-Kickoff event: Building Movement for Wellbeing will be held on May 6th, 2018 The Cathedral Plaza. • Mini Grants for May is Mental Health Month have been awarded to over 106 applicants. We Rise LA Mental Health Campaign <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On Saturday May 19th from 2-5pm will be mark the opening day; Grammy-winning artist, Common will perform. This a ten-day (5/19-28) immersive cultural experience with art, performances, panels and powerful interactions to explore the wide range of issues related to mental health. • There will be a Leadership Training; Two part MHSA Leadership training 		Romalis Taylor

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	<p>for LA County Dept. of Mental Health Staff/Contactors</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ MHSa Funding Proposals updates: ○ A total of 35.7 million dollars is available for the proposals ○ Of that 22 million for PEI & 10 Million for WET. ○ Submissions of the proposals are currently pending. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Three new projects under Innovation were discussed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Data gathering project-Transcranial Magnetic Stimulation Therapy(TMS) ○ Smart Brain ○ Peer Specialist ● Discuss the Spending Plan for funding subject to Assembly Bill114 under PEI. ● There is also a spending plan for future Innovation projects. 		
<p>Dept. Mental Health Update</p>	<p>Mirtala reported on the Innovation Pipeline Workgroup and stated that Wendi Tovi would be attending the UsCC Leadership Meeting to discuss the detail of the pipeline workgroups and the goal.</p> <p>Belanie Brown asked what the difference between this pipeline workgroup is and what has been echoed in the past it is really important to get new voices at the table.</p> <p>Romalis Taylor encouraged AAA UsCC members to participate in this workgroup because being cultural component is extremely necessary and other proposals</p>		<p>Mirtala Ward</p>

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	<p>are still being submitted.</p> <p>MC Harris stated that he was not aware of these projects, and is concerned about the changes within DMH; and the information that is coming from The System Leadership Team meeting. He also stated that he wants people (community) to see what is going in the Dept. of Mental Health and he wants their voices to be heard.</p> <p>Belanie also brought up things that need to be discussed about the Mental Health System as a whole, which include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enhancing workforce • Improving access to psychiatric services • Ongoing support for Conservatives • Utilizing ride share programs • Removing barriers to Mental Health services • Trauma informed leadership training • System transformation (non-medical) • Therapeutic transportation(51/51& 55/85) <p>Mirtala Ward confirmed that we will have our UsCC Leadership meeting on 5/14/18 from 1pm-3pm. She also congratulated Romalis and Makesha for their work on the AAA UsCC proposal; she also thanked him for his leadership on the AAA UsCC Proposal presentation and stated that it was used as a model for all the UsCC groups to draft their proposals. Mirtala stated that the overall goal is for each UsCC group to create their proposal which will be pieced together to present to Dr. Sherin on behalf of all the UsCC Subcommittees.</p> <p>Dr. Karen Gunn stated that the AAA UsCC should be proud; our standard of work is recognized.</p>		<p align="center">Terri Boykins</p>

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	<p>Mirtala also mentioned the LGTBQI2-S Conference will take place on June 6, 2018. This conference will be at the California Endowment and this is free to the community and consumers.</p> <p>Mirtala also mentioned that the UsCC Disabilities subcommittee is still recruiting members, if anyone knows people who would be interested in attending to please contact Kelly Wilkerson at 213 251-6834, or Mirtala at 213 251-6751.</p> <p>Mirtala also announced that each UsCC subcommittee’s Capacity Building Projects now have a budget of \$200,000 dollars per FY.</p>		
<p>Follow up on AAA Proposal</p> <p>Open Discussion</p> <p>Announcements</p>	<p>Dr. Makesha Jones-Chambers updated the proposal and made notation in each of the categories. She included the vulnerable populations as well as the maps that outlined the AAA population across the eight Service Areas.</p> <p>Dr. Karen Gunn noted that the African Immigrants data is not included in this report. She expressed the need for this information to be included.</p> <p>Makesha stated that at the next meeting, we will look at developing capacity building projects proposals that will be implemented for the 2018/2019 FY.</p> <p>The Infant Mortality meeting is scheduled April 25th 2018.</p> <p>Nina Womack received a mini-grant and she is the implementation process for an outreach event.</p> <p>Senait A. received a mini grant and the community event will be May 12th</p> <p>Dawn Franks received a mini grant she will be sending out flyers regarding her event.</p>		<p>Makesha Romalis Taylor</p> <p>Makesha Chambers-Jones</p>

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Other Items discussed	UsCC Capacity Building Project Update: The Black Immigrant Youth Empowerment project was awarded to The African Communities Public Health Coalition.		Desiree DeShay
Next meeting	<p align="center">June 5th, 2018 MLK Jr. Center for Public Health Community Engagement Room # 1003 11833 S. Wilmington Ave. Los Angeles, CA 90059</p>		Desiree DeShay

Respectfully Submitted,

Desiree DeShay-Weakley

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