

**LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH
AFRICAN/AFRICAN AMERICAN UsCC SUBCOMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES – August 30, 2018
Location: African American Coalition
3731 Stocker St. Suite 201
Los Angeles, CA 90008
2pm-4pm**

Date: August 30th, 2018

Present: Romalis Taylor, Makesha Jones-Chambers, Mirtala Parada Ward, Desiree DeShay-Weakley, Belanie Brown, Senait Admassu, MC Harris, Erica Melbourne, Denise Johnson, Erica Braxton White, Lorenzo Murphy, Lakeisha Jones.

Participants via conference call: Lisha Singleton, Cheryl Branch

Agenda Items	Comments/Discussion/Recommendations/Conclusions	Action Item	Person(s) Responsible
Welcome & Introductions	Attendee introductions		AAA UsCC membership
Review of Minutes	The July 26 th meeting minutes were reviewed and approved with one correction noted. Romalis Taylor asked for a motion; the motion was made by Belanie Brown and seconded by Erica Melbourne. Romalis called for the vote and the motion was carried and minutes were approved.		Co-chairs
SLT Updates	<p>SLT (System Leadership Team) Highlights: Cancelled in August 2018</p> <p>Romalis: Discussed his appreciation for the Media campaigns that focused on various API subgroups and the Arabic speaking community. He stated that the media messages were culturally relevant. He wants to make sure that we advocate for other UsCC media campaigns that will target other underserved communities such as the African American, etc.</p> <p>Mirtala: The money for most media projects have been funded with Prevention Early Intervention (PEI) dollars and the UsCC projects are funded with Program Outreach and Engagement (POE) dollars (via the MHSA plan).</p> <p>Mirtala: Shared that Dr. Sherin appeared to be in agreement and liked the UsCC proposal that was presented to him at the UsCC Leadership meeting on August 13th. He wants Mirtala and the UsCC subcommittees to develop a strategy to implement this plan.</p> <p>Belanie: Wanted to know if Dr. Sherin was informed that the proposal that</p>		Romalis Taylor

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Dept. Mental Health Update	<p>was presented to him was part of the work of the AAA UsCCs subcommittee and SAAC 6.</p> <p>Mirtala: Stated that the AAA proposal was the model that was used to engage the other six UsCC subcommittees to create the UsCC Leadership proposal that was presented to Dr. Sherin. Belanie was assured that the AAA UsCC subcommittee was acknowledged for their hard work and investment in this process.</p> <p>Lorenzo: Supported Belanie’s point and wanted to make sure the AAA subcommittee be recognized for the work done.</p> <p>Romalis: Emphasized the needs of the AAA UsCC subcommittee and wants to focus his efforts in informing the Department of those needs. He will advocate for what is needed and what is right.</p> <p>Mirtala: Stated that the goal for all the UsCC subcommittees is to be a direct advisory body to the Department of Mental Health. We want the UsCC to be at the same level as the SAACs, for cultural and ethnic specific needs to be addressed related to the delivery of services for our diverse communities, and for stakeholder involvement to be at an advocacy level. For now, all the UsCC subcommittees’ will be engaged to develop a master community plan that we can present to Dr. Sherin to expand the Department’s community stakeholder efforts.</p>		Mirtala Ward
AAA UsCC Project Ideas for FY 2018/2019	<p>AAA UsCC 2018-2019 Proposed Project-</p> <p>Voting will take place via Survey Monkey. The rest of the meeting was an open discussion pertaining to all the project ideas for this year.</p> <p><u>Below is a brief descriptions of all the Projects for this year that were discussed:</u></p> <p>Culturally competent/responsive screening tool</p> <p>Project Description: To train the DMH workforce to utilize screening tools that assess youth experiences while taking into account their culture and language. Includes trainings on Mental Health First Aid, Mental Health 101, Motivational Interviewing. Create screening tools that address the</p>		Romalis Taylor

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<p>Capacity Project Review</p>	<p>experiences of youth of all cultures. Ensure that youth provide feedback on screening tool through the use of focus groups. Project Objective: To develop continuous awareness around mental health issues within the AAA communities, implement a better outreach and engagement process when connecting with the youth in the community. Public Service Announcements (PSAs) Countywide Project Description: Create videos with vignettes for parents on topics of parenting, human trafficking, talking to your teen regarding mental health issues, Interpersonal partner violence, sexual identity and orientation, bullying, and other culturally relevant topics. Obtain actors from the community and run videos in the lobbies of DMH clinics, hospitals, schools, etc. in English as well as various languages of African dialect. Project Description: Informing the boarder African-American community with addressing the issues they may experience and how to get the resources and help they may need. Community Ambassador Network which includes mentorship village circles, block parties, and various community workshops (SA 1, 6, 8) Project Description: Train community volunteers to be Community Ambassadors and or Community Navigators to be agents of healing and speak about the benefits of mental health and community resilience and provide guidance and coaching for community members in need as well as recently released juvenile and adult inmates. The CA's would provide 1on1 support to stay out of jail/prison, provide resources on housing, substance abuse treatment, mental health, and employment and to devise the development and implementation of Community Engagement event- used to recruit volunteers to complete the training. Community members, specifically those with recent experiences of incarceration (juvenile and adult) and foster care involvement, hired to provide resources and linkages and workshops in the community. Project Objectives: To target people in community barbershops, beauty shops, churches, afterschool programs, clinics, senior centers, grocery</p>		<p>Dr. Makesha Jones-Chambers</p>
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	<p>stores to participate. System Navigators would be trained in community resilience, accessing services, and navigating systems to obtain services. Additional trainings to include Mental Health First Aid, Mental Health 101, and Motivational Interviewing.</p> <p>Political Action (Not completely developed at this time)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ AB 931 (Police use-of-force limitations) and SB 10- Bail Reform, to restore the correct use of bail and the pretrial process 		
Next meeting	<p>October 11, 2018 Lennox Library 4359 Lennox Blvd. Lennox, CA 90304 2pm-4pm</p>		<p>Desiree DeShay</p>

Respectfully Submitted

Desiree DeShay-Weakley

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