

**LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH
AFRICAN/AFRICAN AMERICAN UsCC SUBCOMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES – October 10, 2018
Location: Lennox Library
4359 Lennox Blvd
Lennox, CA 90304
2pm-4pm**

Date: October 11th, 2018

Present: Makesha Jones-Chambers, Mirtala Parada Ward, Desiree DeShay-Weakley, Senait Admassu, Shavonda Weber, Dr. Karen Gunn, Imani Bradley and Christina Ballinger

Participants via conference call: Lisha Singleton, Cheryl Branch, MC Harris, Lorenzo Murphy, Terri Boykins, Harold Turner and Erica Melbourne.

Agenda Items	Comments/Discussion/Recommendations/Conclusions	Action Item	Person(s) Responsible
Welcome & Introductions	Attendee introductions		AAA UsCC membership
Review of Minutes	The August 30, 2018 meeting minutes were reviewed and approved with no corrections. Makesha Jones-Chambers asked for a motion; the motion was made by Lisha Singleton and seconded by SenaitAdmassu. Makesha Jones-Chambers called for the vote and the motion was carried and minutes were approved.		Co-chairs/ Makesha Jones-Chambers
SLT Updates	SLT (System Leadership Team) Highlights: Mirtala: stated that the SLT meeting discussion centered around the YourDMH proposal. The YourDMH document was developed to better engages communities and stakeholders.		Mirtala Parada-Ward

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<p>UsCC Leadership Update</p>	<p>Mirtala: reported that INN 2 Intergenerational Trauma (Strategy 7) was awarded to Alma Family Services and The Children’s Clinics. It will focus on trauma in communities of color.</p>		<p>Mirtala Ward</p>
<p>Dept. Mental Health Update</p>	<p>Mirtala announced a change in the AAA UsCC Liason position. She reported that Desiree DeShay will be transitioning to a new position within the our Unit. She will be a coordinating all the of UsCC Conferences and take on more duties as a Training Coordinator. We have hired a new AAA Liasion. Her starting date is unknown, but her transfer is being processed by HR.</p>		
<p>YourDMH Draft</p>	<p>Terri reported that there was an increase in funding for the UsCCs subcommittees this fiscal year.</p> <p>Mirtala introduced the document to the group. Mirtala asked for feedback to discuss and this will be shared with Ms. Mimi Mckay.</p> <p>Senait: asked if YourDMH is replacing SLT?. She commented that “the information in the document appears to push out the community” and that it’s important to hear the consumers voice.</p>		

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	<p>Dr. Gunn expressed a need for an understanding of where this model originated from and if it had been researched in other states/cities. She would like to know the outcomes. She also thought that the arrows between the top box (Your DMH Full Meeting) and the box immediately below it (YourDMH Cultural Communities) should show arrows going up and down between the 2 boxes. I believe the communication should be two-way not uni-directional (only going up). The communication should flow up and down.</p> <p>She also stated that pages 3 - 13 needs to be streamlined (as others stated at the meeting and elsewhere). She thought that the sections on "Composition" (pg. 3), DMH Responsibilities (pg. 7) should remain as it is (b/c she believes that this is important for the community to understand) Her last point was that the other items in the document could be shortened. The introduction paragraphs should be enough; many of the bullet points could be put into an attachment. They are very specific and they speak to procedural-processes that do not need to be part of this document.</p> <p>For example, on pg. 9, the bullets, the intro paragraph is good, but I would recommend putting the bullets in an attachment - it's minutiae.</p> <p>Shavonda asked about the purpose of the document and how it would impact service delivery. She also asked what was the source and discussed</p>		
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	<p>concerns with membership eligibility which, seems too rigid and not culturally sensitive. She had a few questions on how this will impact the service delivery, care of services, and how will services be provided.</p> <p>MC: He stated that he is pleased with the document.</p> <p>The group was asked to provide additional feedback via email. Desi will follow-up on this request with a final deadline for feedback by 10/22/18.</p>		
<p>AAA UsCC Project Ideas for FY 2018/2019 Capacity Building Project</p>	<p>AAA UsCC 2018-2019 Proposed Project Makesha announced the winning project proposal. The Winner is: Community Ambassador(CA) Network which includes mentorship village circles, block parties, and various community workshops (SA 1, 6, 8)</p> <p>Project Description: Train community volunteers to be Community Ambassadors(CAs) and or Community Navigators(CNs) to be agents of healing and speak about the benefits of mental health. In addition, it will also provide guidance and coaching for community members in need as well as recently released juvenile and adult inmates. The CA will provide 1on1 support to stay out of jail/prison, provide resources on housing, substance abuse treatment, mental health, and employment opportunities</p>		<p>Makesha Jones-Chamber</p>

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	<p>to devise the development and implementation of Community Engagement events. These events will be used to recruit volunteers to complete the training. Community members, specifically those with recent experiences of incarceration (juvenile and adult) and foster care involvement will be hired to provide resources and linkages and workshops in the community.</p> <p>Makesha and Mirtala discussed next steps.</p> <p>Mirtala clarified the difference between this group’s proposal process and others. The plan is to create the SOW, then send it to ISD for the bidding process. Mirtala answered questions regarding ISD’s bidding process.</p>		<p>Dr. Makesha Jones-Chambers</p>
<p>Next meeting</p>	<p>TBA 2pm-4pm</p>		<p>Desiree DeShay</p>

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Respectfully Submitted

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