#### MINUTES – January 19<sup>th</sup> 2017

**Location: Los Angeles Department of Mental Health 695 S. Vermont Ave.** 

Los Angeles, Ca 90005

2:00 pm to 4:00 pm, 15th Floor (Glass conference room)

**Date:** January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2017

Present: Romalis Taylor, Mirtala Ward, Reba Stevens, Naga Kasarabada, Iyatunde Folayan, Senait Admassu Desiree DeShay-

Weakley, Kenisha Trotter and Catherine Clay

Participants via conference call: Martin Jones, Shavonda Webber Christmas, Julie Gray, Mesbal Mohamoud, Erlinda Abella, Terri

Boykins, Belanie Brown

Agenda Items	Comments/Discussion/Recommendations/Conclusions	Action Item	Person(s) Responsible
Welcome & Introductions	Attendee introductions		AAA UsCC membership
Review of Minutes	November 2016 meeting minutes reviewed and approved with corrections noted.  Julie Gray made a motion to approve the minutes and Erlinda Abella seconded the motion.		Co-chairs
SLT Updates	<ul> <li>SLT(System Leadership Team) Updates</li> <li>Romalis reported on the Continuation of Care Reform and the update is that the State has agreed to add mental health funding.</li> <li>He also reported on information surrounding the Repeal and Replace of the ACA. Romalis reported that 18 million dollars will be lost which means 18 million people will be without health care insurance in the first year and 26 million in the second year. He said this would be catastrophic for the Nation.</li> <li>Dr. Robin Kay mentioned that here will be an ACA focus group to discuss and plan what DMH will do moving forward.</li> <li>Romalis encouraged subcommittee members to contact their legislators in Washington DC as well.</li> <li>Romalis also reported that Dr. Debbie Innes-Gomberg, Deputy Director did a presentation on the MHSA 3 Year Program and Expenditure Plan Review. This information will be emailed to the subcommittee once it's available.</li> </ul>		Romalis Taylor Mirtala Ward
Project	The UsCC Capacity Building Project proposals were discussed at length.		Desiree DeShay

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proposals discussion and survey monkey voting.	<ul> <li>The top four proposals from the survey monkey were as follows:         <ul> <li>African Youth Empowerment Project</li> <li>African/African-American UsCC Older Adult CBP</li> <li>Ubuntu Project</li> <li>Circles &amp; Connections-African-American Women at Ages &amp; Stages</li> </ul> </li> <li>Terri Boykins voiced concerns regarding the vision of the capacity projects and making sure that the process is fair. She stated that the purpose of these projects should be solution focused, outcome driven and for the development of resources for the community.</li> <li>Belanie Brown agreed with Terri and also added that the proposal and Statement of Work process can be very complicated.</li> <li>Reba Stevens questioned what the overall purpose was for the capacity building projects. She asked, "Is this a study group"; are we looking for data and positioning ourselves to change something within the community."</li> <li>Since the budget for the project is only 100,000.00, the subcommittee group voted unanimously to only pick one project for 2017-2018. They also recommended sending out another survey monkey to for vote the final project. Since only seven out of the 11 eligible subcommittee voters voted on the initial survey monkey; those seven members will vote on the final project. The subcommittee came to a consensus about this process.</li> <li>Terri suggested that the projects that are not selected be considered for PEI funding, under prevention. Terri agreed to have a discussion with Dennis Murata and Debbie Innes-Gomberg to explore this.</li> </ul>		& Mirtala Ward  Terri Boykins once project selected.

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Other discussions	Catherine Clay addressed concerns about the African-American community being overlooked and not receiving the proper services in service Area 6. She reported that the trauma, mass incarceration, families dealing with Department of Children and Family services is an on-going crisis in the black community.  It was suggested to develop a focus group to look at these issues and concerns in the SA 6 community.  Mirtala and Desi will follow up with Catherine to get more information and provide assistance to organize the focus groups.  Mirtala also stated that this focus group would be helpful to empower the members in creating change and other subcommittee members (i.e. lyatunde from BWW) stated that she would also like to collaborate with Catherine.  Senait stated that the African immigrant population is struggling with the same issues as African-Americans within SA 6. It is important that we collaborate and work together to help all community members.  Romalis suggested to review and collect data regarding the gaps in services in SA 6 are and for this to presented to DMH to explore possible solutions		Desiree DeShay Mirtala Ward
FY 2015-2016 Capacity Building Project updates:	Black Male Mental Health Awareness Campaign Update: Shavonda Webber Christmas: Community Advocate training will be held on January 28, 2017 from 1:30 -3:30 pm at the University Christian Church Mission's Café located at 5831 W Centinela Ave. Los Angeles, CA 90045.  African-American Woman Leadership and Wellness Mental Health Outreach Project: Black Woman For Wellness (Jan Robinson)  Phase Two has been completed and Phase Three is underway. The first series of	Distribution of the	Shavonda Christmas Webber  Iyatunde Folayan
	workshops have been scheduled and will start in February 2017.  The African Immigrants and Refugees Mental Health Outreach Project The facilitation of the workshops has begun. There are a total of 24 workshops	Flyer to promote participation.	Tyatanac i olayan

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	that are two hours long. The workshops are focused on mental health psychoeducation and spirituality.		Senait Admassu
Other Items discussed	<b>Desiree</b> mentioned to the group that it is important to be respectful and polite towards other when discussing community concerns and service delivery. <b>Mirtala</b> informed the subcommittee that all of UsCC subcommittees will be provided with a Code for Conduct and this will be presented at the next meeting.		Mirtala Ward
Next meeting	Thursday, February 23, 2017 695 S. Vermont Blvd Los Angeles, Ca 90059 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm 15 <sup>th</sup> Floor Glass Conference Rm.		Desiree DeShay

Respectfully Submitted,

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