

**LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH
AFRICAN/AFRICAN AMERICAN UsCC SUBCOMMITTEE
MINUTES – June 8th 2017**

**Location: DMH 695 S. Vermont Ave.
Los Angeles, CA 90005**

10:00am to 12:00pm, 15th Floor (Glass conference room)

Date: June 8, 2017

Present: Romalis Taylor, Mirtala Ward, Senait Admassu, Desiree DeShay-Weakley, LaKeisha Jones, Dr. Karen Gunn and Martin Jones,

Participants via conference call: Reba Stevens, Brenda Ingram, Mesbal Mohamoud, Erlinda Abella, Iyatunde Folayan, Willie Duncan, Terri Boykins, Belanie Brown, Wendy Cabil and Tiffany Duvernay.

Agenda Items	Comments/Discussion/Recommendations/Conclusions	Action Item	Person(s) Responsible
Welcome & Introductions	Attendee introductions		AAA UsCC membership
Review of Minutes	The March 2017 meeting minutes were reviewed and approved with corrections noted. Romalis Taylor asked for a motion; the motion was made by Dr. Karen Gunn and seconded by Martin Jones. Romalis called for the vote and the minutes were approved by the committee.		Co-chairs
SLT Updates	<p>SLT(System Leadership Team) Updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Susan Rajlal reported that there are lots of bills pending: AB727 co-sponsored with CMHDA we can use MHSA housing subsidy. MHSA revision. Requirement for the state. County will have to apply to get money. We feel that it is our money and we don't want them to prioritize the money for us. • Liliana Bando reported on PEI monies and the expansion of programs. • The UsCC Promoters Programs are currently in development and planning is underway. The UsCC groups voted on the specific populations that would be targeted by this program. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ API: Tagalog ○ AAA: Somalin ○ EE/ME: Armenian ○ AN/AI: English • Mesbel is partnering with Tessie Cleveland Center to do the Somalia promoters program. She stated that they are getting ready to submit the documents with Tessie Cleveland to complete the subcontract agreement process. 		Romalis Taylor Mirtala Ward

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mirtala reported that DMH decided to roll out the UsCC promoters program in this fashion to allow CBO's to work with Legal entity in the engagement of underserved communities. • The assumptions are that Community Building Organization's maybe better equipped to outreach underserved communities. 		
AAA Media Campaign	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Romalis noted the other UsCC groups are doing media campaigns and that the AAA community will do the same. • Mirtala All the media campaigns that have launched during May Mental Health 2017 were funded with PEI prevention dollars. DMH completed an inventory and campaign ads were launched with existing resources. • We took the images of AAA the brochures and the languages in poster form. Five groups will be targeted; 25 different posters will be printed. Digital images will include, these posters will be displayed on Billboards and buses in L.A. County. • Naga would like the access center to informed about this new campaign and prepare a resource list so they have it available. • Martin wanted to make sure that the statements were non-stigmatizing. • Tiffany: What does that sign say. Make signs culturally sensitive. 		Mirtala and Desiree
	Mirtala gave examples on what all of the other UsCC group's media campaigns are doing as well.		Desiree DeShay & Mirtala Ward

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FY 2015-2016 Capacity Building Project updates:	<p>The African Immigrants and Refugee Mental Health Outreach Project was completed at the end of May; only 15 out of the 24 workshops were completed and was approved by DMH. The workshop focused on spirituality, self-care, trauma and basic psycho-education surrounding MH awareness.</p> <p>Shavonda Weber Christmas will present the results of the BM2HAC Project next meeting and Black Women for Wellness will present the African American Leadership and Wellness Mental health Outreach Project as well.</p> <p>Mirtala reported that final Project Summary Report for the BM2AC was received and we will send out a copy the final summary report before the next meeting for the subcommittee's review.</p>		Senait Admassu Mirtala
Other Items discussed	<p>We will have a meeting in July regarding our media campaign. We will do our media campaign under capacity building projects. It will be a committee effort and we will as discuss targeting the TAY and Older adults.</p>		Mirtala Ward
Next meeting	<p align="center"> July 31st 2017 695 S. Vermont Blvd Los Angeles, Ca 90059 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm 15th Floor Glass Conference Rm. </p>		Desiree DeShay

Respectfully Submitted,

Desiree DeShay-Weakley

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