

**COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES – DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH
AFRICAN/AFRICAN AMERICAN UREP SUBCOMMITTEE
MINUTES – August 25th 2016
Location: 695 S. Vermont 15th floor conference room
Los Angeles, California
2pm- 4pm**

Date: August 25th 2016

Present: Martin Jones, Mesbelm Mohamoud, Desiree DeShay, Romalis Taylor, Maurie Edwards, Sharon Lyle, Reba Stevens, Wendy Cabli, Richard Antoine, Sydney Woods

Participants via conference call: Belanie Brown

Agenda Items	Comments/Discussion/Recommendations/Conclusions	Action Item	Person(s) Responsible
Welcome & Introductions	Attendee introductions		AAA UsCC membership
Review of Minutes	July minutes reviewed and approved.		Co-chairs
DMH Updates	<p>AAA UsCC Brochures: Richard Antoine reported that the development of the brochure came out of the need to educate and promote mental health services in the AAA community in a positive manner. As the project developed there were barriers and unresolved community issues that were identified. The brochures were written at a 6 grade reading level and the information on the back cover provided information on DMH's directly operated clinics and community based resources as well. Subcommittee members (Sharon Lyle and Reba Stevens) were not completely satisfied with the outcome of the African-American brochure and felt that there was not enough input from the African-American community. They stated that the focus should be on the life threatening issues and education and not just on the mental health. Sharon recommended that the African-American brochures be held back due to her concerns.</p> <p>Romalis stated that the brochures could be updated at some point, but for now this project is being finalized and is moving forward with the final DMH approval. In addition, Sharon was reminded that the African-American brochure had been reviewed multiple times by the AAA UsCC subcommittee members and this is the final version, which included all the feedback that was provided from multiple discussion and focus groups.</p> <p>Belanie stated that this project has been going on six years and very glad that the project has been completed.</p>		Richard Antoine Desiree DeShay Romalis Taylor

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	Desiree stated that the brochures are ready for printing and we will move forward with the Service Request to get approval for printing.		
DMH Updates	Life Links: The life links booklet has been updated and was being reviewed by DMH District Chief, Naga Kasarabada. Once she completes the review, a Service Request will be completed to move forward with the printing booklets. Seven thousand copies of the booklet will be printed.	Waiting for DMH approval.	Desiree
Other Concerns regarding DMH.	Reba Stevens stated she had concerns about DMH survey's that look at the quality of services DMH provides in the clinics. She stated that though she receives mental health services on a regular basis; she stated she has not participated in any survey that looks at DMH's service delivery for a couple of years. Romalis stated that DMH would look into how the surveys are administered; this is will be a follow up action item.	Desi will follow up QID Data Unit regarding DMH surveys.	
Proposal concerns	Mesbel expressed concerns regarding the solicitation process of last year's AAA UsCC projects. She was wondering if other CBOs will have an opportunity to collaborating together on the African Immigrant project. It was discussed that DMH cannot interfere with the bidding process and if vendors wanted to collaborate with other CBOs; that is outside of DMH's jurisdiction. It is important to know that contracts are not guaranteed and have to go through the solicitation process that is managed by ISD. Mesbel was under the impress that DMH would mandate this kind of collaboration. There was also a discussion about how to become a vendor and how to develop proposals. Martin Jones discussed that Lillian Bando did a presentation on how to become a vendor and prepare proposals.	N/A	
AAA Meetings in the community	It was suggested that the AAA meetings be out within the community. Romalis stated it was a good idea and we would look at possible places to have for the months of November and December 2016.	Community location to be explored.	Desi/Romalis
Next meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wednesday, September 21st, 2016, 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm at 695 S. Vermont 		

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Respectfully Submitted,

Desiree DeShay-Weakley

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