

**COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES – DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH
AFRICAN/AFRICAN AMERICAN UsCC SUBCOMMITTEE
MINUTES – September 21st 2016**

**Location: 695 S. Vermont 15th floor conference room
Los Angeles, California
2pm- 4pm**

Date: September 21st , 2016

Present: Dr. Karen Gunn, Senait Admassu, Desiree DeShay, Romalis Taylor, Maurnie Edwards, Terri Boykins, Mirtala Parada Ward, Lakeisha Jones, Julie Gray, Willie Duncan, Zerihoun Yilma, Kay Ramsey

Participants via conference call: Martin Jones, Sharon Lyle, Lisha Singleton, Shavonda Christmas Weber, Yvette Tucker; Eddie Lamont

Agenda Items	Comments/Discussion/Recommendations/Conclusions	Action Item	Person(s) Responsible
Welcome & Introductions	Attendee introductions		AAA UsCC membership
Review of Minutes	September 2016 meeting minutes reviewed and approved with corrections noted. Martin Jones made the motion and Lisha Singleton seconded.		Co-chairs
SLT Updates	<p>SLT (System Leadership Team) Romalis reported that the SLT represents the community at large for advocacy groups i.e. parents, children, TAY, adults, older adult and law enforcement in which these groups can give input on their needs regarding mental health as it pertains to the MHSA. The highlights for the SLT meeting were as follow...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NAMI Walk in Grant Park SATURDAY OCTOBER 1, 2016 AT 10:00AM • Romalis provided an update related to the Continuum of Care Reform (CCR) • Romalis reported information regarding the State bond for the homeless population. This bond is dedicated to building 1400 new housing units. Housing issues are a priority for the Board. • \$36 million dollars are being proposed from the current MHSA funding budget to finance this bond over a period of 5 years. • The Board of Supervisors has approved recommendations for additional supportive housing programs as part MHSA Plan. • A jail diversion program for men is being implemented. Ms. Lamont shared that this is similar to the Women’s Reintegration Services Program in SAAC 6. • MHSA FSP Forensic programs- 22 slots were added and more law enforcement agencies were added to conduct community outreach. 		Romalis Taylor Mirtala Ward

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The INN2 project will include a focus on trauma services in the Skid-Row area. • Romalis provided the following information: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The hotline number for families, whose loved ones have been incarcerated and are trying to connect with them- 213 893-5543 2. LASD-213 473-6183 3. Resource for the homeless -818 474-1295. • Provided an update on the MHSA 3-Year Program and Expenditure Plan. • Romalis reported that Lillian Bando, PEI MH Program Manager III, presented on PEI Program structure and the proposed consolidation of Early Intervention services. • Romalis also reported that members have an opportunity to sign-up for the MHSA 3-year program and expenditure workgroups. 		
DMH Updates	<p>Mirtala provided an update regarding the WET Division, Underserved Cultural Communities (UsCC) Graduate Recruitment Educational Program. The application will be ready for distribution in the coming weeks. Desiree will distribute this information once it is released.</p> <p>Mirtala stated that INN2 will be the first type of countywide capacity building project that targets all age groups and it includes an intergenerational strategy; it will be funded with CSS dollars. Mirtala said that faith-based organizations can apply for this project.</p> <p>Mirtala provided an update on the Mental Health Promoters (Ana Suarez, MH Program Manager III) Program. The RFS is coming along and will hopefully be implemented next year. The target population for the AAA group is the Somali community. Mirtala also said that we are going to bring information to the subcommittee once the solicitation is ready.</p> <p>Mirtala facilitated a UsCC presentation at the SAAC 6 meeting, which took place on 9-15-16. The purpose of the presentation was to provide an overview of the UsCC Unit and increase the subcommittee membership.</p>		Mirtala Ward

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Co-Chair Re-election	<p>Mirtala discussed the upcoming AAA Elections. Co-chairs are composed of one community representatives and one DMH employee at the supervisor /management level.</p> <p>We need to start the re-election process. We will send out an email to elicit nominees for the community co-chair position. Members can nominate themselves. Terri Boykins, Deputy Director is working with Mirtala to identify a DMH co-chair.</p>	<p>Open discussion</p> <p>Mirtala will look at the regulations regarding consumer participation as it pertains to active membership.</p>	Mirtala
Pervious Capacity Building Projects	<p>Life Links: The Life Links booklet has been updated and is being reviewed by MH Program Manager III, Naga Kasarabada. Once she completes the review, a Service Request will be completed to move forward with the printing process. Seven thousand copies of the booklet will be printed.</p> <p>Brochures: The brochures have been completed and are in the process of being printed. We are printing a total of 5000 copies- 1000 copies of each version.</p> <p>Dr. Gunn added that now it is time to strategically look at how to roll out and distribute the brochures. We need to target key places within different communities with in Los Angeles County.</p> <p>Mirtala stated that when the brochures are printed, this will be a topic of discussion with the subcommittee. A question was asked if the brochures will be ready by the Taste of Soul event in October. Terri stated that Elena Farias, MH Program Manager III, is the contact person for this event.</p>	<p>Desi to make contact with Elena Farias</p>	Desiree DeShay
Capacity Building Projects Updates	<p>The AAA capacity building projects have been awarded. The three awardees for the 2016-2017 capacity projects were all represented at the meeting today and have started the implementation of the projects.</p>	<p>Next month we will have them present on their progress.</p>	Desiree DeShay
New Project Ideas for FY2016-2017	<p>Mirtala encouraged the subcommittee members to submit new proposals. We have only received one proposal that targets the Older Adult population. We will send out the criteria and guidelines so additional proposals can be submitted.</p>	<p>Open discussion Desi will follow up and send project</p>	Subcommittee members

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	Romalis spoke about the projects needing to be culturally relevant and the importance of collecting outcome measures. Outcomes can be used to inform the subcommittee on future projects.	guidelines and forms	
AAA Meetings in the community	It was suggested that the AAA subcommittee meetings take place in the community. Romalis stated it was a good idea and DMH will explore other locations for the November and December 2016 meetings.	Community location to be explored.	Desi/Romalis
Next meeting	Thursday, October 20 th 2016, 2:30 pm to 4:30 pm at 695 S. Vermont Ave, Los Angeles, CA 90005 15 th floor.(Small Conference Room)		

Respectfully Submitted,
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