

**LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH
QUALITY IMPROVEMENT DIVISION
UNDERSERVED CULTURAL COMMUNITIES (UsCC) UNIT**

**LGBTQI2-S UsCC SUBCOMMITTEE
MINUTES**

8/21/18

2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

3400 Wilshire Blvd. suite 300, 90010

Present: Tams Iraheta, Daisy Kawa, Tracy Zhao, Jennifer Jiries, Andres Magana, Mark Ariel, Grey Crouch, Ronald Jackson, Rafael Lopez, Brian Navarro, Richard Zaldivar, Sermed Alkass, Makesha Jones-Chambers, Ana De La Torre, Julian Hernandez, Terri Jay, Greg Wilson, Addison Rose Vincent, Mirtala Parada Ward, Kelly Wilkerson

Phone: Mastaneh Moghadam, America Islas, Gia Olaes, Te Jay McGrath, Janine Roach, David Gudino

Agenda Items	Comments/Discussion/Recommendations/Conclusions
Introductions	Attendee introductions
Review of minutes	July meeting minutes approved
Announcements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New co-chairs, Terri Jay and Julian Hernandez, were introduced. • Greg Wilson from In The Meantime Men shared a flyer for an event happening this evening. • Brian Navarro announced that the CalMHSA mini-grant funded by LACDMH deadline was extended until the second week of November. • Mirtala shared with the subcommittee regarding the proposal presented to Dr. Sherin at the UsCC Leadership Meeting to elevate the voice of the UsCCs to that of the SAACs and become an advisory committee to DMH. • Mirtala and Kelly reviewed the capacity building project guidelines, bidding process, and how voting privileges are obtained. • Those interested in becoming vendors should visit http://camisvr.co.la.ca.us/webven/
Future Capacity Building Projects – Discussion/Proposals	<p><u>Iranian LGBTQ Online Outreach Project</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mastaneh Moghadam from Cross Cultural Expressions presented their proposal. • Project Description: During the last fiscal year we had tremendous success in doing Outreach and Engagement programing in order to decrease stigma’s and increase knowledge around LGBTQ+ issues with the Iranian-American community residing in Los Angeles County. The outreach we conducted last year included Six Magazine articles; Twenty-Six (26), 22-minute radio programs; and 8 workshops. We are requesting funding to take all of the work that we did last year and move it into the on-line space, where it has the potential to be seen and heard by many more individuals, not only in Los Angeles County, but around the world. This includes airing the radio programs as pod-casts; Editing the 8 workshops and putting them up on YouTube; and placing the Magazine

articles in a variety of on-line Iranian forums. We believe that building on the work that we did last year, can really be a good use of funding and continue to serve the Iranian LGBTQ community in a very positive manner.

Outreach to the LGBTQIAP2-S+ Community via THE FIGHT Magazine

- Mark Ariel and Grey Crouch from The Fight Magazine presented their proposal.
- Project Description: Outreach to the LGBTQIAP2-S+ community via THE FIGHT Magazine meets the UsCC Capacity Building Projects mission objectives of outreach and engagement to the LGBTQIAP2-S+community. Outreach: “Outreach to the LGBTQIAP2-S+ community via THE FIGHT Magazine” involves direct and accessible visibility to the California LGBTQIAP2-S+ community through the top free print and digital monthly magazine for this community with the largest readership in the state, available online and at LGBTQIAP2-S+/ally distribution locations state-wide. “Outreach to the LGBTQIAP2-S+ community via THE FIGHT Magazine” provides engagement opportunities for UsCC Capacity Building Projects and the LADMH to the LGBTQIAP2-S+ community at every major Pride event in the state and monthly issue release parties at The Abbey in West Hollywood.
- Kelly to share demographic and impression information with subcommittee.

Transforming Community Care: API LGBTQ Mental Health and Wellness Campaign

- Tracy Zhao from API Equality – LA presented their proposal.
- Project Description: The project will increase awareness and support for Asian/Pacific Islander and lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer (API LGBTQ) mental health and wellness through public education and outreach efforts, culturally sensitive educational workshops, holistic wellness activities.
- Tracy to share outcomes/results from community needs assessment with Kelly once the data is in a publishable form.

The Black LGBT Network

- Greg Wilson from In The Meantime Men presented their proposal.
- Project Description: The Black LGBT Network is a coalition of Black LGBTQ stakeholders who come together to identify and focus on addressing the specific mental health issues of Black LGBTQ individuals in Los Angeles County. Objectives including developing a CAB of Black LGBTQ stakeholders who will develop a survey that will be administered to Black LGBTQ people in Los Angeles to identify the specific mental health needs of the Black LGBTQ community, conduct outreach (including development of a Facebook group) to disseminate resource information directing Black LGBTQ people to needed resources, conduct four Townhall forums open to the broader Black community, and develop a white paper outlining the findings of the survey and information gathered.
- Recommendation to insure the faith community is included.
- Ana de la Torre from the DMH Disaster Services Unit shared an idea regarding developing flyers, brochures, or materials related to preparing first responders, law enforcement, etc. for how best to work with LGBTQ community members in the case of a disaster. Ana to work on drafting her proposal to be shared with the subcommittee by the next meeting.

Follow-Up Items

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Deadline to submit proposals extended to Friday, 9/14/18 by the end of the day.• Those who have attended (in person or by phone) 50% of the meetings over the last 12 months will have voting privileges.
Next Meeting	TBD