

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

**LGBTQI2-S UsCC SUBCOMMITTEE  
MINUTES**

10/17/18

2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

3400 Wilshire Blvd. suite 300, 90010

**Present:** Sharon Chapman, Braden Lake, Felix Tunador, Terri Jay, Julian Hernandez, Gia Olaes, Anthony Singleton, JavonTae Wilson, Grey Crouch, Hector Ramirez, Josue Vega, Makesha Jones-Chambers, Desiree DeShay, Mirtala Parada Ward, Kelly Wilkerson  
**Phone:** Te Jay McGrath, Tracy Zhao, Ronald Jackson, Sermed Alkass, Jennifer Jiries, Greg Wilson, Brian Navarro, Lakhiyia Hicks

Agenda Items	Comments/Discussion/Recommendations/Conclusions
<b>Introductions/ Pronouns</b>	Attendee introductions
<b>Review of minutes</b>	August meeting minutes approved
<b>Announcements</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Terri Jay shared regarding the recent Indigenous Pride LA event that happened recently.</li> <li>• Sermed Alkass that someone from Supervisor Kuehl’s office was going to start attending the meetings.</li> <li>• Gia Olaes shared regarding Models of Pride happening at CSULA this coming weekend.</li> <li>• Gia requested support in providing outreach to LGBTQI2-S individuals at the Juvenile Halls (contact Gia at <a href="mailto:giamiramontes@gmail.com">giamiramontes@gmail.com</a>).</li> <li>• Te Jay McGrath shared that Pasadena Public Health Department/Pasadena Public Library had their annual National Coming Out Day event.</li> <li>• Mirtala updated the participants on the new protocol for capacity building projects including her presenting all project ideas to upper management for approval.</li> </ul>
<b>YourDMH – Feedback Request</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mirtala shared and summarized the YourDMH Proposal with subcommittee and requested that subcommittee members email feedback regarding this proposal by 10/26/18.</li> <li>• Kelly to email out YourDMH Feedback Request Form.</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Recommendations/Feedback</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Voting requirement – in terms of us engaging underserved communities, it’s about privilege/class being able to participate in this in person or by phone, so we leave out a lot of individuals by having that in the voting requirements – people with families might find it more difficult to carve out 2-4 hours.</li> <li>• Feedback to empower community providers to take the lead on these stakeholder meetings (i.e. hosting, organizing, etc.) so long as they are funded to do so.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Possibly utilize (and pay) LGBTQ youth to assist with tasks such as taking minutes.</li> <li>• Concern that this document was drafted without initial input by stakeholders.</li> <li>• Ensure that culturally specific practices are utilized (i.e. stating pronouns).</li> <li>• Recommendation to hold meetings in different Service Areas.</li> <li>• Question regarding other County Departments – who are we holding accountable for the work that we do – how will this be operationalized?</li> </ul>
<b>2019 LGBTQI2-S Mental Health Conference – Update</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Kelly introduced Desiree DeShay as the Training Coordinator from the UsCC Unit and who will be the point person for the conference planning.</li> <li>• Kelly shared with the subcommittee some of the costs associated with utilizing a larger venue including the increased cost for food and the cost for AV.</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Recommendations</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Consider The Reef as a possible venue.</li> <li>• Request PEI funding for the venue – Mirtala to follow up.</li> <li>• Cost for tabling and vendors to offset some of the other costs.</li> <li>• Partner with Universities or Social Work programs (sponsors) as this may reduce costs.</li> <li>• Two-day conference at The Cal Endow (possibly for the following year).</li> <li>• Utilize County facility since they should be free for us (i.e. Pomona Fairplex).</li> </ul>
<b>Future Capacity Building Projects – Next Steps</b>	<p><b><u>Follow-Up Items/Recommendations/Next Steps</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Concern expressed with regards to fair distribution of projects – it feels like each time the capacity building projects are proposed and voted on, the process does not always appear equitable because it seems that the same people keep getting the projects. Are we really addressing all the other people in the room?</li> <li>• Recommendation from Greg Wilson that we consider utilizing smaller amounts of money to try and do more projects for more groups.</li> <li>• Makesha Jones-Chambers shared regarding what the AAA subcommittee had done where the group together as a whole brainstormed ideas and voted on those ideas. No one proposed individual ideas. And the final proposal that was selected was a combination of a number of ideas.</li> <li>• Next step is to come together as a subcommittee and looking at the projects and coming up with ways to ensure that they feel representative and inclusive and come up with how to operationalize them.</li> <li>• Item to be added to agenda for next meeting to address and discuss these concerns.</li> </ul>
<b>Next Meeting</b>	12/12/18, 2pm-4pm