

**COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES – DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH
PROGRAM SUPPORT BUREAU – QUALITY IMPROVEMENT DIVISION**

**LGBTQI2-S UsCC SUBCOMMITTEE
MINUTES**

February 15, 2017
2:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.
695 S. Vermont Ave. 15th Floor Small Conference Room
Los Angeles, CA 90005

Present: Kelly Wilkerson, Richard Zaldivar, Bryan Mershon, Jury Candelario, Terri Jay, Maria Roman, Jaden Fields, Jazzmun Crayton, Iliana Cuellar, David Gudino
Presenters: Belinda Waltman, Patrick Liu, Kiwon Yoo
Phone: Angela Weeks, Te Jay McGrath, Sermed Alkass, Erica Reynoso, Jeffrey King, Mastaneh Moghadam, Janine Roach, Hector Ramirez

Agenda Items	Comments/Discussion/Recommendations/Conclusions
Introductions & Identified Pronouns	Attendee introductions
Review of minutes	January 2017 minutes reviewed and approved with no changes/corrections
Announcements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mastaneh Moghadam shared regarding an upcoming panel discussion – Out of Iran and Out of the Closet, Tuesday 2/21/17 from 8-10pm • Iliana Cuellar shared regarding the launch of the Leadership Circle – a LGBTQ mental health advocacy and empowerment group starting on 2/22/17 from 6:30-8:30 at the Benjamin Franklin Library in Boyle Heights • David Gudino shared regarding a LGBTQ support group happening at Northeast Mental Health held on Thursdays from 2-3:30pm <p><u>General Questions</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How is the conference being planned? Once we start planning the conference, we will have meetings specifically focused on conference planning. • Recommendation – the subcommittee should consider inviting administration to our subcommittee meetings so they may hear from stakeholders what the needs of the community are. Specifically with regards to lack of resources for LGBT youth.
Code of Conduct	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kelly reviewed the recently approved UsCC Subcommittee Code of Conduct • Subcommittee members reviewed and signed the Code of Conduct
Future Capacity Building Projects	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kelly reviewed the Capacity Building Project Guidelines and some of the previous project ideas • Subcommittee should choose a project by May

	<p><u>Proposal from Angela Weeks</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop short training videos (3-4 minutes) in English and Spanish on a variety of topics: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Development of sexual orientation, gender identity, and gender expression ○ Coming out process ○ Family acceptance and how to work with rejecting families ○ Navigating healthy relationships ○ Genderbread person ○ Negative health outcomes when rejected by families and talk about ways to help ○ Tips and tools on how to work with families through family rejection • Videos can be shared on YouTube, DMH website, stakeholder websites • Where's the lack of information online, what are families and practitioners struggling with right now-make videos based on that <p><u>Questions</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How many videos were you thinking of doing? I listed five topics that come up for us a lot when working with families, but it can be open to as many as needed. We can broaden the topic list. I would like the input of the subcommittee of what types of videos are needed and how many. • Feedback – make specific videos for each subculture within the community (i.e. transgender specific videos, lesbian specific videos, etc.) – identify five top issues and make videos for each of the subcultures on those topics • Feedback – also address cultural specific issues <p><u>Proposal from Mastaneh Moghadam</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project focused on Iranian LGBT community – outreach and engagement around LGBTQ issues throughout LA County • Create awareness, open dialogue, conduct panels, create programs and culture specific support groups for youth, create a media campaign, work on stigma reduction – start normalization process
<p>Whole Person Care-Presentation/ Feedback Request</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Belinda Waltman and Patrick Liu presented regarding Whole Person Care (WPC) and elicited feedback from the subcommittee regarding the needs of the LGBTQI2-S community, in particular the transgender community • Through WPC, there will be new Community Health Workers hired (with shared/lived experiences) – recruitment in process • Goal is to have eight Regional Coordinating Centers (one in each of the SAs) • Five target populations/entry points into WPC – homeless, justice involved, mental health high risk, substance use disorder (SUD) high risk, and medical high risk <p><u>Questions</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is the plan to support these individuals who are dealing with homelessness? Housing for Health is our biggest partner with regards to this because WPC can provide the case management piece but it can't provide more housing. <p><u>Feedback/Recommendations</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There are not housing options or a place specifically for transgender people. Recommendation to allocate wings or beds

	<p>that are designated for trans people. Tarzana Treatment Center has beds specifically for trans people, but you have to be struggling with a substance abuse issue.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recommendation to dedicate a center to trans health and housing – medical care, housing, case management, employment support, substance abuse treatment, etc. • LAMP Community has a housing meeting every second Monday – recommendation that WPC administrators visit this meeting because they talk about beds that are available and vouchers that are available. • Recommendation to consider safety as frequently transgender clients will prefer to stay on the streets versus going to a shelter where they may be attacked or feel unsafe. • Recommendation to look at data from the Trans Latina Coalition and the LA Transgender Study. • Recommendation to go experience the system at Volunteers of America to see how the system works for trans clients.
Next Meeting	TBD