

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

**LGBTQI2-S Conference Planning /UsCC Subcommittee Meeting
MINUTES**

2/20/19

2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

APAIT 3055 Wilshire Blvd. #300 Los Angeles, 90010

Present: Terri Jay, Renato Lira, Rebecca Russell, Victor Guerra-Cardoza, Hector Ramirez, Desiree DeShay, Katheryn Aguenza, Gustavo Velez, Gia Olaes, Brian Navarro, Gregory Wilson, Johana Lozano, Isaias Guzman, Bryan Mershon, Kelly Wilkerson, Connie Acosta Castaneda

Phone: Andres Magana, Josue Vega, Jennifer Jiries, TeJay McGrath, Sermed Alkass, Ana Bernal, Alex Salazar, Louis Smith II, Stevie Cole

Agenda Items	Comments/Discussion/Recommendations/Conclusions
Introductions/ Pronouns	Attendee introductions
UsCC Business	<p><u>RAND Presentation:</u> RAND is a research company that was hired by DMH to pool the stakeholders, and find out what DMH is doing well, what DMH is not doing well, and to provide recommendations to executive management on the DMH strategic planning and the stakeholder process. They are doing focus groups which will take about 90 minutes and they will come to the meeting to talk. Three questions they'll be asking:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What's working? 2. What's not working 3. What recommendations to improve it? <p>They will be at our next meeting on March 7th, 2019. That meeting will be one hour longer, from 1 – 4pm at Strength United in Van Nuys. (Kelly Wilkerson to email details/information) Lunch will be provided thanks to Renato Lira and Subway.</p> <p>We would like as many people as possible to attend because there will be important feedback that's going to be shared with Dr. Sherin and the Board of supervisors.</p> <p><u>Community Co-Chairs – Nominations:</u> As of now there is only one Co-Chair for the LGBTQI2-S group which is Terri Jay. Julian unfortunately had to step down, things that are changing with the stakeholder process is that the co-chairs for these groups should not be DMH employees. DMH employees should attend but co-chairs should be community members. We need to vote in a second co-chair. Kelly asked that the group think about people that would be good co-chairs for this subcommittee.</p> <p><u>Requirements are:</u> Co-Chairs will have to attend LGBTQI2-S monthly meetings and monthly UsCC Leadership meetings. UsCC Leadership group is all of the co-chairs from each UsCC groups that come together and talk</p>

	<p>about things that affect all of the subcommittee's as a whole and other DMH priorities.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If you'd like to nominate someone they would have to attend meetings on a regular basis • You can nominate yourself or someone else. • To have voting privileges you would have to attend in person or by phone 50% of the meetings over the last 12 months to be able to vote • Those interested should email Kelly with a short bio, couple of sentences <p><u>LGBTQ+ Care between DMH + DHS – Workgroup?</u> Janine Roach with DHS would like to put together a workgroup to find a way to coordinate care between DHS and DMH with regards to care for our trans clients/consumers. To connect our two giant organizations when it comes to LGBTQI2-S care in particular for trans clients. To more of a smooth pathway to make sure that they aren't getting lost or slipping through the cracks.</p> <p><u>YourDMH Stakeholder event:</u> will be 3/1/19 at the Friendship Auditorium in Los Angeles. RSVP with Destiny Walker and walk-ins are welcome.</p>
<p>Conference Business</p>	<p>LGBTQI2-S Mental Health Conference “Reclaiming and Restoring – Telling Our Stories” Location: Universal Sheraton on June 12th, 2019</p> <p><u>Workshops/Presenters:</u> Supervisor Sheila Kuehl was recommended by some of the subcommittee to give opening remarks. Also Dr. Kush Cooper was recommended. The workshops should be chosen with the theme of the conference in mind (Reclaiming and Restoring – Telling our Stories). This should determine what information we want to convey to attendees. We want to make sure that all the workshops are very informative. We'd like for the conference to inspire and empower.</p> <p><u>Photographer:</u> Johana Lozano volunteered her services and will send Kelly Wilkerson some of her work.</p> <p><u>Update on Tote bags/resource booths:</u></p> <p>Tote bags: Waiting for the purchase order for the tote bags. They are pink, the sides are grey and they will have the LGBTQI2-S logo on it.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Renato Lira offered to explore whether fans could be donated by a private party and have LGBTQI2-S logo on them <p>Resource booths: There will be 15 resource booths and there is only space for one more. If all booths are filled, we can talk about sharing booths/tables.</p> <p><u>Emcee:</u> The Emcee sets the stage for the whole event in the conference.</p>

	<p>Questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What kind of Emcee would we want? • How would we want the Emcee to project this conference? • Do we want someone serious, funny kind of animated? • What are we looking for based on our theme? <p>Suggestions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Someone that fits under our umbrella of LGBTQI2-S, someone that is personable, and from our community that can share a story or two throughout their Emceeing • Someone that is not boring that shows that they are very happy. And that is very positive • Someone that can keep time and that can take control of the group • Keep it to the theme • Someone of color would be appreciated • Also a female is recommended <p>*Suggest funding for the Emcee, a small stipend might be available, but they need to be registered as a vendor</p> <p>*Email Kelly Wilkerson and or Desiree DeShay with recommendations</p> <p><u>Possible Panels:</u></p> <p>Panel #1: Intersectionality of Race, Culture, Gender Identity, Sexual Identity, and Age</p> <p>Panel #2: Non-Binary Experiences</p> <p><u>Workshop Topics (send proposals to Kelly by 3/1/19):</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. LGBTQI2-S Tay/Youth 2. Faith and Spirituality 3. Two-Spirit 4. LGBTQI2-S 101 5. Trauma-Informed Care (TIC) for Tarns Clients 6. Relationships & Love 7. Storytelling 8. Older Adult
Next Meeting	3/7/19 at Strength United, 1:00pm – 4:00pm