

**LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH  
Office of the Deputy Director of Strategic Communications**

**Access for All UsCC Subcommittee Minutes**

October 9, 2019

10:00AM – 12:00PM

2222 Laverna Ave. Los Angeles, Ca. 90041

**Present:** Sunnie Whipple, Bernice Mascher, Misha Elder, Cody Hanable, Roque Bucton, Daniel Gamburg, Alex Elliott and Anu Yadar

**On Phone:** Erik Escareno, Wendi Cabil, Carlita Lee and Ary Nassiri

**DMH Staff:** Mirtala Parada Ward, Rosario Ribleza and Connie Acosta Castaneda

<b>Agenda Items</b>	<b>Comments/Discussion/Recommendations/Conclusions</b>
<b>Welcome/ Introductions</b>	Attendee introductions
<b>Meeting Norms / Protocols</b>	Mirtala read the Code of Conduct and reiterated that everyone should be mindful and respectful to others. Attendees were reminded to raise their hand or ask to be added to the “que” if they want to give input or comments.
<b>Review of Code of Conduct</b>	The Code of Conduct was distributed and reviewed. Members were informed that signing it is voluntary, but they were encouraged to abide by it.
<b>Meeting Minutes – Review</b>	September 11, 2019 meeting minutes were reviewed and approved with two corrections. A motion to approve the minutes was taken by Bernice Mascher and seconded by Sunnie Whipple.

**PSA Update – Daniel Gamburg**

**Updates:**

- Shooting location has been secured – Royball Family Mental Health Center and Ruby Street. Pictures were presented to the subcommittee.
- Shooting will start the first week of November, 2019.
- The shooting will take two days, three hours per day.
- Exterior location for the opening of the PSA. (Blind person walking across the street, with or without a dog).
- Wheelchair access building for a boy or girl who is in a wheelchair.
- Daniel asked for volunteers who wants to join the cast. He asked them to provide him with their personal information to match with the roles they want to play.
- Community members and consumers will be compensated for their time.
- Video Footage will become a property of LACDMH
- PSA must be accessible for people who cannot see and for people that cannot hear.
- There will also be audio/ sound effects for each scene.

**Capacity Building Proposals for FY 2019/2020:  
Discussion and Voting Process**

- Five proposed projects will be narrowed down to three.
- Rosario will let the subcommittee know who has voting privileges via email.
- Mental Health Assessment for 5 Groups has already been approved
  1. Deaf, hard of Hearing Community
  2. Blind Community
  3. Community with Physical Disabilities
  4. Developmentally Disabilities Community
  5. Learning Disabilities Community

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Subcommittee needs to vote for the top two project proposals through Survey Monkey. Motion taken by Erik Escareno and seconded by Roque.</li> </ul>
<p><b>EQRO Review: (Not on the agenda)</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DMH conducted External Review on September 23, 2019. Two Co-Chairs from the UsCC subcommittee (Sylvia Youngblood and Romalis Taylor) and two Co-Chairs from the SAAC's participated the opening session. The goal of the review is to ensure that Los Angeles County's programs effectively reduce Mental Health Disparities. The result shows that the disparities are still there.</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Roque Bucton:</u></b> One of the findings from Quality Improvement is that they are only tracking a limited data set in terms of people with disabilities, in particular with people with physical disabilities. There is a need for us to request to have the UsCC a better representation with their datasets, and cover all ethnicities. There is no formal procedure for them to track the people with disabilities. I wanted to touch base with the community to find out what our best practices are. We need to figure out what Quality Improvement is doing currently and how can they can improve the tracking of our community.</p> <p><b><u>Alex Elliott:</u></b> The regulations for prevention and early intervention programs require us to collect certain demographics that includes disabilities and regulations. Part of the problem is that, people are not identifying themselves as disabled; it can be self-stigma. The data was not good, compared to other demographics. We need demographic data on people with disabilities and we are not capturing it in the best way.</p>
<p><b>Updates:</b></p>	<p><b><u>Roque Bucton:</u></b> Assembly bill 1116- Firefighter Peer Support Services was passed last week by the Governor. This is for first responders during emergency: firefighters and emergency personnel. I would like some feedback from the subcommittee if we should write a letter to the Governor, and let him know that we are doing a similar thing for people with disabilities.</p>

<p><b>Meeting Evaluation:</b></p>	<p><b><u>What went well:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Meeting Space - big room that accommodates more people</li> <li>• Meeting location is accessible to freeways.</li> <li>• Free Parking</li> <li>• Agenda was provided in a timely manner.</li> <li>• Safe surroundings</li> </ul> <p><b><u>What can we improve:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The phone system</li> <li>• Zoom.Us was suggested - phone calls and video</li> <li>• Not enough time to review the materials prior to the meetings</li> </ul>
<p><b>Meeting Adjourned</b></p>	<p>12:00 P.M.</p>
<p><b>Next Meeting</b></p>	<p>November 13, 2019 - 10:00 A.M. to 12:00  Greater Los Angeles Agency on Deafness, Inc.  2222 Laverna Ave. Los Angeles, Ca. 90041</p>