

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

American Indian / Alaska Native (AI/AN) Subcommittee Meeting Minutes

July, 16, 2019
2:00PM – 4:00PM

Present: Dan Dickerson, Mark Parra, Sylvia Youngblood, Danielle Kayne-O’Gilvie, Albert Im, George Funmaker, Yesenia Lopez, Marissa Abril, Belinda Smith, Farrah Ferris, Keith Vielle, Charlotte Lujan, Nikki Lucero, Alexander Vargas, Melanie Cain,
By Phone: Hector Ramirez, Sunnie Whipple, Bernice Mascher, Monique Smith, Andrea Garcia
DMH
Admin Nina Tayyib, Desiree DeShay, Connie Acosta Castaneda

Agenda Items	Comments/Discussion/Recommendations/Conclusions
Welcome, Prayer & Introductions	Attendee introductions
Announcements – Co-Chairs – Subcommittee Members	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Co-Chairs expressed concerns about the UsCC Charter. Specifically, they do not want to have DMH Providers being excluded from being Co-Chairs as they feel that they are part of the AI/AN community. Also, they would like to change the requirement that one Co-Chair cannot chair multiple subcommittees. For example, Sunnie is the Co-Chair of CCC and the AI/AN subcommittee and will have to step down from one of the committees to meet this new requirement. Nina informed them that the Charter is being finalized and they can address their concerns with Mirtala. Sylvia Youngblood stated that the Charters have to be in line with MHSA regulations, or else they cannot be implemented. 2. There will be an Elders Gathering on October 10th – 13th in San Pedro. Indigenous Elders were invited to come from across the country and share traditional practices. There will be ceremonies throughout the four days as well as an opportunity to listen to the Elders about the future and the past. 3. T-shirt fundraiser - \$20/shirt – this fundraiser is grassroots organized and they would appreciate all the help they can get. See George Funmaker for details.
Review of Meeting Minutes	July 3rd, 2019 meeting minutes submitted in draft form. The subcommittee requested that the feedback they provided Dr. Sherin regarding the discussion about the MH Promoters be included in the meeting minutes. They will review/approve the meeting minutes once this change is incorporated.
Video Showcase Project – Albert Im from Fiat Luxx	<p><u>Video Showcase Project - Discussion</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The presentation by the Consultant went well overall and one of the videos he did for a tribe was shared, which the group responded well to. He shared that this project will be a collaborative process with the AI/AN subcommittee.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There were questions as to what agencies/organizations would be highlighted in the videos. Nina clarified that (per the SOW) one video will be on AICC and the second video will be on AICC and other AI/AN organizations. There was a concern that the AI/AN subcommittee wouldn't be included in the videos. Farrah said that she will follow up with Kelly to confirm. • There was a question as to how long the project will be implemented. Nina shared that projects can be up to one year but Kelly can confirm the length of the contract. Melanie expressed interest in highlighting May is Mental Health Awareness month in May 2020. • There was a concern expressed about not selecting an AI/AN consultant. Nina shared that ethnicity cannot be specifically required as a Consultant requirement, but that the language around experience and expertise with a certain community can be and was included. • There was confusion about the bidding process and who can bid. Nina provided an overview of the bidding process and clarified that anyone can be a Vendor and bid on the project. Desi stated that it is the role of the subcommittee to make sure that AI/AN members are informed and registered as Vendor so that they can bid. • The subcommittee wanted to know if there were any AI/AN members that submitted a bid. Nina did not know. Farrah said she would follow up with Kelly. • There was confusion about who made the final selection of the Awardee. Nina reviewed the role of ISD in the Awarding process. • Mark Parra mentioned Sole Sourcing, which brought up questions by the group about why this project was bid out instead of sole sourced to an AI/AN individual. Nina shared that approach was probably not an option for the UsCC funding but Mirtala can clarify. <p>2. There were no project presentations since none of the proposers were in attendance.</p>
<p>Conference Planning – Desiree DeShay</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The group requested an ad-hoc subcommittee for conference planning, in the interest of time. They would like to meet before the next general meeting to finalize the theme and workshops. 2. There was confusion about the conference theme activity that was planned (word cloud). After discussion, the group shared some words that they recommend for the theme. 3. Nina will develop a table with the list of words and the number of times that they were repeated. 4. The group decided to wait to select workshops, etc. until the theme was finalized. 5. The subcommittee members asked how they can recruit presenters. Nina said that it was up to the group and that they can select amongst themselves and/or send out a call for proposals (which they would need to develop). The first step is to determine a theme.
<p>Next Meeting</p>	<p>August 7th, 2019 2:00PM – 4:00PM CSULA</p>