

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

American Indian / Alaska Native (AI/AN) SUBCOMMITTEE MINUTES

6/5/2019

2:00PM – 4:00PM

Present: Susan Jackson, Johnathon Talamantes, Farrah Ferris, Sunnie Whipple, Avril Cordova, Hector Ramirez, Jim Ruel, Mark Parra, Diane Castro, Gloria Castro, Sylvia Youngblood, Carrie Johnson, Charlotte Lujan
Phone: Belinda Smith, Monique Smith, Marissa Abril, Bernice Mascher, Mark Espinoza, Keith Vielle
DMH Kelly Wilkerson, Desiree DeShay, Mirtala Parada Ward, Connie Acosta Castaneda
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Agenda Items	Comments/Discussion/Recommendations/Conclusions
Welcome, Prayer & Introductions	Attendee introductions
Review of minutes	May 1st, 2019 meeting minutes approved
Announcements	<p>Sunnie Whipple: Will discuss his announcement at the next meeting.</p> <p>Farrah Ferris: Updated the community regarding the letter she and Sunnie drafted on behalf of the community to Dr. Sherin about the RFP process and the Promotoras program. Sunnie Whipple and Farrah Ferris sent the letter via Kelly Wilkerson and Mirtala Parada Ward. They had a meeting with Dr. Sherin on Monday June 3rd. Dr. Sherin stated that what was presented at the last meeting was inaccurate. Promotoras will go back to the RFP process and will use AICC as one of the many platforms. Dr. Sherin was invited to the July UsCC subcommittee meeting and will be on the agenda.</p> <p>Hector Ramirez: Shared regarding June being Pride month. There is another UsCC subcommittee: LGBTQI2-S, and in celebration with Pride month, he would like to change it to 2-SLGBTQI. He explains that the Two-Spirit people should be at the beginning of the title as this community was here first, it is a way of reclaiming our faith.</p> <p>The Code of Conduct was shared with the subcommittee members. Signing the Code of Conduct is voluntary, but all subcommittee members must abide by the guidelines established in that document.</p>
UsCC Business Kelly Wilkerson, UsCC Liaison	<p>FY 18-19 Capacity Building Projects – Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Educational PSA Project has been awarded to SCIC – Jim Ruel <p>Jim asked the subcommittee if they had seen the PSA’s for the Wisconsin Department of Transportation Tribal community and youth. Jim works with Southern California Film Center. The PSAs were on the issues with the reservation and urban communities. Jim shared that during the brainstorming for that project, they divided into groups and let them pick what topics they would like to cover, and they brainstormed different ideas and regrouped back</p>

together and everyone voted on what they wanted. Jim thinks that since this is a community body that this process will work for the AI/AN subcommittee as well. Jim would like as much feedback and ideas as possible, to make the process easier. He would like for some of the subcommittee members to be on a work committee and a brainstorming process that includes everyone. He was tasked with producing 5 PSA's that are 60 seconds long. The idea is not to just promote the Mental Health programs and services but to also publicize the AI/AN subcommittee and recruitment for it. The group needs to decide what topics, issues, and goals that they want to cover. The project timeline is six months: the first two months to develop the scripts, then shoot for two months, and then post production for two months. Next meeting he would like some drafts or very simple systematics.

- Community Symposium Project has been awarded to Indigenous Circle of Wellness – Monique Castro
- Video Showcase Project has been awarded to Fiat Luxx – Albert Im
- Website Project has hit some roadblocks. There were many technical concerns and questions regarding the Statement of Work (SOW) which required consultation with our CIOB office. There are some concerns about the requirements that we are asking for that are related to the technology. We are also obligated by HIPPA. We have sent the SOW to Mimi McKay and she is going to review it. As soon as we learn more information we will update the subcommittee.

Hector Ramirez inquired about the funding for the African American conference. Mirtala explained that the African American conference is funded by a different source of money. They are funded with prevention and early intervention dollars, not from subcommittee capacity building project funds.

Charlotte Lujan pointed out that if DMH PEI funds are used, then DMH would decide how the conference would be run and the subcommittee will not be able to use their voices or speakers.

Desiree DeShay explained that she was one of the planners for the African American conference, and the DMH employees volunteered for the conference and they were able to set the pace and implement what the community needs were. The African American conference has been going on for years, prior to the subcommittees doing their conferences. It was a Service Area 2 effort with donations from outside non-profits. It came from a District Chief named Gladys Lee and a couple of other African American District Chiefs that were responsible for spearheading the conference.

Mirtala Parada Ward reminded the subcommittee that they should do their capacity building project proposals, select their top choices, and do not focus on the budget. Mirtala recommended that the subcommittee focus on the needs of the community.

Kelly Wilkerson: In regards to next year, Capacity Building Projects will be discussed at next month's meeting. We are at the very end of the fiscal year and we are just getting our projects for this fiscal year rolling out. We need to be ahead this time because there is a new process in place. For next month's meeting about an hour will be spent on proposals for next year. Capacity Building guidelines and forms will be emailed out. There were some proposals from last year that were great but were not selected. Kelly to reach out those subcommittee members so they can resubmit their proposals.

	<p>Draft By-Laws – Review/Discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Under meeting composition, add the following language: “This body has the right to request to do oversight and accountability and make recommendations.” • Under Co-Chair and membership requirements for voting/elections, consider 6 months instead of 12 months. • Consider option of Co-Chair Elect for third Co-Chair position if needed. • Recommended to develop more specific guidelines around the removal of a Co-Chair from their position. Also consider adding language regarding hiring a mediator if needed.
<p>Conference Planning Desiree DeShay, Training Coordinator</p>	<p>Themes that were suggested:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ancestors Resilience through Ceremony Integrates Holistic Healing • Healing from Intergenerational Trauma: Ancestors, Ceremony, Holistic • Through Our Ancestors Resilience We Heal & Decolonize Our Future Generations • Restoring Health & Resilience • Healing and Rising Within Our World • Ceremonies Decolonizing Modern Natives Thanks to Our Ancestors Resilience • Reclaiming Our Heritage: Healing Through Resilience • Through Our Elders Determination We Heal • Historical Love/Hate: Uplifting, Healing, Thriving • The last idea was to create a cloud full of words like resilience, restoring, reclaiming, thriving, heritage, ancestors, ceremony, etc. and then below it have the Tongva word for “Healing” <p>A Survey Monkey will be sent out to the people who have voting privileges.</p>
<p>Next Meeting</p>	<p>7/3/19, 1:00PM – 4:00PM @ UAII</p>