

**LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH
STRATEGIC COMMUNICATIONS DIVISION**

LGBTQI2-S UsCC Subcommittee

MINUTES

1-23-2020

2:00 PM – 4:00 PM

550 S. Vermont Ave. 9th Floor Conference Room

Present: Hector Ramirez, Amparo Ostogic, Josue Vega, Nicole Kristal, Isaias Guzman, Merry Meyers, Johana Lozano, Bianca Gallegos, Greg Wilson, Esiquio Reyes, Sarah Brock Chavez, Brian Navarro, Sharon Chapman

By phone: Gustavo Velez, Louis Smith III, Kathryn Aguenza, Claire Kobren, Victor Cardoza, Richard Zaldivar, Ana Bernal, Bill Sive, JavonTae Wilson, Jeanie You

DMH Admin: Kelly Wilkerson, Mirtala Parada Ward

Agenda Items	Comments/Discussion/Recommendations/Conclusions
Welcome/ Introductions/ Code of Conduct	Subcommittee Members
Announcements	<p>Kathryn Aguenza informed the subcommittee members that there is a new mental health art program called The Story Collected. Kathryn will forward this information to Kelly Wilkerson.</p> <p>Hector Ramirez informed the members that the MH Commission will be hosting their next Town Hall Meeting in Service Area 5 on 1/25/20 @ the Santa Monica Women’s Bay Club, he encouraged others to attend.</p> <p>Mirtala Parada Ward provided information to the Subcommittee about a Community Health & Wellness Screening Celebration on Saturday 2/29/20 @ 9:00 am at Leimert Park. Food & Refreshments will be provided. They need volunteers and Peers to participate in this event. Please email Kelly Wilkerson if you are interested.</p> <p>Ana Bernal provided information to the subcommittee regarding a health foundation who is sponsoring their first opening night on 1/31/20. Tickets are available for those who are interested. Ana Bernal will send the link to Kelly Wilkerson.</p> <p>Ana Bernal shared information about a survey that will be conducted along with the campaign, focusing on the LGBTQIA2-S community. Ana Bernal will provide more information on this topic to Kelly Wilkerson to share with the subcommittee.</p>
November Meeting Minutes	Subcommittee Members reviewed and approved the November 2019 Meeting Minutes.

Getting To Know You	Esiquio Reyes shared some of his past experience with the subcommittee members surrounding the homeless. He stated his passion is helping the homeless population, and he reported a history of being homeless, he saw innocent people dying who were homeless as well.
LGBTQI2-S Cultural Competency Training Ad Hoc Letter- Update	The subcommittee submitted a letter to DMH Executive Management to develop a mandatory LGBTQIA2-S cultural competency training for all DMH staff and contractors. Terri jay submitted the letter to Dr. Sherin and Dr. Bonds. Greg Polk and Debbie Innes-Gomberg were also provided a copy of the letter. DMH is reviewing the letter. Mirtala is scheduled to meet with Debbie and Angelita from the WET division. Mirtala suggested inviting them both to the next meeting to discuss what DMH is going to do about the letter.
UsCC Capacity Building Projects	<p>Kelly Wilkerson provided an update to the subcommittee regarding the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 capacity building projects. The Statements of Work have been completed, and they are with UsCC administration for review.</p> <p>With regards to conferences, DMH Executive Management is requesting that all conferences go through a review process. This would mean that the subcommittee would need to draft a letter explaining the purpose and goals of the conference, which would be submitted to management. This is a Countywide request, not just for DMH. The subcommittee members will conduct an ad-hoc to further discuss.</p>
MHSA Standards	Johana Lozano provided the subcommittee members with a copy of the MHSA standards for their review.
UsCC Stakeholder Reorganization - Update	<p>Mirtala Parada Ward provided an update to the subcommittee regarding the restructure. DMH had plans to combine the UsCC and SAACs and the funding would be combined; however the UsCC Co-Chairs were not in agreement with this restructuring plan. As a result, they got organized, developed a letter, and addressed the Board of Supervisors. The MHSA ACCESS Ambassadors helped to organize this effort.</p> <p>Moving forward, the UsCCs and the SAACs (now called SALTs) will be collaborating. There will be a total of eight SALTs that are composed of voting members, which includes seats for the UsCC groups as well. DMH is developing a new structure similar to the old Service Leadership Team. The SAACs and UsCCs have been meeting for over a year to discuss their collaborative efforts. The idea of developing “community ambassadors was discussed</p>
2020 Upcoming Meeting Schedule	<p>Thursday, 2/27, 2-4pm, 550 S. Vermont Ave., 9th floor conference room, Los Angeles, CA 90020</p> <p>Thursday, 4/2, 2-4pm, 695 S. Vermont Ave., 15th floor conference room, Los Angeles, CA 90005</p> <p>Thursday, 5/7, 2-4pm, Strength United, 14651 Oxnard St., Van Nuys, CA 91411</p> <p>Thursday, 6/4, 2-4pm, 695 S. Vermont Ave., 15th floor conference room, Los Angeles, CA 90005</p>