

Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health
Strategic Communications Division
Black & African Heritage UsCC Subcommittee
Meeting Minutes
September 22, 2020 2:00pm

Welcome/Introductions:

Present: Romalis Taylor, Dr. Sandra Chang, Desiree Deshay, Senait Adamassu, Wendy Cabil, Erica Melbourne, Blake Johnson, Marilyn Huff, Pharoah Mitchell, Romalis Taylor, Laneay London, Reba Stevens, Rosy Tellez, Phyllis Griddine, Carline Davis, Cleo Ray, Mr. Stevens, Sonya

Review of Meeting Minutes:

Meeting Minutes approved

Due to technical difficulties that we experienced at our September 2020 meeting, we were not able to provide a recording for this meeting. We compiled some meeting notes provided by our colleagues below.

- Co-Chairs requested that capacity building project report be sent to them
- Request for the UsCC and CCC leadership meeting agenda to include the ambassadors program and implementation of health promoters for the African and African-American community
- New ideas for projects include:
 - 1) Barbershop staff to be trained on mental health to provide resources while they work with their clients
 - 2) Expansion of EBPs already implemented by the department
- Request for follow up on capacity building projects regarding a question on the PO for FY 19- 20. How long does the process of the PO take?
- Request for Pinki to provide information on ISD guidelines so the membership can learn how projects are awarded
- Request for Desi to send the proposal guidelines to the group for review

- Interested in funding a project to have advocates as regular members at UsCC and SALT meetings
- Other interests:
 - Purchase hotspot/tablet for community members to engage in MH services
 - Food giveaways for persons experiencing homelessness, transportation and technology issues
 - Find grassroots efforts by community organizations addressing the needs of the community during these trying times
 - Next task force meeting October 5 at 9:30 AM, virtual meeting. Ms. Nakeya will send the meeting information.

Upcoming Meetings : 10/22/20