

**LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH
AFRICAN/AFRICAN AMERICAN UsCC SUBCOMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES – January 30, 2020
Location: Lennox Library
4359 Lennox Blvd. Lennox Ca, 90304
2:00pm – 4:00pm**

Date: January 30, 2020

Present: Romalis Taylor, JM Sales, Carlene Davis, Senait Admassu, Nakeya Fields, Andria McFerson, Amy Williams, Laneay London, Sonya Adam

DMH Staff: Anna Yaralyan, Keacha Stewart, Desiree De Shay

Participants via conference call: Cleo Ray, Erica Melbourne, Reba Stevens, Wendy Cabil

Agenda Items	Comments/Discussion/Recommendations/Conclusions
Introductions	<p>Everyone introduced themselves.</p> <p>Nakeya Fields shared with the subcommittee members that she was recently selected as the Co-Chair for the AAA Subcommittee. She is very excited to join the subcommittee.</p>
Review and Approval of Minutes	<p>Meeting Minutes approved with corrections.</p> <p>One subcommittee member asked the question what does NCNW stand for? They requested to spell it out. (National Council of Negro Women). Please make corrections to the December 5, 2019 Minutes, put in parenthesis.</p>
Capacity Building Project Proposals FY 2019/2020	<p>• Selected Capacity Building Project Proposals FY 2019/2020 – 5 Minutes Update</p> <p>Minding our Village Elders, A California Black Women’s Health Project and Sistahs Aging with Grace & Elegance-Carlene Davis</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Romalis Taylor provided an update to the subcommittee members for this year’s capacity building projects. Romalis Taylor asked the subcommittee members to have an open discussion and share their thoughts and ideas for the next two projects that they are interested in. • Romalis Taylor thank everyone for voting and their contribution in the selection of the new projects for this year. • Romalis Taylor explained the process for each project and he encouraged others to bid on the projects. • You must be registered with DMH and ISD to be on the bidders list check the ISD list to see when that project is up for bid. • The website has to be checked periodically for updates.

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**Capacity Building
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- Romalis Taylor shared the concept of the proposal can mean that you have to engage and educate the community and receive training on how to talk about the subject.
- Desiree Deshay explained to the subcommittee the statement of work process in detail she informed every one of the requirements and how it goes through the approval process.
- Laneay London suggested to sign up on the vendor portal website and the master agreement lists under DMH.
- JM Sales asked how many members are in the AAA, and how many members voted on the recent project proposals?
- Anna Yaralyan shared that she would provide this information, once it is verified.
- Reba Stevens asked is there any ongoing projects for the AAA subcommittee? Desiree DeShay responded with confirming of one project that has continued, which is the Lifelink booklets.
- Romalis Taylor requested projects from the past to be provided to all the subcommittee members. All of the past projects are available on the DMH website
- Romalis Taylor asked for an update regarding the Skype equipment.
- Romalis Taylor asked if the department can provide all of the projects that have been submitted over the last seven years.
- The department is in process of updating their new devices/technology and providing training for their staff members
- This information is available on the DMH website.
- Wendy Cabil asked for a final summary report of all the capacity building projects to be provided. (The Website has this information)

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- The subcommittee had an open discussion and shared their thoughts and concerns about the name of the AAA subcommittee.
- Some members want to change the name of the group to be more inclusive to blacks.
- Several members shared their thoughts and opinions about black history.

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- Some members like to be identified as black and some like African.
- The subcommittee members agreed to add this topic as a future agenda item.
- Everyone on the phone and present at the table were allowed to give their comments and feedback on this discussion.

Recruitment of CBO's

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Suggestions**

- The subcommittee members had an open discussion about strategies and how to have CBO's join to expand the group.
- Andria McFerson suggested a resource guide to help the people who need resources, seniors, disabled and those who have learning disabilities.
- Andria McFerson also suggested reaching out to the people who actually make the resource guide to join together as a group and let the CBO's know about our project and who they can reach out to.
- Sonya Adam suggested creating a recruitment flyer that includes the mission and the purpose of the committee and the group and discuss some of the past successes.
- Amy Williams recommended doing outreach work, and distribute materials that encourage them to participate in one of our groups.

