

**LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH (DMH)  
Strategic Communications Division**

Latino UsCC SUBCOMITTEE MINUTES

January 18, 2020

2:00 PM - 3:30 PM

3787 So. Vermont Avenue, Los Angeles, California 90007

**Present:** Rosa Álvarez, Gabriela Velásquez, Irma Velásquez, Juila Ornelas, Hector Ramirez, Bianca Gallegos, Amparo Ostojic, Daniela Hernandez, Melisa Meza, Adriana Martinez, Ashley Flores, Isabel Molina, Josef Sánchez, Julie Matsumoto, Paco Retana, Elsy Molina and Esiquio Reyes

**On the Phone** Dr. Ana Nogales and Gabriela Gonzalez

**Interpreter:** Lucy Rivero

**DMH Staff:** Mirtala Parada Ward, Dr. Luis Guzmán and Connie Acosta Castaneda

Agenda Items	Comments/Discussion/Recommendations/Conclusions
<b>Welcome/ Introductions – Subcommittee Members</b>	Attendee introductions
<b>Review and Approval of minutes – Co-Chairs</b>	December 17, 2019 meeting minutes approved by Amparo Ostojic and seconded by Dr. Ana Nogales.
<b>Stakeholder Reorganization</b>	<p align="center"><b>A. Increasing Membership</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Have meetings at locations and times more accessible to members.</li> <li>• Make meeting times more accommodating to subcommittee members.</li> <li>• Distribute more Mental Health information throughout the community.</li> <li>• At the end of each Theater Play, the attendee’s should receive the link with all information of Subcommittee’s time and dates to increase outreach</li> </ul>

	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>B. Increase our Voice</b></p> <p><b>Josef Sanchez:</b> Monthly meetings at East LA College to discuss the Chicano Moratorium event occurring on August 28, 2020. Extended invitation to subcommittee to attend the meetings.</p>
<p><b>Announcements:</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>A. UsCC Leadership Meeting</b></p> <p><b>Paco Retana:</b> Provided update re: January UsCC Leadership meeting. Reported that clarification was made regarding the future structure of the UsCC's and the SAAC's. Stakeholder groups will continue to exist separate with increase collaboration. Paco recommends that the department (Pinki Mehta) come to the Latino UsCC meeting and explain to subcommittee the different levels of how they are developing the new structure of the Department of Mental Health.</p> <p><b>Amparo Ostoic:</b> Provided update re: January meeting. Discussion focused on maintaining stakeholders groups working independently and the importance to continue with the Planning Process and Mental Health Service Act and Prop 63. Request for increased collaboration from/with LACDMH.</p> <p><b>Ashley Flores:</b> Shared previous experience of Co-Chair for SA 6. Provided suggestions to increase communication and collaboration (one page document with two bullet points stating what the UsCC's are working on and distribute to the SAAC's and vice versa).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Members expressed confusing after the January 15<sup>th</sup> Leadership Meeting. Reported not experiencing enough communication or feedback between the Department of Mental Health and the subcommittees.</li> <li>• The Latino subcommittee are concerned because there are not enough Spanish speaking members in SALT 8.</li> <li>• The SAAC's (Service Area Advisory Committee) changed their name to SALT (Service Area Leadership Team)</li> <li>• There was a suggestion that the SALT's put as an agenda item a monthly UsCC update of projects they are working on.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Updates:</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>A. DMH Updates:</b></p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Department of Mental Health is still working on changes within the department regarding the UsCC's and SAAC's. The mission will continue.</li> <li>• The UsCC's do projects for cultural groups within Los Angeles County. All projects done by the UsCC's are based off the Service Areas. The Theater Play was done to reduce stigma of Mental Health and is presented twice in each Service Area.</li> <li>• Paco Retana will no longer be Co-chair for the Latino subcommittee. We want to thank Paco for all his hard work and dedication to the Latino community.</li> <li>• There were two self-nominations, Amparo Ostojic and Bianca Gallegos. The Latino subcommittee unanimously voted both of them to become Co-Chairs for the Latino subcommittee, joining Hector Ramirez. The subcommittee likes the idea of having 3 Co-chairs.</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>B. <u>Latino Capacity Building Projects:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Theater Project has completed 2 plays there are 14 more plays scheduled and will resume in January 2020.</li> <li>• Gabriela requested help finding a venues to have the Theater Play.</li> <li>• It was suggested after each Theater Play the website with UsCC and SAAC meeting information be given out to the community members.</li> <li>• The Comic Book Project is at its ending fazes and there will be a celebration in form of a community event on February 29, 2020</li> </ul>
	Meeting Adjourned - 3:30 P.M.
<b>Next Meeting</b>	February 18, 2020 from 2:00pm – 4:00pm Location: Wellnest Center 3787 So. Vermont Ave. Los Ángeles, CA. 90007