

Los Angeles County Department of Mental
Health
Administrative Operations
API Subcommittee Meeting Minutes
March 22, 2021 2:00pm – 4pm

Present: Leo Lishi Huang, Richer San, Pam Inaba, Patricia Oh, Roque Bucton, Dr. Seema Arora, Dr. Andy Ying, Dr. Anne Marie Yamada, Emily Wu, Pastor Kim, Hector Ramirez, Jessica Baker, Joanna Lozano, Kishen Bera, Llynette Morgan, Dr. Marielle Reataza, Mariko Kahn, Melisa Acoba, Noriko Kajiwara, Samin Yoak, Dr. Sheila Wu, Vicky Xiu, Sophia Chen, Patricia Moon, Theresa Cho, Dr. Anna Lee, Sunnie Whipple, Maria Tong

DMH Admin: Dr. Luis Guzman, Dr. Sandra Chang, Keacha Stewart, Dr. Jorge Partida

Welcome & Introductions

- Subcommittee Members, Housekeeping, Attendance, Co-Chairs

Review of Meeting Minutes (Approved)

Attacks against API Community/Open Discussion

- The incident was violent and a White supremacist attack
- Attacks against Asians have been going on for decades
- There's intersectionality between youth and Asian
- Members suggested to focus on the victims, families and their needs
- Jessica Baker stated there is lack of space to the LGBTQAI2-S
- Mariko suggested the API committee explore how to fund support groups, create a plan of action
- Emily Wu Truong shared a link to the Bystander Intervention Training to stop anti-Asian American and xenophobic harassment
- Michelle Wong suggested supporting grassroots organizations at this time in the API communities
- Dr. Partida shared the DMH is creating a cohort of API clinicians that will respond to the growing crisis
- Dr. Partida stated there has been an increased focus on developing resources and PSA's and media outreach.
- UCLA, is working on a major multi-language campaign to provide greater messaging and outreach to the community
- Dr. Partida stated MHS 3-Year report is up for public comment , he suggested all of the members to review the draft, include public comment on any ideas and resources that are needed

Recent Attacks, Attacks to date, Stop AAPI hate

- Dr. Guzman asked the group how DMH can help support the community at this time, and how the county can help support the community
- Stop AAPI Hate website 3,800 + incidents have been reported

- Many people are speaking up. So many APIs are taking action.
- Implications for Mental Health & Wellbeing
- Call to Action

Roque Bucton Co-Chair for Access for All opened a discussion with the group about the Access for All subcommittee

- Roque stated the goal is to build capacity for people with disabilities for them to receive appropriate mental health services who are deaf, hard of hearing, low vision, blind, mobility and dexterity impaired.
- Roque shared they have recently conducted a clinician certification training so that people would with -- who work -- who treat people with disabilities would be better able to tailor to their needs of orientation, mobility, and access.
- Assistive Technology Workshop was facilitated by Roque and a training session so that the various staff members could experience the various forms of accommodation, assistive technology that people with disabilities American sign language, closed captioning, and real time closed captioning
- So care providers, clinicians, providers, advocates, those who are not disabled, first frontline responders who are dealing with people with disabilities
- So there's an issue about having direct services to adults with hearing impairments. So what that means, just to clarify, that means getting a clinician who is trained in American sign language to actually be conducting a therapeutic session for someone who is deaf, as opposed to getting like a video
- ASL translator and working in sort of a virtual ASL translator therapeutic situation. We've taken this issue to the Commission on Disabilities and presented it. The Commission on Disabilities has formed an ad hoc on the matter.
- They will be formulating language to bring that to the board of supervisors.
- And, you know, the others, there's a lot of elder population, and that experience challenges with hearing and sight, and we're here to support any kind of resource, you know, like referrals for resources or things like that in order to support your community specifically.
- Roque asked members to reach out if they identify someone who needs help

Agenda items below will be set for the next Meeting

MHSA 3 year plan Draft Dr. Guzman

- Public Comments – 30 day timeline
- Identifying needs
- Open Forum Q/A and/or Recommendations for DMH

Capacity Building Project Update

DMH Update/Dr. Luis Guzman

Upcoming Meetings: 5-24-01, 6-28-01