

LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH
Stakeholder Engagement Unit
American Indian / Alaska Native (AI/AN) UsCC Subcommittee Meeting Minutes
November 3, 2021
2pm – 4pm via Microsoft TEAMS

Present: Sylvia Gonzales-Youngblood, Hector Ramirez, Shannon Rivers, Robyn Gomez, Gabriel Pimentel, Nikki Crow, April Skinas, Bernice Mascher, Farrah Ferris, Wildflower Robles-Ontiveros, Amparo Ostojic, Dria Yellowhair, Sara Mijares, Chrissie Castro, Jennifer White, Charlotte Lujan, Mark Parra, Yue Hua Xu (Vicky), Raul Garcia, Elidia Olmos, Adriana Carrillo, Stephanie Mushrush, Erin Espinoza, Anna Hernandez, Yessenia Valencia, Rebecca Chavez

DMH Admin: Kelly Wilkerson, Pinki Mehta

Agenda Items	Discussion
Welcome, Prayer & Introductions	Meeting opened with prayer. Members were asked to introduce themselves via the chat box today in the interest of time.
Educational Listening Session w/ Dr. Sherin	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shannon Rivers presented the Indigenous Peoples/First Nations Fact Sheet which included data specific to the AI/AN communities. • Co-chairs requested that Dr. Sherin and the Department support the UsCC by drafting a letter to the Riverside Unified School District and the Superintendent to share concerns regarding the Riverside school teacher who was recorded mocking Native American culture and students. • Chrissie Castro from the Native American Indian Commission (NAIC) shared with the subcommittee some of the efforts of the NAIC to address this issue as well. • Dr. Sherin recommended having Debra Duardo, the Superintendent for LACOE, co-sign the letter as well.
Co-Chair Report Out	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sylvia Gonzales-Youngblood updated the subcommittee regarding the most recent Leadership meeting and CLT. • Chrissie shared regarding the Indigenous Education Now Coalition and the American Rescue Act dollars.

API Families Project – Presentation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Rocco Cheng presented a project he recently completed for the Asian Pacific Islander UsCC titled, API Families: Supporting through Recovery. • The project involved hosting focus groups and developing mental health resource booklets for API families.
Promoters – Presentation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adriana Carrillo and Elidia Olmos provided an update to the subcommittee on the Mental Health Promoters program and application: https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/lacounty/jobs/3168175/mental-health-promoter-temporary?keywords=promoter&pagetype=jobOpportunitiesJobs • Program goals, application tips and feedback were shared. Questions should be sent to Adriana or Elidia via email: ACarrillo@dmh.lacounty.gov or EOlmos@dmh.lacounty.gov.
Cultural Calendar – Presentation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Hyun Kyung Lee from the Cultural Competency Unit shared regarding the Diversity and Multicultural Calendar that is being developed through the Cultural Competency Committee. • Rough draft was presented and subcommittee members were asked to provide any dates to Dr. Lee via email HKyungLee@dmh.lacounty.gov.
Meeting Minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • October 2021 minutes were reviewed and approved by Gabriel Pimentel and seconded by Amparo Ostojic.
Community Announcements & Resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Send to Kelly via email (KeWilkerson@dmh.lacounty.gov) to be sent out to the listserv.
Closing Prayer	<p>Shannon Rivers ended the meeting with Prayer.</p>
Audio Recording	<p>All meeting audio recordings are available on the DMH website: https://dmh.lacounty.gov/about/mhsa/uscc/american-indian-alaska-native-ai-an-uscc/american-indian-alaska-native-ai-an-uscc-meeting-minutes/</p>
Next Meetings:	<p><u>Next Meetings (first Wednesday of the month, all meetings 2-4pm):</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No meeting December 2021, 1/5/22, 2/2/22, 3/2/22, 4/6/22, 5/4/22, 6/1/22 <p>Join Microsoft Teams Meeting; 323-776-6996, Conference ID: 806 867 419# CART is provided for all meetings: www.streamtext.net/player?event=UsCC-AIAN</p>