

**Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health
Stakeholder Engagement Unit
LGBTQIA2-S UsCC Subcommittee Meeting Minutes
Thursday October 7, 2021, 2-4 pm**

Welcome/Introductions

Present: Nicole Kristal, Gerald Garth, Addison Rose Vincent, Ana Bernal, Andrea Aoun, Ashley McGowan, Bill Sive, Bobby Dillard, Cynthia Ruffin, Edgar Mariscal, Erwin Gutierrez, Gabriel Uhuru, Greg Wilson, James McLendon, JavonTae Wilson, Jeffrey Fuentes, Jeffrey King, Makesha Jones-Chambers, Merry Meyers, Mikey Fields, Princess Murray, Rebecca Gitlin, riKu Matsuda, Sharon Chambers, Summer Gomez, Tara Omrani, Yue Hua Xu (Vicky)

DMH Admin: Kelly Wilkerson, Pinki Mehta, Nikki Collier, Rosario Ribleza

Getting To Know You – Gerald Garth shared about himself.

September 2021 Meeting Minutes – Reviewed & Approved with no corrections (first-Addison Rose Vincent, second-Cynthia Ruffin).

Co-Chair Transition

- Gerald Garth was introduced officially as the new co-chair for the subcommittee.
- Members shared gratitude to Greg Wilson for his service as co-chair for the previous two years.

LGBTQIA2-S Youth Innovation Lab & Fellowship Project and Youth Mental Health Community Engagement Campaign Project – Updates

- Addison Rose Vincent provided an update regarding the Lab & Fellowship and the Engagement Campaign projects.
- Lab & Fellowship – In total, 15 youth Fellows participated in the Lab where they were broken up into four teams and developed four unique innovative strategies. Currently the Fellows are in the process of prototyping their strategies in the community.
- Engagement Campaign – Youth content creators have finalized their videos focused on LGBTQ+ history here in Los Angeles County. The videos have launched via TikTok and Instagram and those videos have been shared via @pride, @lgbt, and @lgbtq, which have millions of followers via those social media platforms. Kelly to share the videos with the subcommittee members so they can share them via their handles as well.

Quality Assurance & Contracts – Presentation/Discussion

- Makesha Jones-Chambers from Contracts and Nikki Collier from Quality Assurance provided an overview to subcommittee members on how DMH evaluates contracts.
- <https://dmh.lacounty.gov/qa/qacrr/>
- [1110336 ChartReviewChecklist-LERevisedRev061421-Fillable.pdf \(lacounty.gov\)](#)

- Recommendation to invite Quality Assurance back to a future meeting as well as Quality Improvement to talk about client satisfaction surveys and where the data goes after it is collected.

Capacity Building Projects – Brainstorm/Discussion

- Proposals for Transmasculine Community
 - The Panthera Project – Submitted and presented by Gabriel Uhuru during meeting.
 - Transmasculine Resilience Project – Submitted by Jacob Rostovsky, unable to attend meeting but shared summary via email which was presented to subcommittee during meeting.
 - TransMasc Healing Project – Submitted by Luckie Alexander, will attend November meeting to present this proposal.
- Proposals for Elder LGBTQIA2-S Community
 - Exploring Story Circles with Multigenerational and Intersectional LGBTQIA2-S Communities Project – Submitted and presented by Ana Bernal during the meeting.
 - Queer Stories Project – Submitted and presented by Bill Sive during meeting.
 - Ana and Bill to discuss a possible collaboration focused on this community utilizing their two proposals.
- Proposals for Black LGBTQIA2-S Community
 - Will be discussed further at the November meeting.
- All proposals should be emailed to Kelly (KeWilkerson@dmh.lacounty.gov) no later than 11/3/21.

General Announcements/Resources

- Recognition of National Coming Out Day, National Indigenous Peoples' Day, and the anniversary of the murder of Matthew Shepard
- Trans Pride in Orange County is going virtual due to safety concerns
- Tarzana Treatment Center expanding access for LGBTQ+ TAY population including online support groups

Upcoming Meetings (first Thursday of the month, 2-4pm): 1/6/22, 2/3/22, 3/3/22, 4/7/22, 5/5/22, 6/2/22

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323-776-6996, Conference ID: 542 042 921#

Meetings recordings can be found at <https://dmh.lacounty.gov/about/mhsa/uscc/lgbtqia2-s-uscc/lgbtqia2-s-uscc-meeting-minutes/>