

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

Present: Dr. Ann Marie Yamada, Dr. Rocco Cheng, Dr. Sheila Wu, Sithea San, Eddy Gana, Hector Ramirez, Kishen Bera, Melisa Acoba, Pastor Peter Kim, Patricia Oh, Payal Sawhney, Richer San, Maria tan, Sheetal Ayyatan, Dr. Sheila Wu, Dr. Seema Arora, Sylvia Gonzales-Youngblood, Usophea Chim, Vickie Xu, Young Kim, Jin Bae, Pam Inaba, Joanna Lozano, Yana (SSG)

Bo - Cambodian Interpreter

Sung - Korean Interpreter

DMH Admin: Dr. Luis Guzman, Pinki Mehta

Welcome & Introductions

- Subcommittee Members, Housekeeping, Attendance, Co-Chairs

Review of Meeting Minutes: Johana Lozano motioned to approve the minutes without corrections, Dr. Andy Ying made a second motion to approve

Cultural Calendar Presentation – Dr. Lee

- Calendar to honor and to celebrate everyone's culture – unsure of origins of idea
- Reviewed calendar and provided examples of dates already included for final inclusion
- Presented rough draft – information was gathered from “different groups”
- API UsCC co-chair shared concerns of calendar being drafted without input from API community, including API UsCC
- Community member shared concerns about inaccurate information being presented in draft of calendar
- Stakeholder asked for draft of calendar to provide feedback, Dr. Lee reported she was unable to share calendar with the community
- Community discussed importance of highlighting the diversity and rich culture of the API community
- Community reiterated the importance of reviewing the draft to ensure accuracy and transparency before calendar is finalized
- Dr. Lee will ask Dr. Sandra Chang to see if she authorizes Dr. Lee to share draft of calendar with API UsCC stakeholders

Involuntary Hospitalization (LPS)

- Dr. Guzman briefly reviewed LPS laws and discussed process for involuntary hospitalization
- Co-Chair shared the sensitive nature of topic within API community and the importance of privacy and rights of individuals

- Pastor Kim shared this topic is discussed at Korean community round table including the concern about safety for community members in Korean town.
- Requested training for community members when faced with situation where individual is having a mental health crisis, especially for community leaders
- Request to provide training and awareness/education to faith-based leaders in API community
- Community expressed need for more API PMRT staff to be recruited and trained
- Additional request for DMH to reinstating PMRT for existing clients, especially those in FSP programs
- Community member shared incident calling police during a mental health crisis of a client and shared deep reservation of calling police to respond again because of negative experience
- Mental Health Family Mission helps support API family members with loved ones experiencing mental health issues
- Increased funding and support for family members is needed in API community so request for DMH to provide more support in this area
- Pastor Kim suggested next year's capacity building project focus on supporting family members of API clients

Dr. Rocco Cheng

- Dr. Cheng provided an update on the capacity building project on gathering and recording stories of resilience and recovery by API community members
- Community provided feedback and details to consider before finalizing story collection process
- Question about participant and their stories being representative of API experiences
- Community shared concerns about dissemination of information and stories once projected is completed

DMH Updates

- None reported.

Meeting Adjourned

Upcoming Meeting: January 24, 2022