

**Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health
Stakeholder Engagement Unit
LGBTQIA2-S UsCC Subcommittee Meeting Minutes
Thursday February 3, 2022, 2-4 pm**

Welcome/Introductions

Present: Nicole Kristal, Gerald Garth, Greg Wilson, Bill Sive, Jeffrey King, Ana Bernal, JavonTae Wilson, Cynthia Ruffin, Live · Xóchi Salas, Merry Meyers, Mikey Fields, Bobby Dillard, Addison Rose Vincent, Edgar Mariscal, Alexis Glenn, riKu Matsuda, Hector Ramirez, Jeffrey Fuentes, Gabriel Uhuru, Jose Guevara, Gabrielle Villa, Terri Jay, Ashley McGowan, James McLendon, Summer Gomez, Marcia Blachman, Bryan Scheihing, Alex Salazar, Richard Zaldivar, Benjamin Carlton, Ash Lopez, Rebecca Gitlin, Denise Gallonio, Belinda Najera, Bethlehem Assefa, Sloane Sandler, Ramiro Trujillo Castro, Mani Maleky, Maria Sandoval-Robles, Ramona Aguilar, Antonio Banuelos, Claire O'Connor
DMH Admin: Kelly Wilkerson, Pinki Mehta

Getting To Know You – Dr. Sherin shared about himself.

January 2022 Meeting Minutes – Reviewed & Approved with no corrections (first-Bill Sive, second-Greg Wilson).

Discussion with Dr. Sherin, DMH Director

- Subcommittee members engaged in a discussion with Dr. Sherin concerning the MHSA three-year plan, increased funding opportunities, and ensuring safety in stakeholder meetings.
- These minutes reflect the talking points during this agenda item. Dr. Sherin has agreed to return for a follow up discussion. Please refer to CART transcript for additional content.

LGBTQIA2-S Champion Network – Feedback Request (Rebecca Gitlin)

- Rebecca provided an overview regarding the LGBTQIA2-S Champion Network and requested feedback from the subcommittee.
- For more information or to provide additional feedback, reach out to Rebecca via email: RGitlin@dmh.lacountygov

General Announcements/Resources

- Kelly provided an update regarding the upcoming capacity building projects.
- Cynthia Ruffin provided an update regarding her transition from COLORS at Antioch to the AMAAD Institute.
- Nicole Kristal shared an announcement regarding an upcoming Black LGBTQIA2-S event in West Hollywood on 2/9 at 7:30pm.
- Greg Wilson shared that 2/7 will be National Black HIV and AIDS Awareness Day and there will be a pre event on 2/6 via Zoom.
- Gabrielle Villa shared updates from the WeExist program including trainings and support groups.
- Dr. Partida provided an overview and update regarding the ARDI unit.

- Ana Bernal shared regarding their work at Cal Poly Humboldt related to sexual assault prevention.
- Gerald Garth shared regarding an upcoming NBHAAD event focused on Black women and HIV.
- Edgar Mariscal shared an upcoming outdoor movie event for The Wall Las Memorias Project.
- Send any other resources to Kelly via email (KeWilkerson@dmh.lacounty.gov) to be sent out to the listserv.

Upcoming Meetings (first Thursday of the month, 2-4pm): 3/3/22, 4/7/22, 5/5/22, 6/2/22, 7/7/22, 8/4/22, 9/1/22, 10/6/22, 11/3/22

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