

LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH
Stakeholder Engagement Unit
American Indian / Alaska Native (AI/AN) UsCC Subcommittee Meeting Minutes
 March 2, 2022
 2pm – 4pm via Microsoft TEAMS

Present: Sylvia Gonzales-Youngblood, Shannon Rivers, Hector Ramirez, Robyn Gomez, Gabriel Pimentel, Nikki Crow, April Skinas, Farrah Ferris, Dria Yellowhair, Bernice Mascher, Bridget Garcia Vera, Elena Nourrie, Valerie Cabral, Roy De La Rosa, Charlotte Lujan, Iva Maes, Stephanie Mushrush, Belinda Najera

DMH Admin: Kelly Wilkerson

Agenda Items	Discussion
Welcome, Prayer & Introductions	Meeting opened with prayer. Members were asked to introduce themselves.
Meeting Minutes	February 2022 minutes were reviewed and approved by Hector Ramirez and seconded by Shannon Rivers.
Native American Veterans Association – Presentation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Roy Twobears De La Rosa, Spiritual Advisor for NAVA, gave a presentation regarding the history of NAVA and the organization’s current efforts. • https://www.navavets.org/
Outreach & Engagement Toolkit Project – Presentation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Elena Nourrie from Indigenous Circle of Wellness presented the newly completed AI/AN Outreach & Engagement Toolkit, a capacity building project of the subcommittee. • Link to final summary: http://file.lacounty.gov/SDSInter/dmh/1118733_AIANOutreach_EngagementToolkitFinalSummary.pdf • Link to Toolkit: http://file.lacounty.gov/SDSInter/dmh/1118734_AI-ANOutreach_EngagementToolkit-singlespread.pdf • Link to Toolkit video: http://lacountymediahost.granicus.com/MediaPlayer.php?clip_id=9597

Co-Chair Report Out	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sylvia Gonzales-Youngblood updated the subcommittee regarding the co-chair visits to the various other stakeholder groups to present regarding Native history including the Black & African Heritage and the Faith Based Advocacy Council and SALT 8. • Sylvia also provided updates regarding the upcoming Community Leadership Team meeting and the annual MHSA update/public comment period in the end of March. • Kelly informed the subcommittee that she would be sending out a survey via Microsoft Forms for members to provide feedback on community engagement and ways to increase involvement. In addition, there will be a space for members to share what they would like to see more of in the UsCC meetings. • Belinda recommended that a one-page write up regarding the UsCC be developed and shared. Kelly to follow up. • Iva Maes shared regarding the presentation conducted by the Promoters and Sylvia recommended Iva present at a future AI/AN UsCC meeting.
Community Announcements & Resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Send any resources to Kelly via email (KeWilkerson@dmh.lacounty.gov) to be sent out to the listserv.
Closing Prayer	<p>Charlotte Lujan ended the meeting with Prayer.</p>
Audio Recording	<p>All meeting audio recordings and minutes 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"> • 4/6/22, 5/4/22, 6/1/22, 7/6/22, 8/3/22, 9/7/22 <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>