

**Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health  
Stakeholder Engagement Unit  
Black & African Heritage Underserve Cultural Communities (UsCC) Subcommittee Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, April 27, 2022, 2-4 pm**

WELCOME

**Introductions/Check-In**

**Approval of Minutes:**

- March 17, 2022 minutes - approved by Wendy Cabril and second by Nakeya Fields

**DMH Updates**

- Working on getting all the projects those approved (For all UsCC's groups)
- Capacity Building Projects have been increased to \$350,000
- Looking at the procedures we've been using in the past and how to identify the projects within each group.
- MHSA Team plans to incorporate a monthly training to cover internal and external process related to MHSA and the three year plan. To ensure that the community understands the process better.

**Black Mental Health Task Force: *Nakeya Fields/Imani Bradley***

- Awarded the Minding our Village Elders and the Empowering Black Family Series of Events, which has ended.
- Transitioning to finishing up the Minding our Village Elders.
- Trained 15 peer community service leaders which are now in the community providing workshops both virtually and in-person. Providing two workshops every week until the end of May.
- If you have any questions or would like your flyers distributed please feel free to contact Nakeya.
- There is a policy work group that meet every other Tuesday, led by Rayshell Chambers of Painted Brain.
- Working on CalAIM and CARE Court, making sure equity and fairness is involved in the development.
- AAImm Maternal Mental Health support group every fourth Wednesday, there is an art therapy component.

**African Coalition Update: *Senait Admassu***

- Immigrant and refugee communities' surveys have been completed, only a few surveys were received.
- The pandemic made it difficult to locate spaces in-person to do some of these workshops.
- We've been able to meet the minimum requirements of two and it's been averaging, about six participants per workshop.

**Update on proposed Capacity Building Projects:**

- Sow's are currently being completed for the following projects:
- Black Maternal Health & Early Childhood Intervention Empowerment Project
  - Strengthening Community Connections for Black Men – Boys Project
  - The Seeker Project (Artificial Intelligence Conversations)

**New Capacity Building Project Ideas:**

- The Black Maternal Health and Early Childhood Intervention Empowerment Project - is pending reference quotes.
- Strengthening Community Connections for Black Men and Boys Project - was submitted in the system on April 22<sup>nd</sup>. Destiny will keep you posted on when both of those go out for solicitation.
- The Artificial Intelligence Conversation Project - statement of work has been completed and now being reviewed.
- Discussion regarding peer to peer, to outreach and engage the peer community as well as provide resource, social support, mentor program for the youth and finding strategies to increase membership in the BAH meeting as well as other community meetings, using the SALT, UsCC, and Cultural Competency Committee meeting.

**Community Engagement (Public Comment):**

- Discussion on how proposals go through approval process.
- Subcommittee members discussed the RFP process, certain policy requirements and purchase order process.

**Announcements:**

- We have a newly elected Co-Chair Romalis Taylor

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**Upcoming Meetings** (third Thursday of the month, 2-4pm):  
6/16/22; 7/21/22; 8/18/22; 9/15/22; 10/20/22; 11/17/22; 12/15/22

[Click here to join the meeting](#)

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