

Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health
Administrative Operations
API Subcommittee Meeting Minutes
May 23, 2022, 2:00pm – 4:00pm

Present: Dr. Ann Marie Yamada; Dr. Anna Lee, Belinda Rabano, Eddy Gana, Eric Hernandez, Jin Bae, Joseph Sanchez, Julie Matsumoto, Kishen Bera, Kishen Bera, Melisa Acoba, Patricia Oh, Pastor Peter Kim, Paul Kang, Payal Sawhney, Phaly Sam, Richer San, Shane Villanueva, Sheetal Ayyathan, Sithea San

Bo - Cambodian Interpreter
 Sung - Korean Interpreter
DMH Admin: Dr. Luis Guzman

Agenda Items	Comments/Discussion/Recommendations/Conclusions
Welcome & Introductions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Subcommittee Members, Housekeeping, Attendance, Co-Chairs
Review of Meeting Minutes:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Motion by Payal Sawhney to approve and seconded by Mariko Khan
API Mental Health Guest Speakers	<p>A. API UsCC hosted three guest speakers in honor of API Heritage & Mental Health Awareness month.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Connie Chung Joe, JD, is the Chief Executive Officer of Asian Americans Advancing Justice – Los Angeles (Advancing Justice – LA), the nation’s largest legal and civil rights organization for Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians, and Pacific Islanders. Connie was also the co-chair of A3PCON’s Mental Health Subcommittee. She served as the co-chair for 2 years with the API Domestic Violence Task Force of Los Angeles County, co-founded the API Human Trafficking Task Force of LA County ○ Payal Sawhney (MHA, MSW, LCSW) is a licensed Mental Health practitioner with over 20 years of experience. She has worked in various hospitals in various cities in the fields of Mental Health. Her focus is on community projects for prevention of mental illness and enhancement of well-being in the South Asian community ○ Emily Wu Truong previously served as the Chair of the Asian Coalition working with the Empowerment & Advocacy Division of LA County Department of Mental Health (LACDMH). She is a mental health advocate passionate about sharing her story of resilience and hope with individuals overcoming mental health challenges. She is an

	<p>award-winning speaker for mental health awareness and is also known as the "Lady in Green" for her stylish green fashion statement as the lime green ribbon stands for mental health awareness.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Community engaged in Q&A with speakers still present
MHSA Process / Changes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● DMH is committed to improving the MHSA stakeholder process as current process is not working or serving the API community well ● Changes discussed include following up / closing the loop with the community in terms of what was done with feedback community provided (level of progress) ● Focus will be on accountability and transparency ● Checklist with issues community has identified for DMH to address will be shared during each monthly UsCC meeting with the community and updated as appropriate ● Dr. Guzman discussed some examples of issues that the API community has shared previously that will be on the checklist ● Community was encouraged to shared potential solutions that DMH can take to address the issues identified ● Additional API languages have been added for interpreter services at the MHC meetings ● Dr. Guzman is in the process of creating and rolling out youth version of all the current UsCCs
Open Discussion on non-agenda items	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Community suggested better assessment of intergenerational and history trauma when working with API consumers ● Workforce issue continues to be a significant barrier for API community to receive services ● Budget for each UsCC has been increased starting July 1, 2022 ● SALT 5 will have API guest speakers in honor of AAPI Heritage month at next meeting
DMH Announcements/Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● None reported - Meeting Adjourned

Upcoming Meeting: June 27, 2022