

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

Welcome/Introductions

Present: Nicole Kristal, Bill Sive, Greg Wilson, Merry Meyers, Ana Bernal, Mikey Fields, Bobby Dillard, Addison Rose Vincent, Cynthia Ruffin, Hector Ramirez, James McLendon, Rex Wilde, Sharon Chapman, Rebecca Gitlin, Andrea Aoun

Presenters: Shannon Rivers and Sylvia Gonzalez-Youngblood

DMH Admin: Kelly Wilkerson, Destiny Walker, Angel Baker, Rosario Ribleza

Getting To Know You – Rex Wilde shared about himself.

May 2022 Meeting Minutes – Meeting minutes approved (first-Mikey Fields, second-Addison Rose Vincent).

DMH Updates (Kelly Wilkerson)

- Kelly provided an update regarding the Youth Advisory Council. Dr. Luis Guzman will be attending the July meeting to provide a larger update.
- Co-chair elections – there were two individuals nominated that were interested in running for co-chair (Mikey Fields and Ana Bernal). Since Nicole’s term is ending in August, a recommendation was made to have the two nominees act as substitute co-chairs over the next two months and then revisit co-chair elections in August (Ana volunteered for this current meeting and Mikey for the July meeting).

AI/AN UsCC Co-Chairs – Presentation

- Shannon Rivers and Sylvia Gonzalez-Youngblood, co-chairs for the American Indian/Alaska Native UsCC, presented regarding the First Nations Fact Sheet.
- Kelly to share the Fact Sheet via email with subcommittee members.

Capacity Building Projects Areas of Focus – Brainstorm

- Kelly reviewed the projects that had been done in the past and will share via email as well.
- Discussion on areas of focus:
 - Ace/Aromantic community
 - API community
 - Bisexual community (all races)
 - Black transfeminine community
 - Climate survey
 - Consumers
 - Disabled/neurodivergent community
 - Faith-based communities
 - Intergenerational transgender community (all races)

- Intersecting identities
 - Intimate partner violence
 - Latinx community
 - Lesbian community
 - LGBTQIA2-S Mental Health Summit
 - MHSa Stakeholder Academy
 - Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls, and Two Spirit (MMIWG2-S) community
 - Sex workers
 - Theater of the oppressed
 - Trans and gender diverse youth and young adults with a focus on low income, people of color, and indigenous communities
 - Transfeminine/trans women community
 - Two-spirit folks within the American Indian/Alaska Native/Hawaiian Native/First Nations communities
 - Undocumented Queer youth
- Kelly to send out a ranking request to members with voting privileges. After that is finalized, Kelly will send out the results and a request for proposals via email. Proposals will be shared starting with the July meeting.

General Announcements/Resources

- Cynthia Ruffin shared regarding upcoming events at The AMAAD Institute including Summit for Our Tribes on 6/29. Contact Cynthia for more info: cynthia@amaad.org
- Mikey Fields announced that In the Meantime's Pride event will take place on 6/19 from 2-5pm. Please email Mikey for more info: mikey.itmt@yahoo.com
- Nicole Kristal shared regarding a Bi+ community event taking place on 6/18 from 9am-4pm. Email Nicole for more info: nicole@stillbi.org
- 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): 7/7/22, 8/4/22, 9/1/22, 10/6/22, 11/3/22

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