

LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH
Stakeholder Engagement Unit
American Indian / Alaska Native (AI/AN) UsCC Subcommittee Meeting Minutes
 June 1, 2022
 2pm – 4pm via Microsoft TEAMS

Present: Sylvia Gonzales-Youngblood, Shannon Rivers, Hector Ramirez, Robyn Gomez, Gabriel Pimentel, Nikki Crow, April Skinas, Farrah Ferris, Bridget Garcia Vera, Elena Nourrie, Jessica Mosher, George Funmaker, Ravena Soto, Charlotte Lujan, Yue Hua Xu (Vicky), Iva Maes, Stephanie Mushrush, Harrelson Notah, Toni Craigs-Thomas

DMH Admin: Kelly Wilkerson

Agenda Items	Discussion
Welcome, Prayer & Introductions	Meeting opened with prayer. Members were asked to introduce themselves.
Meeting Minutes	May 2022 minutes were reviewed and approved (first – Hector Ramirez, second – Sylvia Gonzales-Youngblood).
Co-Chair Report Out	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sylvia provided an update to the subcommittee regarding the letter that was sent to the Mayor of Long Beach regarding the Lincoln Penny Monument that was erected in Downtown Long Beach. • Sylvia and Shannon shared regarding their visits to other stakeholder groups to present the First Nations Fact Sheet. They are attending the LGBTQIA2-S UsCC meeting on 6/2/22. • Kelly provided clarification regarding the Youth Advisory Council which is being developed by Angel Baker and Luis Guzman. Luis will attend a future meeting and provide more information.
AI/AN Needs Assessment – Presentation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Elena Nourrie from Indigenous Circle of Wellness presented an overview of the AI/AN Needs Assessment Capacity Building Project including outcomes. • More information can be found on the subcommittee website at: http://file.lacounty.gov/SDSInter/dmh/1123611_AI-ANCommunityMentalHealthNeedsAssessmentFinalSummary.pdf • If interested in learning more, contact Elena at elena@icowellness.com.

<p>Current State of Education and the Importance of Advocacy</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sylvia provided an overview on the current state of education and the importance of advocacy, including Assembly Bill 1703 (California Indian Education Act: Bill Text - AB-1703 California Indian Education Act: California Indian Education Task Forces.
<p>Capacity Building Projects – Brainstorm</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Previously discussed possible capacity building project ideas for fiscal year 2022-2023 including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Elders PSAs and/or bus advertising Storytelling (intergenerational/multigenerational) Summit focused on education, advocacy, disabilities, homelessness, etc. Project focused on age 0-5 Revisit projects presented by API UsCC at past meetings (Saahas for Cause and Rocco Cheng) Create a film that provides resources to community members related to understanding your lineage and how to connect with your community (i.e. American Indian 101) Resource fair offering art therapy Ad hoc brainstorming sessions taking place on 6/10/22 and 6/17/22 for anyone interested. Kelly to summarize feedback shared at those sessions prior to the July meeting. The goal will be to finalize project ideas at the July and August meetings.
<p>Community Announcements & Resources</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> George Funmaker and Stephanie Mushrush provided an update regarding the status of the Lincoln Penny Monument in Long Beach including the petition. Bridget Garcia Vera shared that the final Wellness Gathering will take place in person at ASU on 6/25/22. Kelly previously emailed the flyer to the subcommittee. Send any resources to Kelly via email (KeWilkerson@dmh.lacounty.gov) to be sent out to the listserv.
<p>Closing Prayer</p>	<p>Stephanie Mushrush ended the meeting with Prayer.</p>
<p>Audio Recording</p>	<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>
<p>Next Meetings:</p>	<p><u>Next Meetings (first Wednesday of the month, all meetings 2-4pm):</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7/6/22, 8/3/22, 9/7/22, 10/5/22, 11/2/22 <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>