

**LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH
ADMINISTRATIVE OPERATIONS
Latino UsCC SUBCOMMITTEE MINUTES**

July 19, 2022
2:00PM – 4:00PM

Attendees: Alicia Llamas, Ayana Rose, Betty Marín, Betty Mendoza, Britney Flores, Cirilo Garcia, Daniela Hernandez, Eugenia Cervantes, Gabriela Garcia, Gabriela Gonzalez, Gabriela Velasquez, Gloria Leonard, Gypsie Vasquez-Ayala, Hector Ramirez, Jesse Vasquez, Joaquin Lopez, Jose Guevara, Joseph Sanchez, Julie Matsumoto, Laura Kerr, Liliana Lepe, Maria Arauco, Maria Ortiz, Martha Cota, Martha Osorio-Canseco, Martin Almanza, Maria Zamora, Mercedes Moreno, Michael Cook, Mireya Zárate, Nora Maldonado, Patricia Moya, Patricia Veliz-Macal, Sara Mijares, Veronica Monge, Victoria Lopez, Yolanda Becerra-Jones

DMH Staff: Kelly Wilkerson

Interpreters: Claudia, Alex & Lucy Ferraez Rivero

Agenda Items	Comments/Discussion/Recommendations/Conclusions
Welcome & Introductions – Subcommittee Members	A. Housekeeping, Attendance Each attendee (On Microsoft TEAMS and on phone) introduced themselves
Review of Meeting Minutes	A. Tabled
Capacity Building Project Brainstorming	<p>A. Overview</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. DMH just finalized new version of capacity building project guidelines ii. New guidelines will be finalized in the next two weeks iii. capacity building projects are designed for outreach and engagement for increasing knowledge about mental illness, increasing access to mental health resources, and identifying gaps in service delivery iv. \$350,000 available for Capacity Building Projects per Fiscal Year <p>B. Brainstorming</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Community shared ideas for capacity-building projects ii. Areas of focus mentioned a project focused on that Latin American Indigenous community iii. Additional ideas included focusing on strengthening families of children with special needs by providing education around potential mental health issues the children may face and engaging in stigma reduction to increase help-seeking behavior iv. Community member shared about having a project helping youth become mental health ambassadors to reduce mental health stigma v. Outreach and sacred circles with the concept of healing, renewing every day, healing, and renewing from head to toes starting with mental health and all of the physical was also proposed vi. Folklore traditions from different countries. That's also a way to express yourself in a direct way. Focus would be on stigma reduction in adults and high school youth and would include folklore, dancing and music that can be implemented. vii. Recommendation was shared by several community members to focus on creating a project to help provide education to parents of children with mental health issues, particularly those with SMI
<p>988 Suicide & Mental Health Crisis Line</p>	<p>A. Overview</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> viii. 988 is the new national suicide and mental health crisis hotline ix. Hotline went live on Saturday July 16, 2022, and is being administered by Did Hirsch for Los Angeles County x. Individuals who call will be connected to a psychologist or counselor that [is] trained to deal with mental health crisis

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> xi. If they determine that it is not enough to provide help over the phone, there will be a team of psychiatrists that can go to their homes. <p>B. Community Feedback/Questions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> xii. Community members shared concern about Spanish/linguistic capacity not being enough to meet needs of Latino community xiii. Questions regarding follow-up for people calling the hotline as well as whether lack of health insurance will be barrier for those people to get treatment if needed xiv. Concerns about immigration status of caller stopping people from calling when in crisis (and questions about whether they will be asked immigration status when calling) xv. Request for PSAs or wider dissemination of new 988 line for Latino community and youth xvi. Community is requesting presentation by DMH/Did Hirsch on 988
LAC DMH Mental Health Service Act Timeline FY 22-23	A. Tabled
DMH/Community Announcements:	<p>B. Items Not on the Agenda</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. DMH has a support group for parents, grandparents or anyone who is with an adolescent at home. Groups discuss needs that parents with children with mental health problems have, including if they have problems at school or any other problems they may have <p>C. DMH Updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. None
Next Meeting	<p>August 16, 2022, from 2:00 pm – 4:00pm Virtual Venue: Microsoft TEAMS</p>