

**Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health
Stakeholder Engagement Unit
LGBTQIA2-S UsCC Subcommittee Meeting Minutes
Thursday September 1, 2022, 2-4 pm**

Welcome/Introductions

Present: Bill Sive, Mikey Fields, Jose Guevara, Yael Wyte, JavonTae Wilson, Maria Garcia, Gregory Canillas, Rex Wilde, Greg Wilson, Shawn Griffin, Bobby Dillard, Ana Bernal, Rebecca Gitlin, Eden Luna, Adam Isaac Ebert, Merry Meyers, Ayana Rose, riKu Matsuda, Yue Hua Xu (Vicky), Cynthia Ruffin, Andrea Aoun

DMH Admin: Kelly Wilkerson, Sandra Chang

Getting To Know You – Bobby Dillard shared about himself.

August 2022 Meeting Minutes – Meeting minutes approved (first-Bill Siv, second-Greg Wilson).

Speakers Bureau Conference – Presentation (Dr. Sandra Chang, ARDI Division)

- Dr. Chang presented regarding the upcoming Speakers Bureau Conference in December.
- Potential workshop topics were discussed:
 - Intersectional identities
 - Spanish speaking workshop focused on transgender and non-binary identities (possible presenter Eden Luna)
 - Asexual/aromantic 101 (possible presenter ACE LA)
 - What would mental health look like in 2040
 - Self-connection as a tool for recovery in mental health from a trans-non-binary perspective (possible presenter Rex Wilde)

Capacity Building Projects – Vendor Updates

- Shawn Griffin provided an update regarding the What We Think Project – in the process of recruiting cohort members, some challenges around recruitment.
- Adam Isaac Ebert from Blu Fable and Dr. Gregory Canillas from Soul to Soul Global provided an update regarding the Griot Project – currently in the recruitment phase, cohort should begin this month.

Understanding Alzheimers and Dementia and the LGBTQ Community – Panel Presentation (Yael Wyte and Bill Sive)

- Yael Wyte from the Alzheimer’s Association and Bill Sive from the Gay Elder Circle presented information regarding Alzheimers and Dementia, in particular amongst the LGBTQIA2-S community.

General Announcements/Resources

- Cynthia Ruffin shared regarding upcoming events at The AMAAD Institute including a movie screening.
- Ana Bernal shared updates for Q Youth Foundation and will share via email as well.
- Eden Luna shared regarding an upcoming job fair for trans and non-binary community members.
- Merry Meyers shared that she is looking for research focused on the impacts of transphobia in schools on trans youth, as well as the economic impacts of racism and homophobia.
- 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): 10/6/22, 11/3/22, 1/5/23, 2/2/23, 3/2/23

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