

**Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health
Stakeholder Engagement Unit**

**Black & African Heritage Underserved Cultural Communities (UsCC) Subcommittee Meeting Minutes
Thursday, September 15, 2022, 2-4 pm**

WELCOME

Introductions/Check-In

Co-Chairs: Romalis Taylor and Sade Richardson

Attendees: Jason Armond, Wendy Cabil, Pastor CJ, Kevin Collins, Michael Cook, Carlene Davis, Jo Ann Freeman, Shalae Lewis, Harold Turner, Nia Bailey, Reba, Joyce Sales, Senait Admassu, Erica Melbourne, Nakeya Fields, Andrew Williams Jr

DMH Admin: Angel Baker, Donald Daughtry, Destiny Walker, Jacqueline Martin, and Kelly Wilkerson

DMH Presenters: Dr. Tolu Wuraola, Heather Jue Northover

Approval of Minutes:

- August 18, 2022, Minutes approved with correction by Wendy Cabil and second by Romalis Taylor

DMH Updates

- DMH preparing for community planning taking place on 9/23 and 9/30 with CLT members and selected staff within the department. We will have more updates for you next month.

Life Links Resources Book

- Still a work in progress.

ARDI (State of Black LA Report Community Outreach/Engagement) Presentation: Dr. Tolu Wuraola, Heather Jue Northover

- Report focuses on the areas: physical and mental health, education, employment, law enforcement and justice, housing and homelessness
- Who is Black LA? Where is Black LA? What are some issues that are important to Black LA?
- Black Angelinos, how we fare compared to other ethnic groups in the county
- Future directions and also next steps to integrate feedback received through initial touchpoints
- Report on a regular basis to ensure the root issues causing inequity in our communities are actually being addressed

Update for 21-22 Capacity Building Projects: Kelly Wilkerson

- Artificial Intelligence, in process of order approvals
- Black Maternal Health and Early Childhood Intervention Project, awarded to Nakeya and team, vendor meeting 9/19/22
- Black Men and Boys, Serum creatinine implemented

Update for 22-23 Capacity Building Projects Proposals (SOW Status): Kelly Wilkerson

- Drafting up the SOWs for 22-23 projects

VI. Presentation of BAH UsCC New Flyers: Sade Richardson/Jacqueline Martin

- Flyer created to invite community members to participate in the BAH monthly meetings
- Two designs, one appeal to our young adults and the other representing family
- Once finalized, to be sent to subcommittee members, SALTs, CLTs and other UsCCs to spread the word

VII. Would You Like to be a Volunteer Presenter?: Romalis Taylor

- Opportunity and voice to those that are members of this organization to come to meetings and give a 15 minute presentation on supportive services, mental health services, or other community events, concerns etc.
- A forum
- Must submit a proposal of the presentation to BAH liaison

Community Engagement (Public Comment):

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Announcements:

- SALT 6 December 3rd holiday event. Planning meetings for event are every Tuesday, 4pm-5pm

Community Event Announcements

Upcoming Meetings (third Thursday of the month, 2-4pm):
6/16/22; 7/21/22; 8/18/22; 9/15/22; 10/20/22; 11/3/22; 12/1/22

[Click here to join the meeting](#)

323-776-6996, Conference ID: 101 721 830#
