

**Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health
Stakeholder Engagement Unit
LGBTQIA2-S UsCC Subcommittee Meeting Minutes
Thursday October 6, 2022, 2-4 pm**

Welcome/Introductions

Present: Ana Bernal, Mikey Fields, Nicole Kristal, Bill Sive, Merry Meyers, JavonTae Wilson, Addison Rose Vincent, Cynthia Ruffin, Hector Ramirez, Rex Wilde, Eden Luna, Erwin Gutierrez, Shawn Griffin, Queen Chela Demuir, Robert Flores, Jennifer Jiries, Sharon Chapman, Rebecca Gitlin, Yue Hua Xu (Vicky)

DMH Admin: Kelly Wilkerson

Getting To Know You – Queen Chela Demuir shared about herself.

September 2022 Meeting Minutes – Meeting minutes approved (first-Nicole Kristal, second-Cynthia Ruffin).

LGBTQ+ Champion Network – Update (Dr. Rebecca Gitlin, ARDI Division)

- Rebecca provided updates regarding the LACDMH LGBTQ+ Champion Network including the structure, application process, and timeline.
- Hector recommended that DMH utilize some of its MHSA WET funding to support this effort. Kelly to provide that feedback to DMH leadership.
- For feedback or questions, contact Rebecca at RGitlin@dmh.lacounty.gov.

Current and Future Capacity Building Projects & Speakers Bureau Conference –Update

- Kelly provided updates regarding the capacity building projects currently being implemented, as well as the status of the upcoming projects.
- Kelly also provided an update regarding the Speakers Bureau Conference in December. Numerous proposals were received from subcommittee members and other community members focused on the LGBTQIA2-S community. Rebecca and Kelly will be facilitating an intergenerational panel for that conference and TAY/youth panelists are still needed. Email Kelly with any suggestions (KeWilkerson@dmh.lacounty.gov).

Brainstorm Topics – Group Discussion

- Building Membership & Strategies for Recruitment
 - Highlight and share re: Community Action Fund (CAF)
 - Word of mouth – invite a friend, colleague, etc.
- Building UsCC Website – types of materials to include
 - Resource listing
- Potential Community Partners to Present on Topics/Resources (future meetings)

- Local orgs present on programming/topics for discussion
 - The Clubhouse (JavonTae)
 - Muslim LGBTQIA org
 - CalAIM
 - Recruitment of new LACDMH Director
 - MMIWG
 - Charles Drew
 - UWC
 - Care Court
 - 988 updates
 - Vaccine equity related to monkeypox vaccine
 - Transgender Week of Awareness & TDOR (11/20)
 - National Trans Visibility March – West Hollywood, 10/31-11/5, Blossom Brown, Queen Victoria – awards
 - Local/state/national implications of the elections – impact on community
 - Laurel Foundation (in prep for December)
- Upcoming Open House Events/Plan Meet and Greet
- Upcoming Local and National Awareness (National Coming Out Day, World Mental Health Awareness Day, LGBTQ+ History Month, etc.)
 - World AIDS Day

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): 11/3/22, 1/5/23, 2/2/23, 3/2/23

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Meeting recordings and minutes can be found at <https://dmh.lacounty.gov/about/mhsa/uscc/lgbtqia2-s-uscc/lgbtqia2-s-uscc-meeting-minutes/>