

**Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health
Stakeholder Engagement Unit
LGBTQIA2-S UsCC Subcommittee Meeting Minutes
Thursday November 3, 2022, 2-4 pm**

Welcome/Introductions

Present: Mikey Fields, Bill Sive, Greg Wilson, Merry Meyers, Addison Rose Vincent, Cynthia Ruffin, Hector Ramirez, Rex Wilde, Alex Salazar, Queen Chela DeMuir, Robert Flores, Kevin Perez, Coyote Park, Gabriel Uhuru, Laura Minero, Benjamin Carlton, Sharon Chapman, Rebecca Gitlin, Yue Hua Xu (Vicky), Andrea Aoun

DMH Admin: Kelly Wilkerson

Getting To Know You – Coyote Park shared about himself.

October 2022 Meeting Minutes – Meeting minutes approved (first-Bill Sive, second-Cynthia Ruffin).

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.
 - The Griot Project – currently wrapping up phase 3 and developing the narrative videos.
 - The Panthera Project – Gabriel will provide an update later in the meeting.
 - What We Think Project- currently in phase 3 and conducting the cohort meetings.
 - Black LGBTQ+ Community Outreach & Engagement Project – currently in phase 3 and conducting the cohort meetings.
 - Bi+ Affirming Mentorship and Storytelling Lab – first draft of Statement of Work submitted for review.
 - Transforming Community Care: API LGBTQ+ Mental Health and Wellness Project – first draft of Statement of Work submitted for review.
 - Proyecto Mariposa Monarca – first draft of Statement of Work submitted for review.
 - Two-Spirit Storytelling Project – Statement of Work being developed.
- Kelly shared a reminder that the group voted to roll over the three additional proposals to next fiscal year, but that still leaves an opportunity for at least one more proposal to be considered. Brainstorming for that will begin in the new year.

The Panthera Project – Update (Gabriel Uhuru)

- The project has entered phase 3 and recruitment continues for Black transmasculine community members.
- Locations have been identified for the cohort meetings.
- They anticipate meetings to begin in late November.

Revisit/Update on Community Partners to Present

- Local orgs present on programming/topics for discussion
 - The Clubhouse (JavonTae Wilson) – WILL PRESENT IN JANUARY
 - Care Court – STEPHANIE WELCH FROM THE CA HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES AGENCY WILL BE PRESENTING AT THE DECEMBER AI/AN UsCC MEETING – ALL ARE WELCOME
 - 988 updates – JENNIFER HALLMAN FROM LACDMH WILL PRESENT AT A FUTURE MEETING
 - Laurel Foundation (in prep for December) – KELLY CONNECTED WITH MARGOT ANDERSON, THEIR CEO/FOUNDER, AND THEY ARE INTERESTED IN PARTICIPATING IN THE SUBCOMMITTEE
 - Benjamin Carlton – WILL PRESENT AT A FUTURE MEETING
 - Out4Mental Health Taskforce – KELLY TO REACH OUT TO NICOLE ABOUT A POSSIBLE PRESENTATION
 - GALAS – KELLY TO REACH OUT
 - Muslims for Progressive Values – KELLY TO REACH OUT

General Announcements/Resources

- Hector Ramirez shared regarding his recent trip to Sacramento to work on the MHSA process, there are some concerns the way that LGBTQIA2-S specific data is being presented to the Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission.
- Bill Sive is working on an event with Stanford University community health workers and is looking for a space to host a 3-hour event. Please email Bill at gayelderscircle@gmail.com with any opportunities.
- Cynthia Ruffin shared regarding upcoming events at The AMAAD Institute including Party with a Purpose and TDOR events. Kelly will share the flyer with the listserv.
- 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): 1/5/23, 2/2/23, 3/2/23, 4/6/23, 5/4/23, 6/1/23

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