

**Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health  
Stakeholder Engagement Unit  
LGBTQIA2-S UsCC Subcommittee Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, January 5, 2023, 2-4 pm**

**Welcome/Introductions**

**Present:** Ana Bernal, Mikey Fields, Bill Sive, Merry Meyers, Nicole Kristal, JavonTae Wilson, Addison Rose Vincent, Cynthia Ruffin, Hector Ramirez, Rex Wilde, Eden Luna, Alex Salazar, Kevin Perez, Brianna Hobson, Londa Alex, Vanessa (?), Rebecca Gitlin, Yue Hua Xu (Vicky), Andrea Aoun

**DMH Presenters:** Debbie Innes-Gomberg, Daiya Cunnane, Alex Elliott, Elaine Waldman, Hyun Kung Lee

**DMH Admin:** Kelly Wilkerson

**Getting To Know You** – Londa Alex shared about herself.

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

**ICCTM Reducing Disparities Learning Collaborative**

- DMH staff presented regarding the ICCTM Reducing Disparities Learning Collaborative.
- Background information was provided and the National Standards for Culturally and Linguistically Appropriate Services (CLAS) were shared.
- Subcommittee members were asked the following questions for feedback:
  - What comes to mind when transforming the culture of LACDMH?
  - What would that look like as it relates to improving the lives of people of various cultures who have mental illness? What recommendations do you have?
  - What are some unmet priority needs needed among the community and across the USCCs and CCC?
  - What types of trainings may be needed to increase LACDMH staff understanding and support of the community?
  - What are some good ways to have community stakeholders involved in this ICCTM project?
  - What community activities, interventions, or supports encourage mental wellness? For example, barber shops, libraries, spiritual events, etc.

**The Clubhouse Program – Presentation (JavonTae Wilson)**

- JavonTae presented regarding the Clubhouse Program
- [Home | The Club House Inc.](#)
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- [Club House | Facebook](#)
- Contact JavonTae for more information at [javontae.itmt@yahoo.com](mailto:javontae.itmt@yahoo.com)

### **Current and Future Capacity Building Projects – 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 in final phases, Community Forum scheduled for 2/1/23 from 7-9pm, Kelly to send out registration information.
  - The Panthera Project – currently in Phase 3, cohort meetings being conducted, Kelly to follow up with vendor.
  - What We Think Project – currently in Phase 3, cohort meetings being conducted, Kelly to follow up with vendor.
  - Black LGBTQ+ Community Outreach & Engagement Project – currently in Phase 3, cohort meetings being conducted, Kelly to follow up with vendor.
  - Bi+ Affirming Mentorship and Storytelling Lab – Statement of Work in last review with Deputy Director.
  - Transforming Community Care: API LGBTQ+ Mental Health and Wellness Project –Statement of Work submitted for review.
  - Proyecto Mariposa Monarca –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 coming months.

### **General Announcements/Resources**

- Hector Ramirez shared that the Year 3 CFCI Content Recommendation form is out for funding for program ideas LA County: [Year 3 CFCI Concept Recommendation Form \(arcgis.com\)](#)
- Cynthia Ruffin shared regarding the ongoing work of the Black Family Unity Project in collaboration with AMAAD, GrowURPotential, and Project Q. She also shared regarding upcoming events/programming at The AMAAD Institute including HIV.E, a TGI conference at the end of April, as well as the second annual Summit for Our Tribes in the summer.
- Send any other resources to Kelly via email ([KeWilkerson@dmh.lacounty.gov](mailto:KeWilkerson@dmh.lacounty.gov)) to be sent out to the listserv.

**Upcoming Meetings (first Thursday of the month, 2-4pm):** 2/2/23, 3/2/23, 4/6/23, 5/4/23, 6/1/23, 7/6/23, 8/3/23, 9/7/23, 10/5/23, 11/2/23

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