LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH Office of the Deputy Director of Strategic Communications

Access for All UsCC Subcommittee Minutes

November 9, 2022 10:00AM – 12:00PM Microsoft Teams Meeting

Attendees: Hector Ramirez, Cody Hanable, Junko Nagamatsu, Amy Kay, Alison

Freeman, Carey Grier, Martin Almanza, Maria Tan, Pamela Inaba, Peggie

Reyna, Jim T. Hatt, Alex Reynoso, Crystal Maldonado

Martha Ortiz, Alex Elliot, Angel Baker, John Flyn, Laura Kerr and Rosario

DMH: Ribleza

Mark Robinson and Richard Dickinson

Interpreter & Joann Captioner:

Agenda Items	Comments/Discussion/Recommendations/Conclusions
Welcome & Introductions - Subcommittee	Attendee Introductions: Attendees (On Microsoft Teams and on the phone) were encouraged to incorporate a description of themselves to be mindful of other attendees with disabilities: individuals with visual impairments who cannot see the computer screen, and those who cannot hear what is happening in the meeting.
Meeting Norms/Review of Code of Conduct – Co- Chair	Cody Hanable reviewed the Code of Conduct and Meeting Norms to the subcommittee.
Meeting Minutes: Review and Approval	Approval of Meeting Minutes September 14, 2022 - moved to approve by Dr. Alison Freeman, and seconded by Amy Kay.
Community and Accessibility Resources Alex Elliot	CalHOPE: Together for Wellness – Mental Health and Wellness Tips for Today We are a collaborative group of stakeholders across the state representing mental health services, nonprofits, academic institutions, health agencies, foundations and consumers. We've come together to help bring together a set of digital resources (like apps, websites, articles, and videos) that can help people through these challenging times.

Please check back soon for more updates. https://calhope.semel.ucla.edu/

Web Accessibility Initiative - How People with Disabilities Use the Web

This resource introduces how people with disabilities, including people with age-related impairments, use the Web. It describes tools and approaches that people with different kinds of disabilities use to browse the Web and the barriers they encounter due to poor design. It helps developers, designers, and others to understand the principles for creating accessible websites, web applications, browsers, and other web tools.

https://www.w3.org/WAI/people-use-web/

New mix-and-match computer accessories give people with disabilities easier ways to work and create

Microsoft Adaptive Accessories, a highly adaptable ecosystem that lets users customize their mouse, keyboard inputs and shortcuts. The accessories include the Adaptive Mouse, Adaptive Hub and Adaptive Buttons. The Microsoft Adaptive Accessories are intended to remove the barriers that traditional mice and keyboards may present to people with limited mobility. https://www.microsoft.com/en-us/accessibility/resources?rtc=1&activetab=pivot 1%3aprimaryr5

Microsoft Accessibility Resources and Training

Deepen your accessibility knowledge with these helpful resources, videos and both live and prerecorded training sessions.

https://www.microsoft.com/en-us/accessibility/resources?rtc=1&activetab=pivot_1%3aprimaryr5

This researcher builds 'cool stuff for blind people.' He's also trying to help transform society -PBS Article

The world is studded with tools to navigate life, but those resources – from the schedule posted at your local bus stop to the cellphone in your pocket – aren't always accessible for people with disabilities. They may be forced to spend extra time, energy or money to access the same information or experiences as non-disabled people. Inventor Joshua Miele says it doesn't have to be that way.. https://www.pbs.org/newshour/science/how-this-innovator-is-making-sure-the-tech-that-drives-daily-life-doesnt-leave-out-people-with-disabilities

LA County Department of Mental Health Resources:

Special collections of resources are organized by topic below: https://dmh.lacounty.gov/resources/

Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health Community Resources & Information https://dmh.lacounty.gov/our-services/ee/resources/
Annoucement of the 3rd Co-Chair

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Hector Ramirez announced that Dr. Alison Freeman is the 3rd Co-Chair for Access for All UsCC.

DMH Update

A. ADA Program

- Angel Baker and Alex Elliot are working together on developing an effective ADA program within the organization.
- o The plan is to bring a consultant to help DMH develop the ADA program.
- o DMH is now in the process of reassessing facilities to ensure that they are ADA compliant.
- o Coordinate with the Human Resources (HR) Unit and the Los Angeles County HR to ensure that technology is available for each employee within the organization that requires ADA services.
- There is a newly hired Chief Information Officer to work on improving DMH website and make it more ADA accessible.
- o CalMHSA hired a new marketing firm called, "Rescue" to put together some campaigns and proposals, incorporating ADA requirements.
- Angel reached out to CEO's Office asking to bring back together the group of coordinators from County departments to work together on ADA program. Still waiting for updates.
- o There is a plan of creating Disability Unit within DMH to ensure the Department's full compliance.
- Angel and the team plan to establish a 5-6 people subcommittee to review the documentation that will be provided by the "Rescue" marketing firm. Anyone who is interested to be a member of the subcommittee was invited to join the subcommittee.
- B. Life Link Book Resources available in paper and on website

 Access for All UsCC subcommittee expressed their interest to have Life Link Books for the disabled community

C. Hiring

- o Executive Director not hiring yet
- Executive Assistant Keana Fuentes, should be starting in 30-60 days. Her responsibility is 100 percent for Mental Health Commission
- UsCC will be under ARDI Division
 Hector expressed his disagreement to have UsCC be under ARDI/CCC. Angel will share his concerns with the DMH management.

2. Capacity Building Projects

Domestic Violence Task Force Update- Peggie Reyna

Peggie Reyna

- Peace Over Violence (POV) will be providing face to face training to individuals who are blind, deaf and hard of hearing, and physically disabled with the assistance of the co-facilitators.
- o There will be Spanish co-facilitators
- POV is looking for co-facilitators for the physically disabled group, and asked the subcommittee to spread the word. Potential volunteers: Hector Ramirez, Laura Kerr, and Junko Nagamatsu.

	 Everyone was encouraged to assist them in developing an up-to-date Resource Guide for the blind, deaf and hard of hearing, and physically disabled.
2022-2023 Capacity Building Projects	Top Four Voted Capacity Building Projects for FY 2022-2023 1. Workshop for ASL Interpreters
SOW Preparation: Discussion	 Pilot Program: Introduction of American Sign Language (ASL) to Middle and High School Students Peers Training for Employability and Self- Advocacy Mental Health Specialist: Training for Peers
Subcommittte Members	Subcommittee's Proposals for Statement of Works (SOW) Discuss the details of the projects with the proposers Have a conversation with ISD staff and educate them on how the Capacity Building Projects are designed and for them to develop a more appropriate way of selecting the right vendors to implement the projects. Create a larger pool of vendors who can serve the disabled community Need for more workforce development Develop flyers to encourage different agencies/CBOs to join Access for All UsCC subcommittee, and train them to become vendors
Discussion on Mental Health Assessment Results	Comments on the Results of the Mental Health Needs Assesments for the Blind, Deaf and Hard of Hearing, and Physically Disabled
Subcommittee	 Lack of Involvement from the actual stakeholders Painted Brain does not have enough background on the deaf, hard of hearing and physical disabilities, but there was no other vendors bid to implement the project. Project was not well marketed – not a lot of outreach to the disabled population Not sure if participants were really deaf or blind because they were not on camera No need to have these assessments because the gaps are already known.
	 Angel Baker's Comments Moving forward, the County is going to administer the Needs Assessment for the entire County. She will reach out to ISD and discuss a better process for solicitation. DMH contracts with out of state vendors as long as they have resources and capability to come to California. Presentation can also be done virtually Asked Dr. Freeman to send the Deaf and Hard of Hearing vendors' information from Alabama and Minnesota
Announcements/ Public Comments	Subcommittee voted to have a meeting on December 14, 2022.
Next Meeting	Next meeting is on January 11 2023 – 10:00 am – 12:00 noon / Recording & Transcriptions at DMH website

Recorded Meeting for 11/9/22

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