

LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH
Stakeholder Engagement Unit
American Indian / Alaska Native (AI/AN) UsCC Subcommittee Meeting Minutes
February 1, 2023
2pm – 4pm via Microsoft TEAMS

Present: Sylvia Gonzales-Youngblood, Shannon Rivers, Hector Ramirez, Gabriel Pimentel, Nikki Crow, Jessica Mosher, Pamela Inaba, Johnathan Bloodwolf Lopez, Sonja Wright, Toni Craigs-Thomas, Yue Hua Xu (Vicky), Stephanie Mushrush

DMH Admin: Kelly Wilkerson

Agenda Items	Discussion
Welcome, Prayer Land Acknowledgment & Introductions	Meeting opened with prayer. Members were asked to introduce themselves.
Meeting Minutes	January 2023 minutes were reviewed and approved (first – Sylvia Gonzales-Youngblood, second – Jessica Mosher).
Co-Chair Report Out	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Co-chairs updated the subcommittee regarding the ongoing development of the Community Planning Process and MHSA stakeholder platform, including the upcoming CLT meetings focused on stakeholder proposals. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Recommendation to invite a Native elder to participate in the meetings. ○ Suggestion to explore more inclusive virtual options where those joining virtually can provide feedback and ask questions. • Co-chairs provided an update on the Los Angeles County Commission on the Aging (LACCOA) input sessions and the feedback shared by UsCC members. • Recent Board motion regarding land acknowledgments. There is a need for further discussions focused on the meaning behind the acknowledgments, so it is not just performative. Land Acknowledgment – COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES (lacounty.gov) • Greater Los Angeles Homeless County recently took place. LAHSA Releases 2022 Greater Los Angeles Homeless Count Results

<p>MHSA Special Projects – Proposal Review</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Subcommittee reviewed PEI proposals that were developed by this subcommittee back in 2017. • Subcommittee will move forward with creating a smaller workgroup to look further at these proposals and also add new ideas. • Goal to form workgroup ASAP so proposals/ideas can be shared prior to CLT on 2/17. • Stephanie Mushrush and Jessica Mosher expressed interest in participating in the workgroup.
<p>ICCTM Learning Collaborative</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kelly provided an update regarding the ICCTM Learning Collaborative presentation that took place at the December meeting. • Collaborative members invited any interested subcommittee members to participate as part of the Collaborative. • Charlotte Lujan expressed interest in participating. Sylvia to submit her name.
<p>Dates for Summit</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kelly to send out a survey to gather dates and venues.
<p>Capacity Building Projects – Updates/ Discussion</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kelly provided updates regarding the current capacity building projects. • Nikki Crow provided an update regarding the AI/AN Youth Academy. • Previously shared ideas: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Sustainability/garden project (H.E.A.L. healthy eating and living - Iva) – community garden ○ Film festival - native youth or filmmakers, independent ○ Bazaar/community fair - series of them throughout the year, beading and artsy ○ Language/cultural immersion project ○ Recorded stories project - resend John's link, interviews of Native people • New ideas: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Two-spirit focused project, in particular TAY community members (meeting space, resources, housing, employment, sex trafficking, education, criminal justice) ○ Elder mental health support project ○ Native youth classes that lead into film – focus on mental health (media workshop series), connect with Illuminative ○ Healing the Soul Wound (book) – project focused on suicide in Native communities ○ Food as medicine project (sage, herbs, sweetgrass, etc.) – connected to garden project • Recommendation for all new project to work with the local tribes. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ AICC has relationships with local tribes and can help make that connection.
<p>Community Announcements & Resources & Updates</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Send any resources to Kelly via email (KeWilkerson@dmh.lacounty.gov) to be sent out to the listserv.

Closing Prayer	Meeting closed with Prayer.
Audio Recording	<p>All meeting audio recordings and minutes are available on the DMH website: https://dmh.lacounty.gov/about/mhsa/uscc/american-indian-alaska-native-ai-an-uscc/american-indian-alaska-native-ai-an-uscc-meeting-minutes/</p>
Next Meetings:	<p><u>Next Meetings (first Wednesday of the month, all meetings 2-4pm):</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3/1/23, 4/5/23, 5/3/23, 6/7/23 <p>Join Microsoft Teams Meeting; 323-776-6996, Conference ID: 806 867 419# CART is provided for all meetings: www.streamtext.net/player?event=UsCC-AIAN</p>