

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

Welcome/Introductions

Present: Ana Bernal, Mikey Fields, Bill Sive, Merry Meyers, Nicole Kristal, Addison Rose Vincent, Cynthia Ruffin, Hector Ramirez, Rex Wilde, Eden Luna, Gia Olaes, Chela Demuir, Jennifer Jiries, Kevin Perez, La Londa Alex, Lauren Harris, Laura Hernandez, Sonia Guinansaca, Yingbo Ma, Zeno Roller, Lemaj Harris, Luz Rodriguez-Uribe, Sharon Chapman, Andrea Aoun

DMH Admin: Kelly Wilkerson

Getting To Know You – Cynthis Ruffin shared about herself.

January 2023 Meeting Minutes – Meeting minutes approved (first-Bill Sive, second-Mikey Fields).

Co-Chair Updates

- Mikey provided an update regarding the Project Griot Community Forum that took place on 2/1/23.
- Ana updated everyone regarding the ICCTM Learning Collaborative (presentation last month). They are currently looking for community members to join the collaborative. If interested, email Kelly.
- Ana updated the members regarding the CCC/UsCC Leadership meetings. There is a desire to create more communication amongst the groups regarding capacity building projects, so UsCC members are aware when projects for different groups go out for solicitation. Recently a project went out for solicitation for the Access For All UsCC and no one bid on it so it had to be resolicited.

National Behavioral HIV Surveillance (NBHS) CDC Project – Presentation (Gia Olaes)

- Gia Olaes, Community Health Worker with the HIV & STD Surveillance Unit with LACDPH, presented regarding the NBH Survey.
- This project is focused on women of trans experience/trans feminine people in LA County.
- It is referral based and there will be an incentive for participants.
- For more information: golaes@ph.lacounty.gov

Community Alternatives to 911 – Presentation (Laura Hernandez and Zeno Roller)

- Laura Hernandez and Zeno Roller presented regarding the Community Alternatives to 911 (CAT-911) Koreatown Community Response (KCR) crisis line/warmline.

- The goal of KCR is to foster sustainable public safety by providing and strengthening community responses to local emergencies that respect the dignity of everyone involved.
- Works with local groups to address crises through non-violent project solving, de-escalation, and community collaboration.
- KCR Hotline #: 888-260-1169
- To learn more: www.CAT-911.org, ktownresponse@protonmail.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 phase, vendor will present at a future meeting.
 - The Panthera Project – there was a delay and so vendor is currently in the process of recruiting members.
 - What We Think Project – currently in Phase 3, cohort meetings being conducted.
 - Black LGBTQ+ Community Outreach & Engagement Project – currently in Phase 4, community events being conducted.
 - Bi+ Affirming Mentorship and Storytelling Lab – submitted to ISD, Kelly will inform subcommittee when it goes out for solicitation.
 - 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 submitted for review.
- 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.
 - Recommendation to consider hosting a Summit. Kelly to follow up regarding funding.
 - Kelly to send out a survey regarding whether there should be a call for proposals or for the group to design a project together.

General Announcements/Resources

- Send any 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): 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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