

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

**Present:** Sylvia Gonzales-Youngblood, Shannon Rivers, Farrah Ferris, Hector Ramirez, Gabriel Pimentel, Bridget Garcia Vera, Elena Nourrie, Jessica Mosher, Wildflower Ontiveros, Yue Hua Xu (Vicky), Stephanie Mushrush, Gail Sulser, Belinda Najera

**DMH Admin:** Kelly Wilkerson, Darlesh Horn

**Presenter:** Amanda Cowan

Agenda Items	Discussion
<b>Welcome, Prayer &amp; Introductions</b>	Meeting opened with prayer. Members were asked to introduce themselves.
<b>Meeting Minutes</b>	February 2023 minutes were reviewed and approved (first – Farrah Ferris, second – Sylvia Gonzales-Youngblood).
<b>MHSA Updates</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr. Darlesh Horn, Division Chief-MHSA Administration, provided updates related to the MHSA stakeholder platform and community planning process.</li> <li>• Darlesh will return at a future meeting to have a longer discussion regarding the community’s needs and explore opportunities for deeper engagement in the MHSA process.</li> <li>• For more information, contact <a href="mailto:mhsaadmin@dmh.lacounty.gov">mhsaadmin@dmh.lacounty.gov</a>.</li> </ul>
<b>Overdose Prevention – Presentation</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Amanda Cowan, LA County Commission on Alcohol and Other Drugs, Trainer with Clare Matrix, gave a presentation regarding overdose prevention and Naloxone (Narcan).</li> <li>• For more information, contact Amanda at <a href="mailto:acowan@clarematrix.org">acowan@clarematrix.org</a></li> </ul>
<b>Co-Chair Report Out</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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.</li> </ul>

<b>Committee, Workgroup – Report Outs</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jessica provided an update regarding the MHSA special projects/recommendations workgroup. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Recommendations were shared with MHSA DMH leadership in mid-February.</li> <li>○ Jessica also shared regarding funding via the CalAIM initiative</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Charlotte Lujan will be participating as part of the ICCTM Collaborative.</li> </ul>
<b>DMH Updates</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Subcommittee to proceed with brainstorming for Capacity Building Projects at upcoming meetings.</li> <li>• Kelly to send out any additional updates via email.</li> </ul>
<b>Community Announcements &amp; Resources &amp; Updates</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hector shared that the Board of Supervisors had appointed Dr. Lisa Wong as the Director for DMH. Plan to invite her to a future meeting.</li> <li>• Other BOS updated included a motion to expand the number of Supervisors, to continue to host meetings virtually to increase accessibility, and to review how the department is operating as it relates to the Americans with Disabilities Act and MHSA.</li> <li>• CARE Court to be implemented by DMH beginning in December 2023.</li> <li>• Send any resources to Kelly via email (<a href="mailto:KeWilkerson@dmh.lacounty.gov">KeWilkerson@dmh.lacounty.gov</a>) to be sent out to the listserv.</li> </ul>
<b>Closing Prayer</b>	Meeting closed with Prayer.
<b>Audio Recording</b>	<b>All meeting minutes are available on the DMH website:</b> <a href="https://dmh.lacounty.gov/about/mhsa/uscc/american-indian-alaska-native-ai-an-uscc/american-indian-alaska-native-ai-an-uscc-meeting-minutes/">https://dmh.lacounty.gov/about/mhsa/uscc/american-indian-alaska-native-ai-an-uscc/american-indian-alaska-native-ai-an-uscc-meeting-minutes/</a>
<b>Next Meetings:</b>	<p><b><u>Next Meetings (first Wednesday of the month, all meetings 2-4pm):</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 4/5/23, 5/3/23, 6/7/23, 7/5/23, 8/2/23, 9/6/23, 10/4/23, 11/1/23, 12/6/23</li> </ul> <p><a href="#">Join Microsoft Teams Meeting</a>; 323-776-6996, Conference ID: 806 867 419#  CART is provided for all meetings: <a href="http://www.streamtext.net/player?event=UsCC-AIAN">www.streamtext.net/player?event=UsCC-AIAN</a></p>