

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

Welcome/Introductions

Present: Ana Bernal, Mikey Fields, Bill Sive, Merry Meyers, Addison Rose Vincent, Eden Luna, Kevin Perez, riKu Matsuda, Erwin Gutierrez, Alex Salazar, Jennifer Jiries, Brianna Hobson, Sonia Guinansaca, Luz Rodriguez-Uribe, Julie Matsumoto, Daniel Bisuano, Elias Naranjo, Jury Candelario, Tiffany Loong, Luis Quinones, Xoe Sazzle, Salvador Gonzalez, Sharon Chapman, Andrea Aoun, Rebecca Gitlin, Toni Craigs-Thomas, Vicky Xu

DMH Admin: Kelly Wilkerson

Getting To Know You – Luis Quinones and Elias Naranjo shared about themselves.

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

Co-Chair Updates

- Ana updated the subcommittee that they attended the most recent CCC/UsCC Leadership meeting.
- Kelly provided an update regarding the MHSA stakeholder input sessions that took place in January and February. The next meeting will be 3/30/23 from 9am-12pm at St. Anne's, as well as virtual.

The Unique Women's Coalition – Presentation (Xoe Sazzle)

- Xoe Sazzle, Navigator, presented regarding the services provided by The Unique Women's Coalition.
- Resources available include self-defense classes, housing, legal documents, clothing, food pantry, and a monthly support group. They also offer cultural competency training to the community.
- For more information: www.theuwc.org

San Gabriel/Pomona Regional Center – Presentation (Salvador Gonzalez)

- Salvador Gonzalez, Director of Community Outreach and Compliance, presented regarding the San Gabriel/Pomona Regional Center
- Resources available include advocacy, dental clinics, early intervention services, family services, as well as linkage to mental health, behavioral health, day care, etc.
- For more information: www.sgprc.org,

Break the Binary – Presentation (Addison Rose Vincent)

- Addison Rose Vincent, CEO/Founder, presented regarding Break the Binary LLC.
- Resources available include training development, consultation, workshops including equity and inclusion, LGBTQ+ 101, Transgender & Non-Binary 101, gender affirming language, implicit bias, imposter syndrome, self-care and community care, as well as social media partnerships.
- For more information: www.breakthebinaryllc.com, @breakthebinaryllc

Queer Affirming Sex Education Research Project – Presentation (Brianna Hobson)

- Brianna Hobson, LGBTQ Youth Trauma, Resilience and Community Education Post-Doctoral Fellow, presented regarding her research project focused on queer affirming sex education for youth.
- Resources available at www.Wellbeing4LA.org. For more information: bhobson@mednet.ucla.edu / (808) 258-1698

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, vendor is currently in the process of recruiting members, email KeWilkerson@dmh.lacounty.gov for referrals of Black transmasculine community members who may be interested in participating.
 - 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 to Senior Deputy Director and then will be sent to ISD.
 - Proyecto Mariposa Monarca – Statement of Work submitted for review to Senior Deputy Director and then will be sent to ISD.
 - Two-Spirit Storytelling Project – Statement of Work submitted for review to Senior Deputy Director and then will be sent to ISD.
 - Kelly updated the subcommittee regarding the survey that was sent out for the members to select whether they would like to co-design the final project for next fiscal year together or conduct a call for proposals. The result was to co-design a project together. That will begin at the April or May meeting.

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): 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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Meeting minutes can be found at <https://dmh.lacounty.gov/about/mhsa/uscc/lgbtqia2-s-uscc/lgbtqia2-s-uscc-meeting-minutes/>