

**Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health
Stakeholder Engagement Unit**

**Black & African Heritage Underserved Cultural Communities (UsCC) Subcommittee Meeting Minutes
Thursday, March 2, 2023 - 10 am-12 pm**

WELCOME

Introductions/Check-In

Co-Chairs: Romalis Taylor and Sade Richardson

Attendees: Sir James Bailey, Ardena Bartlett, Sabrina Binford, Joshua Bolen, Philip Butler, Le Ondra Clark Harvey, Keith Coleman, Kevin Collins, Nakeya T Fields, Lydia Floyd, Fefe Ford, Geoffrey Goosby, Carey Grier, MC Harris, Marquisha Henderson, Adjoa Jones, Andria McFerson, Erica Melbourne, Pharaoh Mitchell, Dr. Alicia Montgomery, Shallen Price, Cache Raine-Jones, Janice Rooths, Joyce Sales, Sutiweyu Sandoval, Jessica N. Wade, Bruce Wheatley, Kelly Wilkerson

DMH Admin: Angel Baker, Darlesh K. Horn, Jacqueline Martin

Approval of Minutes:

- March 2, 2022 Minutes approved: Nakeya Fields Seconded: Pharaoh Mitchell

DMH Updates

- Dr. Lisa Wong appointed director for the Department of Mental Health
- Lifelink books project transferred to MSHA team, Dr. Darlesh Horn to provide updates at next meeting
- Proposal outline should be completed, and work started to begin identifying individuals to help with the process
- BAH group's Lifelink book to be done first, just to make sure everything is the way it should be
- New lead manager identified, once official the person will be announced, within 2 to 3 weeks
- Faith-Based conference at the Convention Center May 23, 2023, save the date notices to go out next week.
- All UsCC under ARDI and Prevention team
- New liaison identified for BAH UsCC to be introduced in the following weeks
- ARDI Senior Manager Mary Barraza and/or Prevention Deputy Director Robert Byrd to be invited to a BAH meeting

Project Expectations: Racial Trauma

- See attached document for BAH UsCC CBP Proposal - Racial Trauma: Impacts on Adults and Seniors

Project Expectations: Drug Prevention, Youth and Young Adults 11-25:

- See attached document for BAH UsCC CBP Proposal - Drug Prevention: Youth and Young Adults 11-25 Years of Age

Project Expectations: Teenagers with Disabilities:

- See attached document for BAH UsCC Proposal -Teenagers w/Disabilities: How to Access Cultural Relevant Resources

Project Expectations: Bullying, Youth 4-13:

- See attached document for BAH UsCC CBP Proposal - Bullying: Youth 4-13 Years of Age

Community Engagement (Public Comment):

- Share community engagements via email to BAHUsCC@dmh.lacounty.gov for general distribution

Community Event Announcements

- Andria McFerson
 - Black History event at Virginia Avenue Park, Saturday, March 4th

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Upcoming Meetings (first Thursday of the month, 10am-12pm):

4/6/23

[Click here to join the meeting](#)

323-776-6996, Conference ID: 101 721 830#
