

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

**Black & African Heritage Underserved Cultural Communities (UsCC) Subcommittee Meeting Minutes
Thursday, January 5, 2023 - 10 am-12 pm**

WELCOME

Introductions/Check-In

Co-Chairs: Romalis Taylor and Sade Richardson

Attendees: Senait Admassu, Jason Betts, Sabrina Binford, Philip Butler, Wendy Cabil, Keith Coleman, Nicole Edun, Nakeya T. Fields, Fefe Ford, Sariah Grace, Andria McFerson, Joel McLafferty, Erica Melbourne, Pharaoh Mitchell, Joyce Sales, Kristie Summerville, Jessica N. Wade, Bruce Wheatley, Queenmother Nina Womack, Lowanya D. Young, Charles, Kimberly Harvey, Tenika

DMH Admin: Angel Baker, Donald Daughtry, Jacqueline Martin

Presenters: Senait Admassu, Alpha Gee Timbo

Approval of Minutes:

- December 1, 2022 Minutes approved: Wendy Cabil Seconded: Keith Coleman
- With the correction of “BAH peer-to-peer network” changed to “AB Homeless Project”

DMH Updates

- MHSA group is now accepting proposals through March 1st from community members or anyone that has a concept and will be reviewed between March 1st and April 30th and upon approval incorporated into MHSA annual plan
- Peer Advisory Groups:
 - Community members, meet 3rd Tuesday of each from 11AM-1PM, beginning February 21st (virtual & in person)
 - Peer staff advisory group (TBD)
- Kudos to BAH for completing flyer and progressing on the brochure. Other UsCCs were sent BAH flyers as an example

Life Links Resources Book status of SOW

- Lifelink booklets still a work in progress, working with MHSA regarding funding to identify consultant who will then hire a subcontractor, representative of each different group

Update for 22-23 Capacity Building Projects (CBP): Angel Baker

- Have received the draft SOWs for Empowering Black Student Wellness Leaders and Brothers’ Keeper Program, reviewing this week internally to forward to next week (w/o 12/5/22) ISD for solicitation
- AB Homeless Project by Wendy, time extended for submission

BAH Flyer Update: Sade Richardson & Jacqueline Martin

- Draft tri-fold brochure sent out to committee for review and comments returned by January 12th
- Present final version in February
- Final version will be available on the website

Planning Discussion for Capacity Building Efforts ’23-24 and ’24-’25: Romalis Taylor & Sade Richardson

- System change policy practice process
- Community feedback (all minorities) to build a proper data base to solidify beneficial plans to meet necessities
- Identify target population (seniors, adults, youth) of racial trauma tying it back to mental health
- Outreach to parents with school-age children and youth who have needs for mental health support
- Maximum \$100,000 per CBP and be within scope of DMH guidelines
- Conduct a stakeholder community survey list identifying questions specific to the cultural group to be considered, submit to department, those not incorporated can be done through CBP
- CBP consisting of outreach and face-to-face engagement (target population?)
- Submit proposals outside capability of CBP to MHSA

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Community Engagement (Public Comment):

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

- Share community events and announcements via email to BHAUsCC@dmh.lacounty.gov for general distribution
 - Black Mental Health Task Force:
 - Will be announcing the new vice-chairs at quarterly meeting
 - Voting is still open until January 11th, email with the links to vote for the new vice chair of the Black Mental Health Task Force forthcoming
 - Black History Month -- Black Mental Health -- Black History Month Mental Health Summit in February
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Upcoming Meetings (first Thursday of the month, 10am-12pm):
2/1/23

[Click here to join the meeting](#)
323-776-6996, Conference ID: 101 721 830#
