

**Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health
Stakeholder Engagement Unit
API Subcommittee Meeting Minutes
February 27, 2023, 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm**

Present: Richer San, Dr. Sheila Wu, Sithea San, Sokthea Phay, Vickie Xu, Pamela Inaba, Michelle Wong, Mariko Kahn, Julie Matsumoto, Eric Hernandez, Sheetal Ayyathan, Gabriella, Victoria Juarez, Young-Sun Kim, Maria Tan, Naomi Mizushima, Paz Velasquez, JR Kuo, Minji Kim, Payal Sawheny

Cambodian Interpreter – Bo Uce

Korean Interpreter – Sun Lim

DMH Admin – Kelly Wilkerson

Agenda Items	Comments/Discussion/Recommendations/Conclusions
Welcome & Introductions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Subcommittee Members, Housekeeping, Attendance, Co-Chairs
Review of Meeting Minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To be shared at the next month’s meeting
Co-Chair Vacancy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kelly Wilkerson shared the By-Laws and reviewed expectations, roles, and benefits of co-chair: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ 50% attendance within last nine consecutive months ✓ Senior or managerial level staff from CBOs not eligible ✓ Staff of CBOs holding a contract with DMH are not eligible ✓ DMH staff not eligible ✓ Reason for all these restrictions is really wanting to have community members who work directly with the community ✓ provides unique opportunity to give feedback to DMH on a higher level ✓ member of the community leadership teams consisting of all the UsCCs co-chairs ✓ member of the Service Area Leadership Teams ✓ play critical role in development of DMH’s community planning process of providing input on MHSA funding ✓ DMH is committed to provide training, support, and mentoring • Richer San encouraged people to serve as co-chair <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Great opportunity to learn, share your ideas, and work together with others ✓ Acts as a bridge to bring the community and DMH together ✓ Most important is you care about your community and have the heart and you will be fine

<p>MHSA Process/Updates</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kelly Wilkerson reported on the MHSA <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Over the last two months held five different MHSA stakeholder planning meetings <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ January 20th meeting focused on foundational and historical MHSA information DMH staff, Kim Nall provided comprehensive overview of MHSA budget for LA County ➤ January 23rd meeting focused on DMH proposals which included prevention and early intervention and some innovative projects focused on technology ➤ Next few meetings focused on stakeholder proposals and consensus building ✓ MHSA meetings are open to the public and held at St. Anne’s ✓ Next MHSA meeting is March 30th and will focus on MHSA annual budget and how funds are spent ✓ Darlesh Horn is the MHSA lead within DMH ✓ Mariko expressed the concern that API CBOs with no DMH contracts were not notified regarding the call for proposals; Kelly will follow up with Darlesh regarding communication issue. ✓ Pamela shared about the need for ongoing education and trainings on MHSA proposal and funding overview, process, components, guidelines, and standards for consumers, family members, and stakeholders. She emphasized the importance of attending the MHSA meetings in providing one’s voice, concerns, and ideas that can become part of the MHSA. She also raised the need for DMH to do a better job in respecting, welcoming, and being inclusive of the API voice. ✓ Kelly will follow up on the MHSA concerns raised with Darlesh Horn.
<p>DMH Updates</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kelly Wilkerson provided some DMH Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Dr. Luis Guzman is making some edits to the Statements of Work for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 and are being reviewed ✓ Invited API UsCC members to participate as stakeholders in the DMH Learning Collaborative ✓ The UsCCs have shifted into the Anti-Racism, Diversity, and Inclusion Division (ARDI Division) under the larger umbrella of prevention. ✓ Requested members to email samples of recruitment flyers and outreach materials that seem effective and appealing in your organization to Dr. Guzman.
<p>Open Discussion on non-agenda items</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Richer shared about the Cambodian cultural festival and parade on April 2 in Long Beach. This year’s theme is “Stop Hate with Love” with an emphasis on promoting peace. Richer invited everyone to attend. • Mariko reported on the status of the Cambodian Americans Oral History project. Six oral histories have been completed. She suggested project be considered for multiyear funding because only 15 oral histories. • Paz Velasquez confirmed her attendance at the Cambodian festival and secured the requested performers. She would like to present a project on resiliency in the future. • Naomi Mizushima shared that her project will be holding 22 workshops and collaborating with eight different community organizations. LA Times will featuring a special segment on Japanese American mental health along with Asian American Community organizations. There are also collaborations with a number of community media.

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Pamela Inaba reported that counties would greatly benefit if they can utilize MHSA funding to invest in capital project especially in LA County where there is a shortage of critical beds for mental health and substance abuse. She raised the concern that this would actually force consumers to be in the hospital and deal with many requirements and compliance issues. She shared invitation to the Filipino American Friendship Day on July 15. |
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Upcoming Meeting: March 27, 2023