

**Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health
LGBTQIA2-S UsCC Subcommittee Meeting Minutes
Thursday, June 1, 2023, 2-4 pm**

Welcome/Introductions

Present: Ana Bernal, Mikey Fields, Bill Sive, Merry Meyers, Addison Rose Vincent, Cynthia Ruffin, Hector Ramirez, Jennifer Jiries, Alex Salazar, Shawn Griffin, Brianna Hobson, Marquisha Henderson, Pamela Inaba, Paul Vallejo, Rebecca Gitlin, Sharon Chapman, La Londa Alex, Vicky Xu, Andrea Aoun

DMH Admin: Kelly Wilkerson, Dr. Darlesh Horn, Dr. Robert Byrd, Mirtala Parada Ward

Presenters: Adam Isaac Ebert, Dr. Gregory Canillas

Getting To Know You – Pam Inaba shared about herself.

May 2023 Meeting Minutes – Meeting minutes approved (first-Bill Sive, second-Hector Ramirez).

Project Griot (Capacity Building Project) – Presentation

- Adam Isaac Ebert, from Blu Fable, and Dr. Gregory Canillas, from Soul 2 Soul Global, presented regarding Project Griot, one of the subcommittee’s capacity building projects.
- Project highlights included cohort recruitment, 8 cohort sessions, creation of the videos/documentary-short, and the final townhall.
- They reviewed project outcomes including the pre/post survey results.
- Project Griot Final Summary: https://file.lacounty.gov/SDSInter/dmh/1139255_ProjectGriotLAFinalSummary.pdf
- Film: [Project Griot LA Documentary - Mar 21st, 2023 \(granicus.com\)](#)

MHSA & DMH Updates

- Dr. Darlesh Horn updated the subcommittee regarding the recent Faith-Based Conference at the LA Convention Center, as well as the upcoming CLT/MHSA Stakeholder meetings in July-December. Kelly to share info via email.
- Dr. Robert Byrd introduced Mirtala Parada Ward as the new Program Manager III for the ARDI Division and UsCCs. Mirtala will be overseeing the work of the UsCC unit.

Co-Chair Updates

- Ana Bernal updated the subcommittee regarding the monthly UsCC/CCC Leadership meeting.

Current and Future Capacity Building Projects – Update

- Updates on capacity building projects currently being implemented and status of the upcoming projects.
 - What We Think Project – currently in Phase 4, Townhalls being scheduled. Shawn Griffin (project vendor) provided updates to the subcommittee.
 - The Panthera Project – vendor has scheduled the cohort meetings throughout June and July.
 - Black LGBTQ+ Community Outreach & Engagement Project – currently in final phase, will be completed by June 30th.
 - Bi+ Affirming Mentorship and Storytelling Lab – solicitation will occur in July.
 - Transforming Community Care: API LGBTQ+ Mental Health and Wellness Project – solicitation will occur in July.
 - Proyecto Mariposa Monarca – solicitation will occur in July.
 - Two-Spirit Storytelling Project – solicitation will occur in July.
 - Co-designed Project – a survey was sent out to voting members with the ideas brainstormed at the May meeting. Based on those survey results, the final project will be focused on housing (safe, accessible) – in addition to the broader LGBTQIA2-S community, targeted populations will include the transgender community, two-spirit community, and commercial sex workers; the project will involve listening sessions.

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): 7/6/23, 8/3/23, 9/7/23, 10/5/23, 11/2/23

[Join Microsoft Teams Meeting](#); 323-776-6996, Conference ID: 542 042 921#

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