

**Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health
LGBTQIA2-S UsCC Subcommittee Meeting Minutes
Thursday, July 6, 2023, 2-4 pm**

Welcome/Introductions

Present: Ana Bernal, Mikey Fields, Bill Sive, Merry Meyers, Nicole Kristal, Addison Rose Vincent, Cynthia Ruffin, Hector Ramirez, Rex Wilde, Eden Luna, Kevin Perez, Luis Quinones, Brianna Hobson, Elias Naranjo, Erwin Gutierrez, Pamela Inaba, Paul Vallejo, BMusique, Rebecca Gitlin, Sharon Chapman, La Londa Alex, Vicky Xu

DMH Admin: Kelly Wilkerson

Getting To Know You – BMusique shared about himself.

June 2023 Meeting Minutes – Meeting minutes approved (first-La Londa Alex, second-Cynthia Ruffin).

Co-Chair Updates

- Ana Bernal updated the subcommittee regarding the monthly UsCC/CCC Leadership meeting, including their continued effort to explore opportunities to collaborate with the different UsCCs on projects.
- Ana also encouraged members to consider shadowing the co-chairs to see if this is something they would be interested in for the future.
- Hector updated the subcommittee regarding the MHSA cycle beginning and their being contract opportunities for those interested in applying.
- Hector requested information from DMH on how much the department is going to allocate specifically for LGBTQIA2-S services.
- La Londa recommended the department consider creating a website where LGBTQIA2-S community specific events and efforts can be shared so that the membership can better support one another.

LGBTQ+ Drop-In Center – Feedback Request (Luis Quinones, HOPICS)

- Luis Quinones, Parent and Faith Community Coordinator from HOPICS, shared regarding a LGBTQ+ Drop In Center he is interested in starting through HOPICS in Service Area 6.
- Luis requested feedback from the subcommittee on the following questions:
 - What is a safe and affirming space for you?
 - What conversations if any, are you having at your organization about this? Are you guys having these conversations about creating a safe space? So what are the conversations like in your organizations?
 - What is an example of resiliency from the LGBTQ+ community in your line of work? Where do you see resiliency or signs of resilience that you've seen, when working?

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, project will be completed by September 30th.
 - The Panthera Project – cohort meetings completed, survey responses being gathered, will be completed by August 31st, vendor to present at September meeting.
 - Black LGBTQ+ Community Outreach & Engagement Project – currently in final phase, will be completed by July 31st, vendor to present at August meeting.
 - Bi+ Affirming Mentorship and Storytelling Lab – solicitation currently taking place.
 - 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 currently taking place.
 - Co-designed Project – 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. Statement of Work being developed.
 - Neurodivergent Voices Album Project – Statement of Work being developed.
 - LGBTQIA2-S Violence Prevention Lab Project – Statement of Work being developed.
 - Liberation Workshop Series Project – Statement of Work being developed.

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): 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/>