

**COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES – DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH
PROGRAM SUPPORT BUREAU – QUALITY IMPROVEMENT DIVISION**

**AMERICAN INDIAN/ALASKA NATIVE (AI/AN) UsCC SUBCOMMITTEE
MINUTES**

2:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

UAI

Date: August 9, 2016
Present: Carrie Johnson, Charlotte Lujan, Sunnie Whipple, Kelly Wilkerson, Mirtala Parada Ward
By phone: Angela Trenado

Agenda Items	Comments/Discussion/Recommendations/ Conclusions
Welcome/Blessing/ Introductions	Attendee introductions
Review of minutes	Will send out to subcommittee by email
UsCC Graduate Recruitment Program Presentation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation of UsCC Graduate Recruitment Program by Su Jung Kim and Jeff Gorsuch • Request that subcommittee members help to identify possible candidates for this program <p><u>Questions</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can someone preparing to start grad school in the Fall apply? Yes, that would be ideal. • Where do those who are interested apply? The WET Division is preparing to launch the online application (within 2-4 weeks) and will send the information to Mirtala to be sent out to the subcommittee. Now would be a good time for anyone interested to start working on their personal statement and get their transcripts ready. • Does the person have to be Native American? The evaluators will give priority to individuals coming from that culture and individuals with lived experience. The application will require 2 references, so community members can write references for individuals who are interested in applying but are not Native American. • Can they be DMH employees? No. • Can someone with existing student loans get assistance through this program with loan forgiveness? No, but there is a loan assumption program for individuals already working in the mental health field either as a DMH employee or at a community based agency. However, if you're taking part in one program, you can't take part in another. • How many slots are there? 14 in total (2 for each of the subcommittees plus 2 for the deaf/hard of hearing community). • What is the timeframe? The goal is for Fall 2016 for Option II. For Option I, they can start their internship this year and then start school in the Fall of 2017. • Can you talk more about the lived experience? Those with lived experience (as a consumer or community member) will have priority. It will also depend on how they describe the lived experience in their application.

<p>Announcements</p>	<p><u>Co-chair Election</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The term for co-chairs is two years and it is time to elect/re-elect new co-chairs • Responsibilities of co-chairs: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Attendance at 75% of the subcommittee meetings by at least one co-chair ○ There are approximately six meetings/year ○ Participation with the UsCC Leadership meeting ○ Involvement with the EQRO (Systems Review) ○ May be required to represent the subcommittee at the SLT (System Leadership Team-composed of stakeholders, meets once/month) if needed • Kelly will distribute the Rules & Agreements to the subcommittee once approved • Kelly will send out a follow-up email-you can nominate yourself or someone else, will explain the general guidelines and give everyone an opportunity to nominate themselves • When it comes time to vote, we will create a Survey Monkey and include a short bio of each of the nominees • Sunnie Whipple (community) and Charlotte Lujan (DMH) both expressed interest • Charlotte nominated Lina Vielma and Stephanie Mushrush (DMH) • Carrie nominated Michelle Enfield (community) • Angela and Sunnie nominated Maria Salinas (DMH) <p><u>Subcommittee Member Outreach</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mirtala and Kelly are in the process of reaching out to CSUN and CSULB (both have American Indian Studies programs) to try and engage more members in the subcommittee, as well as the Native American Caucus <p><u>SLT</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sunnie expressed interest in participating in the SLT • Mirtala and Kelly to reach out to Michelle to discuss her interest in continuing with the SLT seat and send a follow up email to the subcommittee to make sure that no one else is interested
<p>Project Updates</p>	<p><u>Media Campaign</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Media campaign completed May 31st • Final Summary Report provided to subcommittee for their review <p><u>Mental Health Conference (2017)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Board letter submitted • Pending approval • Cannot book California Endowment until November, 2016 due to their scheduling policies <p><u>Clinical Mental Health Training</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project awarded to UAII • Will take place in all Service Areas countywide • Will include a mental health professional as well as someone with lived experience

UsCC Rules & Agreements- Group Discussion	<u>Group discussion/Questions</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recommendation for the DMH co-chair position to be open to any employee of DMH, regardless of job classification, who is in good standing with the UsCC community and DMH
Future Capacity Building Projects	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mirtala announced that at the next meeting, we will begin brainstorming future capacity building projects • Capacity Building Project guidelines included in the materials • Charlotte recommended that a future capacity building project be a “Whole Health” Wellness project, with a focus on physical, mental, and holistic health.
Next Meeting	September 13 th Substance Abuse Prevention and Control 1000 S. Fremont Ave. Bldg A9 East Conference Room G (downstairs) Alhambra, CA 91803