

**COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH
AMERICAN INDIAN/ALASKA NATIVE UREP SUBCOMMITTEE**

MINUTES – Monday, June 9, 2014
Location: United American Indian Involvement
Los Angeles, California

ATTENDEES: Angela Trenado, Carrie Johnson, Mark Parra, Mirtala Parada Ward, Nina Tayyib

WELCOME, BLESSING, INTRODUCTIONS

AIAN UREP Capacity Building Project 13-14 update (Nina Tayyib)

As of last week, Kurt Schweigman MPH, has been awarded the bid for the project that was developed and proposed by the AI/AN UREP subcommittee, “American Indian/Alaska Native Spirit Wellness Project”.

Before this program can be implemented, there is some additional processing at DMH and ISD. Once that process is complete, Kurt will be able to implement the program in the community officially once the process is complete. The committee agreed to invite Kurt to attend the next meeting to introduce himself to the committee and AI/AN community.

- Kurt will be invited to attend the next meeting

UREP Capacity Building Project 14-15 (Nina Tayyib)

At this time, the AI/AN UREP can propose one or more capacity building projects for Fiscal Year 14-15. The project must meet the MHSA CSS guidelines and be a capacity building project that will benefit whole AI/AN community.

Since the conference is one ongoing AI/AN UREP project, there is \$64,000 for an additional capacity building project(s). Projects will be discussed by the AI/AN UREP. The subcommittee will vote to determine which project proposals are submitted to DMH. The proposal(s) should be submitted by July 2014.

Once submitted, DMH will review and approve. Once approved, the project will be processed by DMH and ISD and put out to bid. Anyone interested in bidding for the project must become a registered vendor for the County. Vendors will be able to bid for the project. Once the project is awarded to a vendor, it will be implemented for one year. Given the time it takes for approval, there may be projects overlapping and taking place at the same time.

The group reviewed some of the previously nominated projects. These included a health education project about Fetal Alcohol Syndrome targeting the AI/AN community, outreach and education to youth, etc.

New ideas that were suggested included the following:

- A follow up to a previous study on Census data allow for a more accurate data counts for the AI/AN

- Nina will send out an email to encourage members to email their ideas for projects.
- The AI/AN UREP will meet to discuss and develop capacity building project(s) and submit a proposal by July 2014

community in LA County so that the data is more accurate. Dr. Ong previously had completed this research on the 2000 Census.

- Providing trainings around youth and cultural competency. Carrie shared that they are working with the ICWA judge in LA to put together resources for AI/AN foster families, which will be added to the Red Pages.
- Outreach and Engagement effort targeting AI/AN students in an effort to increase AI/AN mental health professionals. Mirtala shared some UREP projects that are targeting students using multimedia.
- Documenting Native stories via digital storytelling. This could range from individual stories or stories relating to tribal heritage/origin stories. The stories could be put online so that they can be accessed by the larger AI/AN community. A suggestion was made to partner with the Autry in this effort. There was discussion about also printing the stories and having them available in waiting rooms of AI/AN agencies.

Due to the low turnout for the meeting, the committee agreed to solicit ideas via email and encourage individuals to email and/or attend and present their ideas. UREP members were informed that they can conduct Ad Hoc meetings to accommodate AI/AN community members schedules, but official voting will need to occur at the AI/AN UREP meetings where DMH representatives are present.

Announcements/Adjournment

There was discussion about the upcoming SLT meeting (June 18, 2014), which would be the last opportunity for the general public to offer ideas for future Innovation programs. Innovation programs must be novel programs that have not implemented before. Mark shared some of the ideas that have already been voiced at the SLT meetings. Mirtala shared that UREP related ideas that have been mentioned, including the idea of Health Neighborhoods and a Faith Based Initiative to incorporate spiritual practices with mental health treatment.

In the interest of time, the committee agreed that Nina would send out an email to the AI/AN UREP to encourage members to email to attend the SLT meeting to present their ideas. Mirtala shared that Romalis Taylor, who is on the SLT, will also be sharing ideas on behalf of the UREP Subcommittees and Leadership.

- Nina will send out an email with information about the next SLT meeting and encouraging UREP members to share their ideas.

Next Meeting: Monday, June 23 from 2:30-3 at UAI