

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES – DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH

AMERICAN INDIAN UREP SUBCOMMITTEE

MINUTES- Monday, January 26th, 2009

Location: 695 S. Vermont Ave. 15 Floor Conference Room

Los Angeles, CA 90005

PRESENT:

Ron Andrade	Margaret Lee	Elton Naswood
John Andrews	Jose Leon	Mark Parra
Mary Bakchachyan	Al Garcia	Debbie Royals
Sam Chan	Carrie Johnson	Paul Sacco
Dan Dickerson	Sarah Kim	

WELCOME	BLESSING – Debbie Royals	INTRODUCTIONS - Mark
DISCUSSIONS		ACTION STEPS
<p>Brief history of UREP – (Sam Chan)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sam discusses history of American Indian UREP group using the timeline provided American Indian UREP started to meet in 11/2007 UREP is a workgroup which informs the MHSA planning process 		
<p>UREP Leaders' Meeting Update – (Margaret)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> UREP Leaders (co-chairs) meet every month with Rigo Rodriguez, MHSA Consultant, to help lay the foundation for UREP and increase capacity Lisa Wicker, District Chief for Prevention and Early Intervention, will come to the next meeting (01/30/09) to discuss UREP concerns and PEI planning process. Planning has been occurring at SAAC meetings and community forums. PEI planning has been occurring at SAAC meetings and community forums 		
<p>PEI Update –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community Forums (Elton) American Indian community forum took place. Many discussion points and suggestions were made that can be addressed at a UREP level. It was proposed to have location-based AI community forums at 3 different locations (Antelope Valley, Los Angeles, and Long Beach) in order to make it convenient for different people to attend and participate DMH Outreach and Engagement coordinators can discuss and present MHSA at these forums DMH may be able to provide gift cards for attendees American Indian Children's Council may also be able to provide funding <p>Community-Defined Evidence Models (Mark) Several agencies present at the meeting submitted CDE models</p> <p>Ron Andrade suggests that these applications be sent to the White House to apply for federal funding set aside for American Indians. The current stimulus package includes funding for Reservation Indians but none for urban Indians. Since Los Angeles has the largest urban Indian population, agencies should request funding. The submitted PEI applications can be included in the request.</p>		<p>Council will look into planning these events.</p>

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<p>SPA 9 Discussion Ron Andrade initiating discussion about whether UREP would push for a “SPA 9” to be implemented with DMH. Per Ron and his meeting with Dr. Southard, DMH has agreed for American Indians to have their own Service Area.</p> <p>Discussion about the difference between UREP and a SPA 9 and how it expands beyond a conceptual entity. Clarification made about American Indians having countywide plans within MHSA, such as with FSP. American Indians were the only UREP group to have their own countywide PEI forum.</p>	<p>Elton Naswood will look into creating a document to formalize this relationship and look into previous charters related to the creation of SPA 9 within other County departments (ie. Children’s Planning Council).</p>
<p>Learning Collaborative Update (Paul)</p> <p>Paul updates group about the Learning Collaborative meetings. The group is learning more about the role of traditional healing, including its challenges and benefits. Some members expressed frustration that they were left out of the process, especially as there are some recognized Indian healers in LA County. The Learning Collaborative will soon move into the policy making phase, where more members of the community will be involved.</p> <p>Paula Packwood is the main contact person for any administrative issues.</p>	<p>Present Learning Collaborative members will inform UREP when next policy phase is taking place.</p>
<p>American Indian MHSA Website Update – (Margaret) DMH is still actively working on the funding mechanism to release the funding. An RFI and Board Letter are being created and revised to expedite the process.</p>	
<p>UREP Structure and Membership</p> <p>Discussion about finalizing American Indian UREP structure. Group reviewed the proposed structure provided by the Planning Division.</p> <p>Members would like the UREP process to be open and transparent. Primary attendees should be American Indians but others are welcome to attend meetings.</p>	<p>Co-chairs will serve 2 year terms starting August 2008 and can either renew their term or elect another co-chair in August 2010.</p> <p>Large UREP meetings will be open and take place at an ad-hoc basis.</p>
<p>Next Meeting</p> <p>Tentative meeting set for upcoming March.</p>	