

**LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH
Office of the Deputy Director of Strategic Communications**

Deaf, Blind, Hard of Hearing, Physical Disabilities UsCC SUBCOMMITTEE MINUTES

March, 13, 2019
10:00AM – 12:00PM
Alafia Mental Health

Present: Denise Johnson, Roque Bucton, Amy Kay, Erik J. Escareno, Alex Elliott, Mirtala Parada Ward, Rosario Ribleza, and Connie A. Castaneda

By Phone: Junko Nagamatsu, Sylvia Youngblood, Sunnie Whipple, Bernice Mascher, and Pam Inaba

Agenda Items	Comments/Discussion/Recommendations/Conclusions
Welcome/ Introductions	Attendee introductions
Review of minutes	February 13, 2019 meeting minutes approved with minor corrections
DMH Announcements Mirtala Parada Ward	<p>Recruitment of New Members from the Community:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recruiting new/more members – with lived experience, using or not using DMH services • Community members or family members, clients, advocates • Cannot be DMH employees or DMH contractors who are in management position • Legal entities and DMH line staff can join as members <p>Election of New Co-Chair: Qualifications and Responsibilities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Someone who is a community member or a consumer • Someone who has the passion to advocate and serve the deaf, blind, hard of hearing, people with physical disabilities, and the community • The Co-Chair needs to attend two meetings a month - The UsCC Leadership meeting and the DHHBPD UsCC meeting • He/she needs to facilitate and lead the meetings. • Target date to elect a new co-chair is May 1, 2019 <p>PSA Development Project – Awarded:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The PSA Project was approved and awarded to Enlightened Pictures. Inc. • Contractor will come to one of our meetings to discuss the implementation of this project. <p>Transportation: DMH is in the process of developing a with Lyft – will provide transportation vouchers to community members to attend the stakeholder meetings.</p> <p>MHSA Annual Update Public Hearing: March 28, 2019</p>

	<p>Everyone was encouraged to attend the event. DMH would like to hear from the community, and this is a perfect opportunity to express what the community needs.</p>
<p>RAND Session Debriefing</p> <p>Alex Elliot</p>	<p>It was a great turnout and there was an exceptional representation from the deaf, hard of hearing, blind and physical disabilities community.</p> <p>Timeline of the final report - May or June of 2019.</p> <p>Sunny Whipple thinks there was not enough time to express all concerns.</p> <p>It was announced that people can continue to provide feedback if needed through email communication.</p>
<p>Presentation on Telecommunication for Mental Health</p> <p>Sylvia Youngblood</p>	<p>Telecommunication and Mental Health services should be done by professionals, and not by law enforcement. It should not filter into the criminal justice system. This kind of program is being done in Texas and it is called “TWITR” (Telemedicine, Wellness, Intervention, Triage, Referral Program).</p> <p>Telemedicine provided by DMH is geared towards the older adult population who has difficulty with mobility and transportation. It is a Medi-Cal certified program. It targets the following individuals:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Older adults who are not able to leave their home were given a computer. • Clients are able to connect with the Psychiatrist stationed at the clinic, and have a live interaction through their laptop. • The case manager goes to the client’s home and addresses some of the psycho social needs of the clients. • A nurse goes to the clients’ home to take blood pressure and other nursing assessments. • The psychiatrist prescribes the medication. <p>It was suggested by Amy Kay to look into the Board of Behavioral Sciences for more information on Telemedicine.</p>
<p>Community Capacity Building Project across UsCC Groups: Web and Social Media Options</p> <p>Alex Elliot</p>	<p>At the last UsCC Leadership meeting, the idea of all the UsCC subcommittees’ working together on a Web and Social Media Capacity Building Project was briefly introduced. There has been a lot of feedback on the YourDMH website and all over the County to get on social media and reach out to the communities that are not accessing the DMH website or cannot access emails. This would be another great avenue to expand our community outreach and target the underserved populations via social media.</p> <p>Feedback on the proposal:</p>

<p>Community Capacity Building Project across UsCC Groups: Web and Social Media Options</p> <p>(continuation)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Software elements • Training on how to use social media • There should be a name for the social media group, it has to be under 15 characters <p>Some of the benefits of being on social media, using the system and the database:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. It will target a specific audience. 2. Centralization – Meeting dates can be posted in advance; can put up to 30 days' worth of information; there can be a library or a central database where all the UsCC subcommittee groups can get their PSAs, or letterhead or shared documents and other information <p>Estimated Cost: \$600 dollars a month for the upkeep of the website, which will be shared with the other UsCC subcommittee groups. Some of services are free.</p> <p>Meeting adjourned at 12:00pm</p>
<p>Next Meeting</p>	<p>4/10/19, 3:00pm-5:30pm, TBD</p>