

LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH
Strategic Communications Division
American Indian/Alaska Native (AI/AN)
UsCC Subcommittee Meeting Minutes

October 2, 2019
2:00PM – 4:00PM

Present: Sunnie Whipple, Farrah Ferris, Bernice Mascher, Tina Charley, Miryam Duque, Charlotte Lujan, Jim Ruel
By Phone: Sylvia Gonzales Youngblood, Monique Smith, Monique Castro, Genevieve Clavreul
DMH
Admin Mirtala Parada Ward and Kelly Wilkerson

Agenda Items	Comments/Discussion/Recommendations/Conclusions
Welcome, Prayer & Introductions	Attendee introductions
Announcements – Co-Chairs Subcommittee Members	<p><u>Charlotte Lujan:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NAMI walk is on October 5, 2019. Meet-up at Grand Ave Park at 8:00am. It will be a 3-mile walk to support NAMI. They will be selling T-Shirts, old ones \$10 and new ones \$20. T-Shirt design has birds, butterflies and owls. • There will be a Gathering of Elders at Angel Gate this coming Thursday through Sunday from 10:00am – 3:00pm. There will be Sweat Lodge Ceremonies, food and dances and cultural games for the children. It is open to the public. Asking for volunteers. <p><u>Farrah Ferris:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do not forget to register for the AI/AN Conference on November 12, 2019. • Passed out the Prevention and After Care Program Calendar. <p><u>Sylvia Youngblood:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Native Aging Community. Input Session at UAII (Still need to confirm) • Beyond The Southwest Meetings are still going on at the Autry Museum. Would like the support from our subcommittee. • A law started in the state of Texas and being implemented in Florida, Police and Law enforcement agencies will be able to have access to student’s data with disabilities and mental health issues, so they can put them in a database and they are marked. K-12 and post-secondary. <p><u>Monique Castro:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Second Mental Wellness Gathering: Indigenize Education will be Saturday October 12, 2019 at 9:00am at The Alhambra 1000 Fremont Ave, Alhambra. Sylvia Youngblood will be one of the presenters. Registration is open.
9/4/19 Meeting Notes - Review	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9/4 Meeting notes were approved with no corrections by Bernice Mascher and second by Charlotte Lujan. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Please make sure to sign in so you can be counted for voting privileges. In addition, if you are on the

	phone please make sure to let us know so we can count you in.
Conference Planning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Registration Flyer shared with the subcommittee and asked to share with the community. Registration is open, fee is \$35 for DMH employees and free to the public. • Emcee will be Walter Ahhaitty and Mike Parra will be the Co-Emcee. • All six workshops have been chosen. • There will be 30 centerpieces. Subcommittee was asked for ideas on which kind of flowers they would like: Sage, Floral design or succulents. • Asking for swag donations from all the different agencies to add to swag bags. Need by November 1st.
UsCC Business	<p><u>FY 19-20 Capacity Building Projects – Proposals:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jim Ruel asked for volunteers for models that will be drawn into characters, needs volunteers for voiceovers. <p><u>Updates:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ <u>Older Adult Funding:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The department will not be adding additional funding. For the last 5 years there has been \$100,000 of funding and it's been a year and half that they raised it to \$200,000. No more monies will be added at this time. They are looking into a process for the SAACs who do not currently have any funding-DMH is looking into investing some money for them. ➤ <u>EQRO = External Quality Review Organization:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LA County receives Federal and State funding. EQRO reviews our Medi-Cal dollars. It looks at our system and it looks at the recipients of Medi-Cal. They are hired by the State to do annual reviews. They report to the State what each of the Counties are doing and these reviews lead to the Tri-Annual review, which is the Medi-Cal review. They look at the Access to Care, that is where the UsCCs fall. They look into what LA County is doing to reduce Mental Health Disparities. We show even though we are trying, the disparities are still there.
Meeting Adjourn	Meeting ended in Prayer.
Next Meeting	November 6, 2019 2:00PM – 4:00PM – AICC - Cerritos