

**COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES - DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH
PROGRAM SUPPORT BUREAU - QUALITY IMPROVEMENT DIVISION
LATINO UsCC SUBCOMMITTEE**

MINUTES – Tuesday, November 8, 2016 /2:30 – 3:30 P.M.

Location: 695 So. Vermont Avenue, 5th Floor Los Angeles, California, 90005

ATTENDEES: Mirtala Parada Ward, Paco Retana, Katty Callender, Leticia Jimenez, Ivan Dalton, Melissa Guerrero, and Rosario Ribleza
People on the phone: Sandra Ptansinski, Gloria Sistos, and Lorraine Ragosta, and Argelis Ortiz

DISCUSSIONS

I. Welcome and Introductions

- II. **10/13/16 Meeting Minutes review and approval** – minutes of the meeting reviewed and approved by all members (moved to approve by Loraine Ragosta and seconded by Argelis Ortiz).

III. Voting Result – Latino UsCC Capacity Building Project 2016-2017

Mirtala Parada Ward announced the winner of the 2016-2017 Capacity Building Project entitled, “Mental Health Wellness & Recovery Promotion Through a Spanish Language Community Based Theater Production”, with a total of 6 out of 10 votes. She also discussed the process on becoming a vendor from on line application, reference quotes, qualifications, to subcontracting of project if needed. She added the need of Statement of Work to be prepared by DMH.

IV. Bus Media Campaign

Mirtala Parada Ward informed the subcommittee about the remaining fund that needs to be used, and she needs to make an Administrative Decision to utilize the money for bus advertisement with the approval of the Latino UsCC subcommittee. The Latino UsCC unanimously approved the proposal. Bus route will be all over Los Angeles County. Antelope Valley and Pomona are the only areas that will not be covered. Katty Callender suggested to have the ads for a longer period of time for more exposures. Paco Retana recommended to look for bus lines that go to providers’ areas. Mirtala assured the subcommittee that bus route will be at the areas of the providers.

V. UsCC Rules and Agreements

Mirtala Parada Ward presented the finalized UsCC Rules and Agreements approved during the UsCC Leadership meeting. The following were the changes made:

- First Paragraph, first sentence – “The Underserved Cultural Communities (UsCC) subcommittees were established under the Mental Health

Services Act (MHSA) for the purpose of increasing mental health access and reducing disparities for the UsCC communities that reside in the County of Los Angeles.” UREP was changed to UsCC

- B. Voting Membership - #1: f - “Non Mental Health Community Based Organizations, which includes faith-based organizations.” - “community based organization” was added.
- B. Voting Membership - #3 – Dennis Murata changed the voting from at least 51% of the membership (it was 75% before) with 50% meeting attendance. It was also emphasized by Mirtala the ruling, that a member should commit one year to UsCC subcommittee when accepting voting privileges.
- Note : Co-chairs consist of a DMH employee and a community representative. Katty Callender is DMH Program Head and Paco Retana is a community representative.

VI. Next Step

There will be no meeting for the next months. Rosario and Mirtala will work on the project, and the subcommittee members will be updated.