

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

**Latino UsCC SUBCOMMITTEE MINUTES**

March, 19, 2019  
2:00PM – 3:30PM

**Present:** Anna Perne, Ulises Ramirez, Christofer Lopez, Millot Assemie, Pablo Barrios, Betty Mendoza, Emily Serna, Gustavo Medrano, Felicia Flores, Paco Retana, Lucy Rivero, Mirtala Parada Ward, Rosario Ribleza, and Connie A. Castaneda

**By Phone:** Lorraine Ragosta, Gloria Sistos, Katty Callender, Elsie Molina

Agenda Items	Comments/Discussion/Recommendations/Conclusions
<b>Welcome/ Introductions</b>	Attendee introductions
<b>Review of minutes</b>	February 19, 2019 meeting minutes approved
<p><b>Spanish Translation Project</b></p> <p>Anna Perne</p>	<p>Ms. Anna Perne, from the Office of Consumer Family Affairs did a presentation pertaining to some clinical documents that were translated into Spanish and want the subcommittee to review them and ensure that they were accurately translated.</p> <p>The Department of Mental Health is mandated by Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) to translate documents into the 13 threshold languages that are spoken in our county. The goal is to deliver services to the entire county, and to make sure our diverse community is able to access, read and understand the information. In order to achieve that goal, documents must be translated and written at a 6<sup>th</sup> grade level and should be culturally sensitive.</p> <p>Anna provided the documents that were translated from English to Spanish. She welcomed and encouraged any feedback from the attendees. Submission is within 3 to 4 weeks. In addition, she recruited a couple of volunteers from this group to review the documents.</p>
<p><b>RAND Session Debriefing</b></p> <p>Mirtala Parada Ward</p>	<p>It was a great turnout and there was an exceptional representation from the Latino UsCC.</p> <p>Timeline of the feedback - maybe by May or June 2019.</p> <p>It was announced that people can continue to provide feedback if needed through e-mails.</p>
<b>Announcements</b>	<p><b>A. Recruitment of New Members from the community:</b></p> <p>1. Recruiting new/more members – with lived experiences, using or not using DMH</p>

<p>Mirtala Parada Ward</p>	<p>services</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2. Community members or family members, clients, advocates</li> <li>3. Cannot be DMH employees or DMH contractors at a management level</li> <li>4. Legal entities and DMH line staff can join as members</li> </ol> <p><b>B. Election of New Co-Chairs</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Someone who is a community member or consumer</li> <li>2. Someone who can advocate for the Latino community, and has the passion to serve the community</li> <li>3. The Co-Chair needs to attend two meetings a month – The UsCC Leadership meeting and the Latino UsCC meeting</li> <li>4. He/she needs to facilitate and lead the meeting</li> </ol> <p>The current UsCC by-laws allow DMH employee to be a co-chair of a UsCC subcommittee. However, YourDMH prohibits DMH staff or DMH contractors to hold a co-Chair position. By-laws need to be revised to align with the YourDMH initiative. Co-chair should be someone from the community: a community advocate, a consumer or family of the consumers. The co-chair candidate does not need to speak English because DMH provides interpreters at the meetings. Anyone who is interested in becoming a co-chair or wants to nominate someone was encouraged to e-mail email Rosario Ribleza at rribleza@dhm.lacounty.gov</p> <p><b>C. Update on the Capacity Building Projects</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>1. The Latino Mental Health Stigma Reduction Community Theater Project</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The project is a travelling theater in Spanish. It is still with ISD for solicitation. A consultant is expected to be hired soon to work on the project.</li> </ul> </li> <li><b>2. Latino Youth Mental Health Comic Book</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The comic books will be developed in English and Spanish targeting youth who are either incarcerated or on probation. It will include a comic book writing contest. It is with the ISD for solicitation. A consultant is expected to be hired soon to work on the project.</li> </ul> </li> <li><b>3. MHSA Annual Update Public Hearing: March 28, 2019</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Everyone was encouraged to attend the event. Upper management would like to hear from the community, and this is a perfect opportunity to express what the community needs.</li> </ul> </li> </ol> <p><b>Meeting adjourn at 3:31pm</b></p>
<p><b>Next Meeting</b></p>	<p><b>4/16/19, 2:00pm-3:30pm, TBD</b></p>