

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

Latino UsCC SUBCOMMITTEE MINUTES

November 19, 2019

2:00PM – 3:30PM

3787 So. Vermont Avenue, Los Angeles, California 90007

Present: Carlos Ludena, Zoila Ibay, Norma Caceres, Morena Chavez, Carlos Valdez, Berta Uribe, Perla Valdez, Robert Anthony Valdez, Paco Retana, Bianca Gallegos, Amparo Ostogic, Adriana Carrillo, Betty Mendoza, Héctor Ramírez, Ashley Flores and Carolana Hirayama

Translator: Lucy Rivero

DMH Staff: Mirtala Parada Ward, Rosario Ribleza, Connie Acosta Castaneda and Dr. Luis Guzmán

Agenda Items	Comments/Discussion/Recommendations/Conclusions
Welcome/ Introductions – Subcommittee Members	Attendee introductions
Review and Approval of minutes – Co-Chairs	October 15, 2019 meeting minutes approved by Robert Valdez and seconded. Minutes read in Spanish for the subcommittee by Translator.
Review of the Code of Conduct	The Code of Conduct was not read to the subcommittee, everyone was in agreement. It was announced that signing is voluntary.
Updates:	<p>A. <u>DMH Updates:</u> We had our third UsCCs & SAAC’s Stakeholders Meeting. It was held this morning November 19, 2019, from 9:30am – 12:30pm. Hector Ramirez and Paco Retana were there representing the Latino subcommittee. The UsCC subcommittees concentrate on specific cultural groups, like people of color and immigrants. The SAAC subcommittees concentrate on MH services for a specific area. The objective is to join the two subcommittees so they can work together and increase outreach.</p> <p>1. How to create a platform to increase communication between the two subcommittees.</p>

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. How to identify mutual goals to better serve the community, and where the greatest need exists. 3. How the two subcommittees can collaborate with each other so their mission and goals are greater and more impactful for the department. <p style="text-align: center;">This meeting is 100% dedicated to the community.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hector Ramirez explained to the subcommittee that the roles of the UsCC and SAAC subcommittees are equally important. <p>B. Theater and Comic Book Projects: Mirtala Parada Ward and Dr. Luis Guzman attended the Theater project on Sunday. There were more than 100 people in attendance. There are 14 more plays scheduled. There will not be a play for the month of December. It will start back up in January 2020.</p> <p>The comic book is almost done. They are on step three. It will be completed by March 30, 2020. Fourteen youths participated in the project. Mirtala suggested that the subcommittee use some of their 2020 money to make extra copies of the comic book and also make copies in Spanish.</p> <p>The comic book should be done by the end of February or early March. There will be a ceremony, judges will pick first, second and third place. They will be judged on comic book writing and how well they included mental health issues of Latino youth in their comic.</p>
<p>Review and Brainstorming for FY 2019-2020 Capacity Building Projects and Voting Process</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There was a suggestion for a Mobile Mental Health clinic. • The two projects that won were #1. Latino Outreach and Engagement Project for Older Adults and #4. Mental Health Education and Services for Garment District Workers.
<p>Nomination of Co-Chairs and Voting Process– Co-Chairs</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mirtala Parada Ward asked the subcommittee who would like to be the new Co-Chair. The department is working on giving a stipend of \$125 dollars a month for transportation or any necessities needed to attend the subcommittee meetings. • Hector Ramirez was voted to be a new Co-Chair. Paco Retana will no longer be Co-Chair. We are looking for a couple of new Co-Chairs. If you are interested or want to nominate someone send an email to Dr. Luis Guzmán.

<p>Announcements</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Dr. Luis Guzmán was introduced as the new Liaison for the Latino Subcommittee. ➤ Starting January 2020 all materials (Agenda and Minutes) will be in Spanish and English ➤ Rosario gave her goodbyes to the subcommittee. Letting them know it was a pleasure working with the Latino subcommittee and that she will miss everyone.
	<p>Meeting Adjourned - 3:30 P.M.</p>
<p>Next Meeting</p>	<p>December 17, 2019 from 2:00pm – 3:30pm Location: Wellness Center 3787 So. Vermont Ave. Los Angeles, CA. 90007</p>