

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

**Latino UsCC SUBCOMMITTEE MINUTES**

December 17, 2020

2:00PM – 3:30PM

3787 So. Vermont Avenue, Los Angeles, California 90007

**Present:** Betty Mendoza, Edith Arellano, Gypsie Vasquez-Ayala, Graciela Perez, Maria Gonzalez, Martha Simon, Berta Uribe, Perla Valdez, Carlos Valdez, Zoila Ilbay, Julie Matsumoto, Josof Sanchez, Bianca Gallegos, Amparo Ostojic, Hector Ramirez and Carlos Ludena

**Translator:** Lucy Rivero

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

Agenda Items	Comments/Discussion/Recommendations/Conclusions
<b>Welcome/ Introductions – Subcommittee Members</b>	Attendee introductions
<b>Review and Approval of minutes – Co-Chairs</b>	November 19, 2019 meeting minutes were not reviewed. (No copies of Minutes)
<b>CalMHSA Mini Grants – Hector Ramirez</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health is offering a new Mini Grant program called CalMHSA. The Grant is One thousand dollars to Five thousand dollars. This Mini Grant is to help bring Mental Health Awareness in the community, by having an educational event regarding Mental Health</li> <li>➤ In January 2020 Los Angeles County will be offering an online webinar to explain about the Mini Grant and how to apply. Anyone in the community can apply. It is an easy process.</li> </ul>
<b>Updates:</b>	<p align="center"><b>A. <u>DMH Updates:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hector Ramirez shared attended the UsCC Leadership meeting on December, 16<sup>th</sup> 2019. He shared with the group of upcoming changes related to the UsCC subcommittees. He informed the group that DMH is thinking of placing the UsCC’s under the SAAC’s.</li> <li>• Hector also shared about the SAAC’s not being ADA (Americans with Disabilities</li> </ul>

	<p>Act) compliant.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hector asked the group if they have ever attended a SAAC meeting and what was their experience?</li> </ul> <p><b>Feedback:</b> Members reported having negative experiences when attending a SAAC meeting. Also members were concerned that their voices would not be heard at the SAAC meetings.</p> <p><b>B. <u>Theater and Comic Book Projects:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Theater Project was black in November and December 2019. There are 14 more plays scheduled and will resume in January 2020.</li> <li>The Comic Book Project is at its ending fazes and there will be a celebration in form of a community event.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Announcements – Mirtala Parada Ward</b></p>	<p>A. The Department of Mental Health announced that they have plans to join the Uscc Leadership Committee and the Service Area Advisory Committee (SAAC). The UsCC subcommittees will now be under the SAAC's. Based on the Service Area that you live in, you should attend that Service Area Advisory Committee and represent any of the UsCC groups that you are a member of. At this time this is all the information we have to pass on to the UsCC subcommittees.</p>
	<p>Meeting Adjourned - 3:30 P.M.</p>
<p><b>Next Meeting</b></p>	<p>February 18, 2020 from 2:00pm – 3:30pm Location: Wellness Center 3787 So. Vermont Ave. Los Angeles, CA. 90007</p>