

LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH
Strategic Communications Division

American Indian / Alaska Native (AI/AN) UsCC Subcommittee Meeting Minutes

June 3, 2020

2:00PM – 4:00PM via Teleconference

Present: Sylvia Youngblood, Mark Parra, Monique Smith, Raul Garcia, Robyn Gomez, Tina Charley, Farrah Ferris, Charlotte Lujan, Elena Nourrie, Gabriel Pimentel, Shannon Rivers, Hector Ramirez
DMH Admin: Kelly Wilkerson, Sandra Chang

Agenda Items	Comments/Discussion/Recommendations/Conclusions
Welcome, Prayer & Introductions	Attendee introductions, Mark Parra lead the meeting with prayer.
May Meeting Minutes – Review	Minutes reviewed and approved. Kelly provided an update to the subcommittee regarding the format of the minutes changing to align with Robert’s Rules and The Brown Act. Sylvia Youngblood recommended continuing to ensure that all relevant information is included. Kelly to confirm when the recordings will be uploaded to the DMH UsCC website.
Talking Circle	(minute 25 in the audio recording) Farrah Ferris discussed with the subcommittee having a follow up Talking Circle to focus on the civil unrest and COVID pandemic in order to help process and support the community from a place of support and healing. Kelly to email out potential dates to the subcommittee. Hector Ramirez asked the community based organizations present in the meeting how they are currently providing services to community members (i.e. virtually, in person, by phone, etc.).
Social Media Presence	(minute 54 in the audio recording) Kelly updated the subcommittee that she was reaching out to DMH management and Public Information Office regarding the possibility of the UsCC having a presence on social media to share resources and upcoming events. Kelly is also requesting that the Native COVID-19 Resource Guide be added to the UsCC website. Will follow up ASAP. Hector Ramirez proposed the creation and use of social media platforms for this UsCC as a capacity building project as they are the primary outreach and information gateways for underserved communities at this time.
Co-Chair Update	(minute 64 in the audio recording) Raul Garcia announced to the subcommittee that he had recently accepted a position with American Indian Counseling Center (LACDMH). As a result, he will eventually need to step down from his co-chair position. Kelly asked the subcommittee to email any potential co-chair nominations to her.

	<p>Charlotte Lujan asked whether WOW workers (DMH volunteers) could become co-chairs. Kelly to follow up.</p> <p>Sylvia Youngblood asked regarding any future UsCC Leadership meetings. Sandra Chang stated that she had been in communication with Pinki Mehta regarding this. She will follow up and potentially look at August for a UsCC Leadership meeting.</p> <p>Recommendation to add the MHSA Three-Year Plan to the agenda for the July meeting so the subcommittee can make recommendations.</p> <p>Sylvia Youngblood inquired regarding whether the UsCC co-chairs will be added to future agendas for the MH Commission meetings to give updates. Hector Ramirez shared concerns regarding communities of color not being given the opportunity to speak or be heard by the MH Commission. Also requested a rapid response from the Department regarding COVID-19 and how it is impacting communities of color.</p>
<p>UsCC Capacity Building Projects – Updates</p>	<p>(minute 86 in the audio recording)</p> <p>FY 20/21 Projects remain on hold. Sandra Chang asked the subcommittee to consider project ideas related to COVID-19 to share with the Department-best ways to reach out to the AI/AN community in a respectful way.</p> <p>FY 19/20 The group brainstormed project ideas at the end of last year. The three projects that were selected were: Wellness Forums, Media Campaign, and Outreach and Engagement Toolkit project. We did complete the Statements of Work for those projects and submitted them to procurement to be processed. Under normal circumstances, Procurement would process the SOWs and then submit to ISD so it can be reviewed and sent out for solicitation. When they were submitted to Procurement is when the COVID-19 crisis began, and that is what put things on hold. Kelly to continue to keep the subcommittee updated.</p>
<p>Community Check In, COVID-19 Resources, and General Announcements</p>	<p>(minute 90 in the audio recording)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kelly gave brief update regarding the City Shelters and Project Roomkey efforts to provide support to homeless community members during COVID-19. • Charlotte Lujan and Sandra Chang shared regarding the DMH Warmline (800-854-7771). • Sandra Chang shared regarding the Headspace App (free). • Sandra Chang requested copies of the PSAs (previous and new versions) and which versions to advocate for. • Sylvia Youngblood shared regarding trainings being held at UAII (http://uail.org/). • Robyn Gomez from Pukuu shared regarding Wellness Circles in collaboration with ICOW: https://www.eventbrite.com/o/indigenous-circle-of-wellness-18961698223
<p>Audio Recording</p>	<p>Please listen to audio recording here: https://lacounty-my.sharepoint.com/:v/g/personal/kewilkerson_dmh_lacounty_gov/EUqSzyZVG5tAmQAM16D02_sBUAmkSGCa1oWqT-e68mIn3g?e=DAnQoz</p> <p>Or visit https://dmh.lacounty.gov/about/mhsa/uscc/</p>

Meeting Adjourn	Charlotte Lujan ended the meeting in Prayer.
Next Meeting	July 8, 2020 2:00pm – 4:00pm Skype meeting info: Join Skype Meeting or Join by phone: 323-776-6996 Conference ID: 387429815