

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

**Access for All UsCC Subcommittee Minutes**

February 12, 2020  
10:00AM – 12:00PM

2222 Laverna Ave. Los Angeles, Ca. 90041

**Present:** Roque Bucton and Junko Nagamatsu

**ASL Interpreters:** Justin Marrer and Martha Villar

**On Phone:** Ary Nassiri, Pam Inaba, Alex Elliott, Sylvia Youngblood, Sunnie Whipple, Bernice Mascher, Cody Hanable, Evelyn Pena and Allison Burdett

**DMH Staff:** Rosario Ribleza, Mirtala Parada Ward and Connie Acosta Castaneda

Agenda Items	Comments/Discussion/Recommendations/Conclusions
<p><b>Welcome/ Introductions</b></p> <p>- All Members</p>	<p>Attendee introductions: Each attendee (in person and on the phone) introduced himself/herself, and shared a word that connects with the disabled community.</p> <p>Junko taught the attendees how to say “thank you”, using a sign language.</p>
<p><b>Meeting Norms</b></p> <p>- Mirtala Parada Ward</p>	<p>Mirtala reminded the attendees of the following protocols:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Be mindful and respectful of others.</li> <li>• No side bar conversations.</li> <li>• If you need to leave the meeting early, either by phone or in person, please do so quietly.</li> <li>• Please raise your hand or ask to be added to the “que” if you want to give input or have a comment.</li> <li>• The Code of Conduct is distributed at every meeting for your attention and review.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Code of Conduct Review</b></p> <p>- Mirtala Parada Ward</p>	<p>The Code of Conduct was briefly reviewed, and everyone is required to abide.</p>
<p><b>Review of Meeting Minutes</b></p> <p>- Subcommittee Members</p>	<p>January meeting minutes were reviewed and approved. A motion to approve the minutes was taken by Cody, Hanable and seconded by Junko Nagamatsu.</p>

Updates -  
Mirtala Parada Ward

Allison Burdett -  
Wayfinder Family Services

#### A. UsCC/SALT's Restructuring

- There will be UsCC Leadership Meeting on February 24, 2020 from 10:00am – 12:00pm at DMH Headquarters, 550 S. Vermont Ave., 9<sup>th</sup> Floor, Los Angeles, California 90026.
- DMH will be having two MHSA events coming up:
  1. The Presentation to County Stakeholders –Stakeholders meeting for the Three Year MHSA Plan - February 21, 2020
  2. Mental Health Commission Meeting and Public Hearing – April 23, 2020

Both events will be held at the Cathedral – 555 W. Temple Street, Los Angeles, California 90012. CART will be available, and an ASL interpreter will be provided with a week advance notice.

- At the UsCC Leadership level, the Department of Mental Health is still in the process of developing a document to provide a clear instructions and rollback of how the restructure of the Stakeholder process will look-like. The department is working with an outside consultant to get that working. It is expected to be presented to the Co-Chairs and the community in late February or early March, 2020.

#### B. Capacity Building Projects: Update

##### ❖ **Peer to Peer Network Project** – Currently in Phase 2

- Peer to Peer Network Training for peer mentors was held on February 5, 2020. There were 31 RSVP's, but only 21 participated. It was a good turnout. Results of surveys are very positive.
- Participants are now preparing for their presentations to the deaf, hard of hearing, blind and physically disabled communities. There are two (2) co-facilitators: one is totally blind, and the other has physical disability.

##### ❖ **Clinical Mental Health Training**

- Training curriculum has been approved by the Department of Mental Health.
- Four approved training dates and locations:
  1. SA6 – February 24,2020 at Wayfinder Family Services
  2. SA3 – March 10, 2020 at Hillside in South Pasadena
  3. SA4 – March 23,2020 at Hillside in Echo Park
  4. SA7 – April 13,2020 at Hillside in Commerce

- Wayfinders Family Services is still looking for hosts for Service Areas 1, 2, 5, and 8.
- Recruitment has already been started.
- The National Association of Social Workers (NASW) have approved 4 CEU's for Clinicians.

One of the GLAD's staff signed up for the training for February 24, 2020, she will need an interpreter.

**Feedback from the Subcommittee:**

- Create a flyer with training dates.
- Post at Wayfinder's facebook and website.
- Post training information at DMH website.
  
- Sylvia Youngblood reminded everyone that being deaf is not a disability.

**Brainstorming for 2020 – 2021  
Capacity Building Projects**

- **Mirtala Parada Ward and Subcommittee Members**

**Overview & Guidelines: Capacity Building Projects -Mirtala Parada Ward**

Copies of the Capacity Building Project guidelines and forms were distributed to the subcommittee. Mirtala explained the following:

- The proposed Capacity Building Project must reflect the DMH's mission, which is to target the underserved groups to develop creative, culturally and linguistically appropriate non-traditional ways to outreach and engage to the communities, and provide mental health services.
- Guidelines completing the forms
- How to prepare and submit a project proposal.
- Members with voting privileges will vote for the top three (3) proposals.

**New Proposals/Ideas are due by April 30, 2020**

**Brainstorming on the Capacity Building Projects –Subcommittee Members**

The Capacity Building Projects must focus on:

- The needs of the underserved communities.
- Outreach and engagement
  - a. to increase membership
  - b. to reduce stigma associated with mental health services

<p><b>Data Collection:</b></p> <p><b>A letter to the Department of Health Services/Governor</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Roque Bucton / Sylvia Youngblood/ Alex Elliot</b></li> </ul>	<p><b>Roque</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sylvia Youngblood was able to get the name and contact information of the person in-charge of the State of California Mental Health. The subcommittee is now in the process of drafting an introduction letter.</li> <li>• There is a compendium of data that is released annually. They analyze all the various sectors of disabilities and evaluate how each sector is doing - the education, employment and services (such as medical services). They produce two documents yearly which are about to be released. It's a great data that will show the whole field about disabilities in the United States.</li> </ul> <p><b>Alex Elliott:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The State mandates to collect the demographic information about disabilities which is funded by MHSA.</li> <li>• There are 53 Counties in California that may use 53 different ways trying to comply with the State plan.</li> <li>• The data elements would be good to look at, as it relates to disabilities that can be captured through the electronic health records. When someone comes in for services, he/she will be given an assessment, and asked questions related to disabilities.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Announcements:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Roque Bucton and Sylvia Youngblood</b></li> </ul>	<p><b>Roque Bucton</b>  <b>Ability-Inclusive Dolphin Park Playground</b>  This is a fully accommodated park in the city of Carson designed for children with physical, cognitive, and social-emotional disabilities. The Grand Opening was celebrated on January 16, 2020. The park is a partnership project of the Carson City Council and Parks and Recreation, funded by the Marathon Petroleum Corporation.</p> <p><b>Sylvia Youngblood:</b>  CAL-TASH is having a conference in Sacramento on March 7 and 8, 2020. There will be a briefing to support Inclusive Practices in schools. They want to talk to parents, advocates, community members and students. Anyone can participate by going to Sacramento or by calling Tanya Lieberman, Chief Consultant for the Assembly Education Committee - (916) 319-2807. Participation can also be done through Skype.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Council of Parent Attorneys and Advocates (COPA) is also having a conference in Baltimore on March 6, 7, and 8.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Meeting Adjourned</b></p>	<p>12:00 P.M.</p>
<p><b>Next Meeting</b></p>	<p>March 11, 2020 - 10:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M.  Greater Los Angeles Agency on Deafness, Inc. - 2222 Laverna Ave. Los Angeles, CA. 90041</p>