

LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH
Strategic Communications Division
American Indian / Alaska Native (AI/AN) UsCC Subcommittee Meeting Minutes
November 4, 2020
2:00PM – 4:00PM via Teleconference and Microsoft TEAMS

Present: Monique Smith, Sylvia Youngblood, Hector Ramirez, Sunnie Whipple, Bernice Mascher, Shannon Rivers, Robyn Gomez, Gabriel Pimentel, Nikki Crow, April Skinas, Charlotte Lujan, Melanie Cain, George Funmaker, Bridget Garcia Vera, Farrah Ferris, Walter Ahhaitty, and Genevieve Clavreul

DMH Admin: Kelly Wilkerson, Julio Miranda, Richard Yonemura, Connie Acosta Castaneda, Sandra Chang, Arleen Santizo, Pinki Mehta

Agenda Items	Comments/Discussion/Recommendations/Conclusions
Welcome, Prayer & Introductions	Hector Ramirez lead the meeting with prayer. Members were asked to introduce themselves.
August Meeting Minutes – Review	Minutes have been reviewed and approved by Hector Ramirez and seconded by Shannon Rivers .
Capacity Building Projects – Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Survey Monkey ranking has been completed and the top four projects that were voted on were; <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Mental Health Conference 2. The Needs Assessment 3. The Wellness Forums 4. The Social Media Campaign • Kelly Wilkerson will keep the AI/AN subcommittee posted on the next steps that will need to be taken.
MHSA Presentation & Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ American Indian Alaska Native (AI/AN) Cultural Competency Plan Data, FY 18-19 • Dr. Sandra Chang gave a PowerPoint presentation regarding the demographics of the American Indian and Alaska Native population that receive mental health services from Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health. • Dr. Sandra Chang spoke about disparities and how the communities have been served under the MHSA plan. This data is by age group, gender and sexual orientation. • This data has been collected by the Department of Mental Health based on the categories that the State is utilizing. • The information is based on the 8 Service Areas in Los Angeles County. For the American Indian/Alaska Native community, there are disparities in all 8 Service Areas. ➤ The Components for MHSA – Pinki Mehta • Community Services & Support: Direct services provides to clients (i.e. Outpatient Care Services, Crisis Services, Housing Services and Planning Outreach and Engagement.) • Prevention & Early Intervention 2 & 3: These are prevention programs (i.e. Stigma and Discrimination, Suicide Prevention Programs) these programs help to increase access to underserved groups through unique and innovative ways.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Innovation: The Therapeutic Transportation Data has recently been ruled out. It's a partnership with the Fire Department, Public Health and the Trieste Project, which is a pilot program in the Hollywood area. • Workforce, Education & Training (WET): This program puts funding towards Training and Education for the workforce and Capital Projects. • Community support services is the bulk of where MHSAs dollars are spent because it is direct services that are provided to clients.
COVID-19 Community Check in	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bernice Mascher shared with the group that she went to go visit her sister in Chilowac, Canada. Passing through the border to Canada they had very strict regulations because of COVID-19. They had to quarantine for 2 weeks. • Robyn Gomez shared that COVID-19 numbers in San Fernando Valley have continued to rise. The agency will provide COVID-19 testing. Pukuu continues to provide services for food, utility and rental assistance for families who are at risk of being evicted or face electricity disconnection. They also continue to deliver boxes of food to people that reach out to the organization.
General Announcements/ Resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion regarding whether the subcommittee would like to hold a meeting in December or go dark for that month. It was recommended that the subcommittee move forward with a December meeting. • Walter Ahhaitty shared that his organization received a grant for an upcoming program that will call and check on their Elders in the community, that may just need someone to talk to. He is asking for help with contact information, so that they can help those in need, also to make sure they have food, necessities for everyday living. Also they are giving laptops to the Elderly or anyone who may need one. • UAll and 7 Generations aftercare program, along with CSULA ECHO and DMH, will be hosting a Wellness Forum on 11/20/20. There will be keynotes from Sean Sherman the Sioux Chef and Dr. Dee Bigfoot who is an expert with trauma-informed care, as well as two panels. • UAll will be giving out COVID-19 testing and participants will receive \$50 dollars. UAll is also hiring intern outreach workers. Farrah to share details with Kelly to share with the subcommittee. • Bernice Mascher extended an invite to the subcommittee to join her and the other members on November 18, 2020 for the CCC meeting.
Closing Prayer	George Funmaker ended the meeting with Prayer.
Audio Recording	<p>Please listen to audio recording here: http://lacountymediahost.granicus.com/MediaPlayer.php?clip_id=8662</p> <p>Meeting recordings and minutes are in the process of being uploaded to the DMH website: https://dmh.lacounty.gov/about/mhsa/uscc/american-indian-alaska-native-ai-an-uscc/american-indian-alaska-native-ai-an-uscc-meeting-minutes/</p>
Next Meeting:	<p>December 2, 2020 2:00pm – 4:00pm Click here to join the meeting Or call in (audio only) +1 323-776-6996, 480586868# Phone Conference ID: 480 586 868#</p>