

Attendees:

Roque Bucton, Erik Escareno, Junko Nagamatsu, Amy Kay, Hector Ramirez, Cody Hanable, Sunnie Whipple, Bernice Mascher, Alex Elliott, Ary Nassiri, and Winter Koifman

DMH:

Rosario Ribleza, Connie Acosta Castaneda, Pinki Mehta, Julio Miranda and Richard Yonemura

Interpreter & Captioner:

Lianna Carrera

Richard Dickinson

Agenda Items	Comments/Discussion/Recommendations/Conclusions
Welcome & Introductions Subcommittee Members	Attendee Introductions: Everyone introduced himself/herself and shared a word or phrase that captures their experience, and how they feel about their community.
Announcement of the New Co-Chair	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Roque Bucton announced Cody Hanable as the new Co-Chair for the Access for All subcommittee, and everyone welcomed him.
Meeting Norms / Review of Code of Conduct Co-Chairs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cody Hanable reviewed the Code of Conduct and Meeting Norms with the subcommittee. • Cody Hanable discussed what should happen if any future meetings need to cancel abruptly. • The subcommittee agreed that if meeting will be cancelled, it should be approved by the subcommittee through voting. • If one co-chair is unavailable, the other co-chair will facilitate the meeting. If both co-chairs cannot make it, the subcommittee can elect someone to host the meeting. • The Liaison or former Co-Chair is qualified to facilitate the meeting.
Meeting Minutes: 5/13/20 and 8/12/20 Co-Chairs & Subcommittee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May and August 2020 minutes of the meeting were not approved. Hector Ramirez claimed that there is a few missing information. He will email Rosario Ribleza about said information.
General Updates:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Roque shared his frustrations using FedEx’s new accessibility feature, that was not available when he needed it. Eric Escareno agreed, and wished that accessibility is more integrated.
<u>Meeting Facilitation and Community Engagement Skills Training</u> Subcommittee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bernice Mascher was delighted in engaging with fellow Co-Chairs. She noticed that there are more support and good relationships forming. • Roque Bucton experienced some accessibility issues and challenges when navigating through documents to access information. • Hector Ramirez expressed his frustrations with the challenges he faced to get the basic things from the department. It is a learning experience to ensure that there is a peer to peer advocacy for other disabilities.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Senate Bill 803 – Mental Health Services: Peer Support Specialist Certification has passed.

<p><u>SB 803: Mental Health Services – Peer Support Specialist Certification</u> Co-Chairs</p>	<p>The bill authorizes a county or an agency that represents the county, to develop a peer support specialist certification program. Peer specialists who have current certifications are still qualified.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The goal is to develop a pipeline of employment and peer support groups. • A Peer Specialist: is an individual who is 18 or older, who is self-identified as having a lived experience with the process of recovering from mental illness, either as a consumer of these services or as a parent or family member of those that have been consumers.
<p>Social Media – Policies and Procedures Pinki Mehta</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Erik Escareno’s suggestions: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Department of Mental Health (DMH) should distribute the information. 2. DMH should work at the system level to make sure every segment is captioned and accessible. 3. The blind and deaf should receive information easily without impediment or frustration. • Hector Ramirez recommendations: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Creating a calendar for the Access for All group - including disability awareness month events, and stakeholder events. 2. The UsCCs should have online presence to send out public information about the subcommittee meetings and events. <p>* Rosario Ribleza informed the attendees that all UsCC subcommittee meetings, including monthly minutes and recordings are posted in the DMH website. They are available to the public.</p> <p>* Pinki Mehta requested Rosario Ribleza to set up a meeting with Co-Chairs, Roque Bucton and Cody Hanable, to discuss some of the gaps: what is missing and how it can be changed.</p>
<p>Code of Conduct and clarification of the Brown Act Pinki Mehta</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pinki clarified that the subcommittee is not mandated to follow the Brown Act in meeting operation. It is up to the subcommittee to use what works with the group. They can make decision either by a motion or by consensus. • Roque recommended to vote by consensus, and the subcommittee agreed.
<p>DMH Updates Pinki Mehta</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There will be a press conference next week, held by the supervisors about the therapeutic transport mandates. • Pinki will send information to Rosario on upcoming conferences to share with the group. • The Asian Pacific Islander (API) Health Disparities motion lead by Supervisor Solis was on the board agenda yesterday and is moving forward to look at the disparities in the API community. • The MH Commission will be holding a retreat meeting for Co-Chairs. • All Service Areas will share their priorities for each of their communities • Pinki requested the subcommittee to share their top two priorities of what they want to see for the Access for All community. She will relay this information to the Mental Health Commission.
<p>Revision of the 2019-2020 Capacity Building Projects</p>	<p>A. Mental Health Needs Assessment for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Community B. Mental Health Needs Assessment for the Blind, Partially Sighted, and Visually Impaired</p>

Subcommittee Members	<p>C. Mental Health Needs Assessment for Physically Disabled Community</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All three Statements of Work (SOW) are the same. Rosario will make revisions accordingly to each SOW. • The description, purpose and objective will also remain the same. The links and phone numbers will be added since they will be virtual events. Use blog. • The subcommittee expressed their concern about having 15 – 20 deaf members on a virtual platform. It will be difficult for them to communicate using ASL. It should also be linguistically accessible. • Suggestions: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Deaf & Hard of Hearing M.H. Assessment: ASL recommended breakout groups with the minimum of 4 members. 2. Blind, Partially Sighted & Visually Impaired, and the Physically Disabled Assessments: Those who are blind will have face mobility issues, therefore should have a minimum of 10 participants.
<p>Brainstorming for 2020-2021 Capacity Building Projects Subcommittee Members</p>	<p>A. Talking Circle – Tabled for next month B. Task Force</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Erik Escareno recommended: (a) Creation of a task force, and (b) Addition of COVID-19 as a specific line item to all three of the community needs assessment. • Hector Ramirez suggested: (a) Provide training to DMH staff on disability accommodations needed by the different population being served. (b) Create a comprehensive needs assessment of disability accommodations by the department. (c) Training to support the peers • Amy Kay suggested to provide trainings to contracted agencies as well. • Roque Bucton proposed to create a podcast series, instead of a conference. It would be smaller than a conference and easier to manage. It can be developed with Q&A or just the podcast.
Meeting Adjourned	12:00 P.M.
Next Meeting	November 12, 2020 – 10:00A.M. to 12:00 P.M.