

LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH
Strategic Communications Division
American Indian / Alaska Native (AI/AN) UsCC Subcommittee Meeting Minutes
 January 6, 2021
 2:00PM – 4:00PM via Teleconference and Microsoft TEAMS

Present: April Skinas, Bridget Garcia Vera, Charlotte Lujan, Gabriel Pimentel, Genevieve Clavreul, Hector Ramirez, Monique Castro, Monique Smith, Robyn Gomez, Shannon Rivers and Sunnie Whipple
DMH Admin: Kelly Wilkerson, Connie Acosta Castaneda

Agenda Items	Comments/Discussion/Recommendations/Conclusions
Welcome, Prayer & Introductions	Members were asked to introduce themselves and share with the group something they are grateful for.
Meeting Minutes – Review	December 2, 2020 minutes were reviewed and approved by Hector Ramirez and seconded by Robyn Gomez.
Capacity Building Projects – Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kelly Wilkerson shared with the group that the three Statements of Work for the capacity building projects; Wellness Forums, Outreach and Engagement Toolkit, and Needs Assessment, have been completed and reviewed by the stakeholder lead (Pinki Mehta). • The Toolkit project is currently with Internal Services Department (ISD), which is the final stop before the projects go out for solicitation. • Kelly has been checking the status daily on the internal website and will keep the subcommittee posted.
COVID-19 Community Check-in	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hector Ramirez shared with the group that he will be participating on a call with the Governor of California to advocate for people with disabilities to have early access to the COVID-19 vaccine, if they choose to take it. • April Skinas shared that the United American Indian Involvement (UAI) received 100 doses of the COVID-19 vaccine from Moderna. Priority goes to healthcare workers, providers, staff, elderly, and those at higher risk. You must be a registered client of UAI. • Monique Castro shared with the group that Los Angeles County is trying to get more vaccines out to Native American community members, through the LA county COVID-19 response group and the Indian Commission. They will be working on more remote locations to make it more accessible to community members. • To help with the grief and loss due to the pandemic, starting the end of January or the beginning of February 2021 through the LA County COVID-19 response group, they plan on starting a Grief and Loss support group for community members in Los Angeles County. • Data gathering effort: To collect more data regarding the Native community on usage and accessibility of the COVID-19 vaccine. In Native American communities, people are concerned with what is in the COVID-19 vaccine and what are the side effects. • Sunnie Whipple shared that the Native community needs to know where they are at and how far they have come. He is in agreeance on collecting the data on usage and accessibility of the COVID-19 vaccine.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monique Smith shared with the group that ECHO ended their four-year contract. They screened over thirty-two thousand people and conducted a lot of virtual education and were able to support and give out supplies to the community.
<p>General Announcements/ Resources</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Saturday, January 9th, 2021 at 10:00am, Native American Veterans Association (NAVA). Talking Circle ZOOM Meeting. https://www.navavets.org NAVA ZOOM Meetings take place the second Saturday of each month. https://zoom.us/j/97509695862 Meeting ID: 975 0969 5862 Password: NAVA2020 CONTACT: navavets@gmail.com, info@navavets.org Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/NativeAmericanVeteransAssociation/ • Thursday, January 14th, 2021. • 11am to 12:30pm Pacific Time. WEBINAR: Identifying and Preventing Child Abuse and Neglect. NICWA, https://www.nicwa.org Online Registration: Meeting Registration – Zoom • Tuesday, January 26th, 2021. • 11am. Pacific Time. WEBINAR: Applying Trauma-Informed Care and Disability Justice to Working with Survivors of Sex Trafficking. This webinar will discuss the implementation of the SORNA by eligible federally recognized American Indian and Alaska Native Tribes. It will describe the importance of using a trauma-informed approach to supporting survivors of sex trafficking with disabilities and provide attendees with skills to more effectively support these survivors. Registration Required: https://usao.webex.com/usao/onstage/g.php?MTID=ecddc96d3adea0d205d496d3c2603bba2 • Friday, January 29th, 2021. • 9am. Pacific Time. WEBINAR: The increase of Opioid Abuse and Overdose during the COVID-19 Pandemic. Judge Shannon, and Dr. Morrone. Presentation 1; A Tribal Court's Response to the Opioid Crisis During a Pandemic. Presentation 2; Increased Fentanyl Overdose Deaths during the SARSCoV-2 (COVID 19) Pandemic, A Forensic Analysis. CISCO Webex Registration: WebEx - Central Michigan University. • Tuesday, January 19th, 2021. • 12pm - 1:30. Pacific Time. WEBINAR: Sex Offender Registration and Notification Act (SORNA) in Indian Country. This webinar will discuss the implementation of the SORNA by eligible federally recognized American Indian and Alaska Native Tribes. Registration Required: https://usao.webex.com/usao/onstage/g.php?MTID=ecddc96d3adea0d205d496d3c2603bba2 • Communal Healing for our Future-- Link to RSVP: https://healthcommunity.eventbrite.com • Every Thursday... 1pm. Southern California Indian Center, Inc. (SCIC), Food Pantry. APPOINTMENT REQUIRED, please call for an appointment (714) 962-6673 ext. 221. LOCATION: 10175 Slater Ave., Suite 150, Fountain Valley, CA 92708 CONTACT: (714) 962-6673, http://www.indiancenter.org/ Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/SCICinc/ • 1 pm "Native American United Methodist Church – Mobile Pantry." http://naumc.org/ The Mobile Pantry is held on the First and Third Wednesday of every month. LOCATION: 800 South Lemon Ave., Anaheim CA 92805. CONTACT: (714) 535-2429. Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/pages/Native-American-United-Methodist-Church/111535752219283 • Breaking Bread in Pacoima. Free Groceries & Resources. Thursdays 2:00pm at Humphrey Park 2560 Filmore St. Pacoima, CA. 91331. Everyone is welcomed. Volunteers are needed. Everyone must have a mask and stay at least 6 ft. apart. Any questions, interested in volunteering or getting involved, contact Silvia Anguiano via email at silvia91331@gmail.com https://www.tiachucha.org/breakingbread?fbclid=IwAR2qTMOtBP95kUTD8AG4rW7KHKuhE7A-mTAhRYdSKQINLpGIMtRrohsPpp4 • The Department of Interior Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) has all of the State statistics on COVID-19 on all Tribal Nations.

Closing Prayer	Shannon Rivers ended the meeting with Prayer.
Audio Recording	All meeting audio recordings are available on 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/
Next Meetings:	<u>Next Meetings (first Wednesday of the month, all meetings 2-4pm):</u> 2/3/21, 3/3/21, 4/7/21, 5/5/21, 6/2/21 New login information for 2021: Join Microsoft Teams Meeting ; 323-776-6996, Conference ID: 806 867 419#