

LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH

ADMINISTRATIVE OPERATIONS

Latino UsCC SUBCOMMITTEE MINUTES

November 17, 2020

2:00PM – 4:00PM

Attendees: Alma Briseño, Belia Lopez, Betsy Marín, Betty Mendoza, Bianca Gallegos, Carmen Ortiz, Carmen Perez, Claudia Gonzalez-Razo, Elsy Molina, Gabriela Gonzalez, Irma Vasquez, Laura Iñiguez, Leanor Johansen, Maria Leiva, Maria Orosco, Maritza Lebrón, Martha Cota, Martha Ojeda, Martin Almanza, Paco Retana, Patricia Veliz-Macal, Rick Pulido, Rosa Rodriguez and Yolanda Becerra

DMH Staff: Dr. Luis Guzman, Dr. Sherin, Julio Miranda, Connie Acosta Castaneda, Pinki Mehta, Dr. Sandra Chang and Guadalupe Aguilar

Interpreter: Alex & Lucy Ferraez Rivero, Michael Cook

Agenda Items	Comments/Discussion/Recommendations/Conclusions
Welcome & Introductions – Subcommittee Members	Housekeeping (Platform use instructions), Attendance <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Members were asked as they participate to introduce themselves when they gave a comment. (On Microsoft Teams and on the phone)
Review of Meeting Minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• October 20, 2020 meeting minutes were not reviewed.
Latino Mental Health Disparity Data Presentation – Dr. Sandra Chang	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dr. Sandra Chang shared a presentation on data regarding the population in Los Angeles County, looking at Ethnicity and Race.• Dr. Chang shared data from each service area, and pointed out the service areas that need the most outreach and mental health services.• The Latino UsCC subcommittee is implementing new training projects, this information can help in telling what segment of Latino population can benefit from mental health services.• The data that was presented today is received from the State and is an estimated count.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Dr. Sherin shared that he was pleased to see a large group of members in today’s Latino subcommittee meeting; “We want as many voices in the room as possible”. • Dr. Sherin believes that we learn from the community in how we structure our services, that is why outreach and engagement is very important for those that are not being reached. • Dr. Sherin shared that the data collected is from eligible consumers. There is a significant reluctance to engage and some are not willing to get help. • The goal is to address these issues and the expansion of the Promoters program, to engage people and help them navigate, and increase access. • The Promoters program will be hiring trusted members of their community as extensions of DMH, an ambassador network.
<p>Discussion on Latino Disparities for MHSA 3-year plan – Pinki Mehta</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The 3-year budget plan will reflect the priorities of the department and of all community clinics, which are legal entities that are part of the Department of Mental Health. • Dr. Sherin shared that the department is looking at serious lean time within the next 2 – 3 years. • MHSA funding might decrease 20% - 30% starting in the middle of 2021. It will depend on millionaires paying their taxes.
<p>Expansion of Promotores Program</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Los Angeles County is increasing the amount of Mental Health Promoters, focusing on the Latino community. • At this time there are 110 Mental Health Promoters, and the county is looking to hire 60 – 70 more Promoters. • Los Angeles County provides the Mental Health Promoters with resources to help promote mental health in each service areas.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There will be paid training, and will be provided with the necessary technology so they can go into the community and make presentations. DMH wants to make sure all areas are represented. • At this time DMH is increasing the amount of mental health Promoters, as of now the department has approximately 110 and will be adding another 60 – 70 by the end of the year. • Monies/Funding for this new program need to be spent by December 31, 2020. <p>FEEDBACK: Some members were concerned with the hiring process for the Promoters program. They feel the department is asking too much from them, even having years of experience with outreach and engagement with their community.</p>
DMH Announcements / Updates	<p>A. Ad-hoc on MHSA: Agenda item tabled.</p> <p>B. December Latino UsCC Meeting: The subcommittee all agreed to have December 15, UsCC Latino meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gabriela Gonzales shared with the subcommittee of an upcoming Play on Facebook about Mental Health for the Latino Community called; “De Sabios y Locos Todos.... (please see chat for details)
	Meeting Adjourned – 4:00pm
Next Meeting	December 15, 2020 from 2:00pm – 4:00pm Virtual Venue: Microsoft TEAMS