

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

Latino UsCC SUBCOMMITTEE MINUTES

May 26, 2020
2:00PM – 4:00PM

Present On the Phone: Paco Retana, Martin Almanza, Gabriela Velasquez, Amparo Ostojic, Wendy Rivas, Gabriela Gonzalez, Bianca Gallegos, Betty Mendoza, Adriana Carillo, Hector Ramirez, Elsy Molina, Julia Ornelas, Leanor Johansen, Jennifer Hernandez, Jose Guevara, Johanna Lozano, Carmen Perez

DMH Staff: Drs. Luis Guzmán & Sandra Chang

Agenda Items	Comments/Discussion/Recommendations/Conclusions
Welcome & Introductions – Subcommittee Members	<p>Attendee introductions – Housekeeping, Code of Conduct</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Hector Ramirez reviewed the Code of Conduct with the Subcommittee. ➤ Participants voted to have meeting conducted in Spanish
Sharing Experiences during COVID-19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Members shared impact of COVID-19 on different arenas and aspects of their lives (topics included food insecurity, housing insecurities, death / loss, need for support groups to be culturally responsive, education-related needs, MHSA-related documents to be provided in culturally appropriate manners) ➤ The department is working to make sure that DMH is meeting the needs of the community through a workgroup to address the COVID-19 crisis. ➤ How can we help the Latino community move forward and heal/recover from COVID-19?
Resources / Support in Times of COVID-19	<p><u>Time-Sensitive Resources:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Disability Community Resource Center – financial help to meet basic needs including for undocumented families / individuals living in Santa Monica ➤ Faith-based support groups / breakfast in SA 6 for Spanish-speaking community ➤ Casa De Familia – Support groups in Spanish on various topics available ➤ NAMI – Peer to Peer (English / Spanish); support also available for family members <p><u>Current Needs:</u></p>

<p>Dr. Luis Guzman DMH Updates: Dr. Sandra Chang</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Support for Day Laborers including at Home Depot and Latino Round Table Pomona including to receive information on current resources ➤ There are resources available for the Latino community, but the community, may not know how to access those services / fill out applications ➤ Financial Support for undocumented immigrant families / Day Laborers and IDEPSCA because of the large need (high unemployment) ➤ We need to continue to engage in communication and dissemination of resources through the use TV and radio to engage in outreach in both English and Spanish as well as other media used by Latinos <p><u>Ad-hoc committees (logistics/review of membership/brainstorming):</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Support for children, adolescents, college students (and their families) ➤ Support of Older Adults ➤ Undocumented immigrants/Mixed-status families ➤ Supporting parents/older adults in -the use of Technology ➤ Basic Needs (Food, financial, housing) ➤ Safety (Domestic/Family Violence/Potential Trauma) ➤ Stigma Reduction (Communication & Outreach) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ <u>MHSA Mini grants</u> ➤ <u>Current Capacity Building Projects:</u> Capacity Building Projects for 2020-2021 will continued to be briefly discussed at our next Latino subcommittee meeting 6/16/20 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ <u>Theater Play:</u> Currently on pause due to COVID-19 ➤ <u>Comic Book:</u> Currently on pause due to COVID-19- ➤ <u>DMH Warm-line available:</u> 1 (800) 854-7771 ➤ Headspace available countywide for all county residents for free
	<p>Meeting Adjourned - 4:00 P.M.</p>
<p>Next Meeting</p>	<p>June 16, 2020 from 2:00pm – 4:00pm Skype and Conference call meeting.</p>