

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

Access for All UsCC Subcommittee Minutes

February 10, 2021
10:00AM – 12:00PM
Microsoft Teams Meeting

Attendees: Alex Reynoso, Amy Kay, Cody Hanable, Junko Nagamatsu, Marc Dubian, Osvaldo Carrizoza, Roque Bucton, Stacy Dagleish, Sunnie Whipple, Sylvia Youngblood and Wendy Cabil,

DMH: Rosario Ribleza, Keacha Stewart, Dr. Sandra Chang, Connie Acosta Castaneda and Julio Miranda, Alex Elliot

Interpreter & Captioner: Jonathan Gleicher and Lianna Carrera

Agenda Items	Comments/Discussion/Recommendations/Conclusions
Welcome & Introductions - Subcommittee Members	Attendee introductions: Each attendee (On Microsoft Teams and on the phone) was encouraged to incorporate a description of themselves to be mindful of those attendees with disabilities: individuals with visual impairments who cannot see the computer screen, also being mindful for those who cannot hear what is happening in the meeting.
Meeting Norms/Review of Code of Conduct – Co- Chair	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cody Hanable reviewed the Code of Conduct and Meeting Norms to the subcommittee.
Meeting Minutes: Review and Approval – Co-Chair & Subcommittee	January 13, 2021 meeting minutes have been reviewed and approved by Roque Bucton and seconded by Amy Kay .
General Updates:	<p>Capacity Building Projects (Rosario Ribleza)</p> <p>2018-2019: All completed</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Peer to Peer Network 2. Clinical Mental Health Training 3. PSA Development Project <p>2020-2021– In Process</p>

1. Mental Health Needs Assessment for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Community (Special Request submitted)
2. Mental Health Needs Assessment for the Blind, Partially Sighted, and Visually Impaired Community (Special Request Submitted)
3. Mental Health Assessment for Physically Disabled Community (Special Request Submitted)
4. Television Media and Advertising Campaign (on hold)

Miscellaneous Updates:

Rosario Ribleza shared with the group a brief background on Measure J.

- November 3, 2020 Los Angeles County voters approved measure J. which allocates at least 10% of the County's locally generated and restricted funding.
- Residents and stakeholders will be able to elevate their priority funding needed for their communities to thrive. They will be able to share their ideas, priorities and recommendations.
- Funding priorities vary and may include; Community Health Services, Community Counseling, Youth Development programs, Affordable Housing, Supportive Housing, etc.
- The Measure J Re-Imagine L.A. Advisory Committee is pleased to announce that it's five subcommittees will begin meeting the week of February 8, 2021: 1. Economic Opportunity and Sustainability 2. Housing 3. Reentry 4. Diversion, Behavioral Health, & Health 5. Education Access and Youth Development
- Dr. Sandra Chang informed the subcommittee that the department is working very closely with other departments in response to different motions by the Board of Supervisors.
- Health Workers should be the first to receive the COVID 19 vaccination, especially those working directly with the public.

Questions Regarding Calls Received: Access Center's Response:

The sign language appointments are scheduled for all services including initial intake, ongoing therapy, case management and medication appointments.

- The role of Access Center is to schedule Sign Language interpreter appointments for Directly Operated (DO) clinics and Contract clinics when they request for the services.
- The Access Center is a 24/7 Call Center whose function is to schedule appointments in response to requests from providers. Once appointment is scheduled, their job is completed.
- **Amy Kay** gave an update regarding 5 Acres' Deaf Services Programs annual review. Forty-two percent of 5 Acres clients that received services were adults.

- 5 Acres served more deaf and hard of hearing adults than children.
- The Department of Mental Health contracted 5 Acres to provide services to deaf and hard of hearing adults, but now they are no longer providing 5 Acres with that specific funding.
- There is a huge need for services for Adult deaf and hard of hearing particularly during this pandemic when schools conduct virtual learning.
- Dr. Sandra Chang will follow up with information she may gather, and share with the subcommittee.

Update on Cultural Tradition & Connections Newsletter:

- Dr. Sandra Chang gave an update on the Cultural Tradition & Connections Newsletter. They have been gathering input from the different subcommittee groups.
- The model of the newsletter is “FROM COMMUNITY FOR COMMUNITY.” It is about sharing cultural traditions and building cultural connections amongst others.
- A full-page section is dedicated to each of the UsCC’s.
- They are still looking for any articles, reflections, poetry, quotes and any kind of content that the subcommittee would like to share.
- The newsletter will be shared in a virtual form as well as hard copy.
- First release date is in mid-March, and the next one will be in June 2021. The deadline for submission will be in May for the June newsletter.

Promoters: Follow-up Meeting with Dr. Partida – Roque Bucton;

- One of the concerns is the accessibility of the application for disabled individuals who want to apply for the position.
- There was a request for DMH’s contact person to assist in completing the application, or a suggestion that DMH staff complete the application for the applicant.
- Roque shared that he is going through the process of applying for the Promotora position but has not heard anything back from the department.

Community Resource Center – Roque Bucton;

- Roque completed his internship at the Disability Community Resource Center (DCRC) in January 2021 and received his Disability Peer Specialist certificate training.
- DCRC is doing a Digital Bridge program and will be handing out 300 free Chromebooks to people with physical and mental disabilities.
- Application process is simple. He encouraged qualified individuals to apply.
- Some projects that DCRC is working on: 1)The Community Emergency Response Preparedness for people with disabilities and 2)The Domestic Violence Peer Support Group.

Report: Current Number of Access for All Members – Rosario Ribleza

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Currently there are about 60 Access for All members, but only 12 to 15 are active.
Discussion	<p>A. Goals for 2021:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To focus on outreach and membership; and increase member retention. Motivate members to reach out and target a specific person or organization to participate. <p>B. Access for All Co-Chairs: 1) to attend SALT and UsCC meetings to promote the Access for All membership; 2) Promotions through the Cultural Tradition & Connection Newsletter.</p>
Announcements - Subcommittee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stanford: Assistive Technology for Online Learning Apple and Google have created a kit that makes it easy to create digital health apps, for people with limited disabilities. Sunnie Whipple invited the subcommittee to join the CCC meeting today at 1:30pm – 3:30pm. There will be four speakers to speak on Black Heritage Month. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> https://oae.stanford.edu/students/covid/AT-online-learning https://accessibe.com/ https://www.unimelb.edu.au/accessibility/guides/vr-old https://microsoftteams.uservice.com/ https://www.wellbeing4la.org/wellbeing4la-online-learning-center/ https://dmh.lacounty.gov/resources/ https://dmh.lacounty.gov/our-services/ee/resources/ Announcements, resources and flyers have been sent out via email by Rosario Ribleza.
Meeting Adjourned	12:00 P.M.
Next Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Next meeting: March 10, 2021/ 10:00-12:00 noon