

**LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH
ADMINISTRATIVE OPERATIONS
Latino UsCC SUBCOMMITTEE MINUTES**

March 16, 2021
2:00PM – 4:00PM

Attendees: Alexandra Casanova, Amparo Ostojic, Ashley Flores, Belia Lopez, Betty Marin, Betty Mendoza, Bianca Gallegos, Blanca Diaz, Bridget Walker, Carmen Perez, Claudia Gonzalez Razo, Daniela Hernandez, Deborah Villanueva, Elsy Molina, Elvia Ortega, Emily Serna, Eugenia Cervantes, Evelyn Arocho, Felipe Ocampo Jr., Gabriela Gonzalez, Gabriela Velasquez Gonzalez, Jose Sanchez, Hector Ramirez, Irma Velasquez-Flores, Isabella Ramirez, Jaime Gomez, Jose Guevara, Karen Ugarte, Maria Arauco, Maria Ojeda, Maria Perez-Rios, Maria Zamora, Maricela Mendoza Gil, Maritza Lebron, Martha Cota, Martha Ojeda, Martin Almanza, Michael Cook, Natividad Mercedes Moreno, Nicole Kristal, Norma Ruiz, Oscar Alvarez, Paco Retana, Patricia Veliz-Macal, Rick Pulido, Yolanda Becerra-Jones and Jose

DMH Staff: Dr. Luis Guzman, Pinki Mehta, Connie Acosta Castaneda and Rosario Ribleza

Interpreter: Alex & Lucy Ferraez Rivero

Agenda Items	Comments/Discussion/Recommendations/Conclusions
Welcome & Introductions – Subcommittee Members	A. House-keeping (Platform use instructions), Attendance Each attendee (On Microsoft TEAMS and on phone) introduce himself/herself.
Review of Meeting Minutes	March 16, 2021 meeting minutes have been reviewed and approved by Isabella Ramirez and second by Mercedes Moreno .
Access for All UsCC Presentation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tabled till next meeting.
Casa de la Familia Presentation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gabriela Gonzalez gave a brief presentation on a community theater project performed in Spanish called “De Sabios y Locos”. Presented by Dr. Nogales. • The theater performance was to be given to all 8 SPA’s, and areas with a high population of Latinos. But the project had to be changed due to the Pandemic. • The play was changed to a virtual platform through Facebook live and ZOOM. It is an hour long and attendees were giving a pre survey and a survey after the play.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The play is about a Latino Family, Grandma, Mom, Uncle, Daughter and Son, living in the United States during the pandemic, each with their own mental health issues. • At the end of the play Dr. Nogales opened with Q&A, people were getting their responses in real-time. There was also a raffle, with great prizes. • There were 16 play presentations in total, 3 were live and 13 were virtual due to the pandemic. Total attendance 7,029. Pre surveys 1,625 and post surveys 1,131, the Survey Monkey had five questions. • Hector Ramirez shared with the group that he and his Family had attended a presentation. He was skeptical at first but was pleasantly surprised he enjoyed the presentation. • Dr. Luis Guzman shared with the group that he attended one of the first presentations given at a Church in East Los Angeles. He noticed that there were a lot of parents and older people that attended that play. Attendance that night was over 100 people. Dr. Guzman really enjoyed the play. • Bianca Gallegos saw the play on Facebook live. Bianca shared that she thought it was interesting and quit creative how COVID-19 was incorporated into the play.
<p>MHSA 3-year plan – Pinki Mehta</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Department of Mental Health is preparing to post the 3-year MHSA plan on 3-22-21, from the day of posting to 30 days which is a 30-day public comment period, where community members have an opportunity to look at the plan and provided feedback for 30 days until 4-22-21. Then there will be a public hearing. • Meetings like this Latino UsCC subcommittee meeting is a great opportunity for people to come together as to what services are needed in the Latino community. • Recommendations on opportunities for future programs and services, that are most needed in the Latino community and formalize those recommendations that go to the Department of Mental Health so that they can be addressed in the MHSA 3-year plan. • Subcommittee members brainstormed and shared their ideas for future projects that can be funded by the MHSA plan.
<p>COVID-19 Sign-ups / Latino Community</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Subcommittee members shared their experience and reactions on receiving the COVID-19 vaccine. • The majority of the subcommittee members agree that it is very important to get vaccinated, to protect themselves and their family members. • People with disabilities can receive the vaccine. Please check with your Doctor to see how you may qualify.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Co-Chairs offered their assistance on helping those who are having trouble trying to apply for the vaccination. • Locations that you can receive the vaccine are COSTCO, CVS, Walgreens and different community clinics. White Memorial Hospital is giving the Johnson & Johnson vaccine. • Supervisor Solis and others are providing mobile clinics to receive the vaccine. • Undocumented people are eligible to receive the vaccine. • Dr. Guzman will send out information on how to request the vaccine. <p>http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/acd/ncorona2019/vaccine/hcwsignop</p>
<p>DMH Announcements - CAF</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Luis Guzman gave a brief explanation on the CAF Program. This program gives monetary compensation for participating in any UsCC meeting and/or any meetings like this. • Dr. Guzman will email application to those that request it, and can help fill out application if needed. <p>24 hour hotline 7 days a week (800) 854-7771 http://dmh.lacounty.gov/get-help-now Please share, Suicide prevention hotline.</p>
	<p>Meeting Adjourned – 4:00pm</p>
<p>Next Meeting</p>	<p>April 20, 2021 from 2:00pm – 4:00pm Virtual Venue: Microsoft TEAMS</p>