

**LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH**

**Strategic Communications Division**

**American Indian / Alaska Native (AI/AN) UsCC Subcommittee Meeting Minutes**

August 4, 2021, 2:00PM – 4:00PM via Microsoft TEAMS

**Present:** April Skinas, Bernice Mascher, Bridget Garcia Vera, Charlotte Lujan, Gabriel Pimentel, Hector Ramirez, Melanie Cain, Raul Garcia, Rebecca Chavez, Sunnie Whipple, Shannon Rivers, Sylvia Gonzalez-Youngblood, Walter Ahhaitty, Wildflower Robles-Ontiveros, and Yue Hua Xu (Vicky)

**DMH Admin:** Kelly Wilkerson, Hyun Kyung Lee and Rosario Ribleza

Agenda Items	Comments/Discussion/Recommendations/Conclusions
<b>Welcome, Prayer &amp; Introductions</b>	Charlotte Lujan lead the meeting with prayer. Members were asked to introduce themselves.
<b>Meeting Minutes – Review</b>	July 2021 minutes were reviewed and approved by Hector Ramirez and seconded by April Skinas.
<b>Capacity Building Projects – Update</b> Kelly Wilkerson	Kelly Wilkerson shared the results of the Capacity Building Project ranking for this current fiscal year. <b>Top 4 ideas as a result of the survey:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Mending the Hoop: Gathering of Nations/Congress</li> <li>2. Social Media Campaign/Podcast/Radio Interviews</li> <li>3. Youth Academy</li> <li>4. Language Forum/Tribal Gathering</li> </ol> <b>Next Steps:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Kelly will be working on developing a Statements of Work for each of the projects.</li> <li>• Kelly will keep the subcommittee informed on next steps.</li> </ul>
<b>Tribal Affiliation Data in IBHIS – Discussion</b> Melanie Cain, PhD (AICC) and Hyun Kyung Lee, PhD (CCC)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr. Melanie Cain shared with the group a list of tribal data including the Native American Heritage Commission Tribal Consultation List.</li> <li>• Dr. Cain shared the goal is to potentially have tribal data entered into electronic health records such as IBHIS.</li> <li>• Dr. Cain suggested a drop down box option for Native Americans to register their tribal affiliation into the electronic health record system.</li> <li>• Dr. Cain confirmed that even if clients are not enrolled with a specific tribe, they can still enter their tribal affiliation.</li> <li>• Sunnie Whipple recommended there be more than one option for tribes in the drop down list.</li> <li>• Dr. Cain agreed there should be more than one option because some people are from more than one tribe.</li> <li>• The Department of Interior has a list of 573 federally recognized tribes which was emailed to the AI/AN subcommittee.</li> <li>• Dr. Cain stated if there are any Tribes missing please email her at <a href="mailto:MCain@dmh.lacounty.gov">MCain@dmh.lacounty.gov</a>.</li> <li>• Dr. Cain would like to compile a larger list and would like to be inclusive because there are many tribes not federally recognized.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Raul Garcia agreed that tribal data is important, especially while working in the clinical field.</li> <li>• Kelly Wilkerson will send out a follow-up email asking members to please submit their feedback in the next 2 weeks.</li> </ul>
<b>DMH Updates &amp; Other Announcements</b> Pinkie Mehta or Kelly Wilkerson	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Kelly Wilkerson announced to the group that there is a new Behavioral Health Urgent Care Center in the city of Lancaster, Antelope Valley area.</li> <li>• Kelly shared the Link in the chat.</li> </ul>
<b>Community Announcements &amp; Resources</b> Subcommittee Members	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sylvia Gonzalez-Youngblood shared with the group that she attended the Community Leadership Team meeting.</li> <li>• They are meeting once a month now instead of quarterly.</li> <li>• Sylvia shared her input on modernizing the Call Center line by including an American Indian call line.</li> <li>• Sylvia stated that they need more people that are connected to the American Indian culture and that are connected with the American Indian community.</li> <li>• Indigenous Circle of Wellness kicked off their first series of focus groups for the Needs Assessment capacity-building project. Last night was on Indigenous Youth. They will be focusing on different populations each week for six weeks. Next week will be the two-spirit community.</li> <li>• Walter Ahhaitty shared that he is working on a Sobriety New Year's Eve Pow Wow to be held in the Los Angeles area.</li> <li>• Sylvia shared with the group, UAI will be having an Indian Day on September 11, 2021 via Zoom and at Whittier Narrows park. There will be monthly workshops and presentations, and a back to school backpack giveaway for the youth this weekend.</li> <li>• Raul Garcia shared, AICC will be having on going Wellness Groups for clients and a Talking Circle.</li> <li>• Child Family Wellness program are providing art workshops for Families. Please contact AICC for more information.</li> </ul>
<b>Closing Prayer</b>	Shannon Rivers ended the meeting with Prayer.
<b>Audio Recording</b>	<b>All meeting audio recordings are available on the DMH website:</b> <a href="https://dmh.lacounty.gov/about/mhsa/uscc/american-indian-alaska-native-ai-an-uscc/american-indian-alaska-native-ai-an-uscc-meeting-minutes/">https://dmh.lacounty.gov/about/mhsa/uscc/american-indian-alaska-native-ai-an-uscc/american-indian-alaska-native-ai-an-uscc-meeting-minutes/</a>
<b>Next Meetings:</b>	<p><b><u>Next Meetings (first Wednesday of the month, all meetings 2-4pm):</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>September 1, 2021</u></b></li> <li>• <b><u>October 6, 2021</u></b></li> <li>• <b><u>November 3, 2021</u></b></li> </ul> <p>Login information for 2021: <a href="#">Join Microsoft Teams Meeting</a>; 323-776-6996, Conference ID: 806 867 419#</p> <p>CART is provided for all meetings: <a href="http://www.streamtext.net/player?event=UsCC-AIAN">www.streamtext.net/player?event=UsCC-AIAN</a></p>