

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

June 15, 2021
2:00PM – 4:00PM

Attendees: Alma Briseño, Betty Marín, Betty Mendoza, Blanca Diaz, Carmen Perez, Daniela Hernandez, David Serrano, Elsy Molina, Eugenia Cervantes, Felipe Ocampo Jr., Gabriela Velasquez, Isabel Ramirez, Irma Velasquez, Jaime Gomez, Maria Arauco, Maria Perez-Rios, Maritza Lebrón, Martin Almanza, Osvaldo Carrizosa, Paco Retana, Rick Pulido, Rosa Rodriguez, Teresa Morales, Yolanda Becerra-Jones

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

Interpreter: Angelica, 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	May 18, 2021 meeting minutes have been reviewed and approved by Paco Retana and second by Eugenia Cervantes .
UsCC Latino Elections	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Luis Guzman reviewed voting privileges to the members. • To qualify to be a voting member, you must have attended 50% of meetings in a nine-month period. • The people who participated 50% this time during the past nine-months have the opportunity to participate in voting and submit project ideas for the following year. • Also they have voting privileges to choose or be a Co-Chair. • Hector Ramirez is currently the Co-Chair of this subcommittee along with Bianca Gallegos. • Hector's Co-Chair term will be up and there will be an opportunity to have one or two more Co-Chairs to support Bianca. • Dr. Guzman will send out a list of names of those who meet the requirements via email to the group. <p>FEEDBACK FROM MEMBERS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Guzman asked the group for their opinion on changing the 50% attendance rate to 30%? • Rick Pulido suggested 35% attendance. • Eugenia Cervantes stated that she believes 35% attendance is not enough.

<p>Projects to heal the community</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Luis Guzman asked the group for ideas or suggestions on new Capacity Building Projects for FY 2021/2022. • Dr. Guzman reminded the members of the \$200 thousand dollars that can be spent for Capacity Building Projects. • These proposed projects should focus on reducing stigma of receiving Mental Health services, in Latino Families. • Suggestions made by members, Cooking classes, movie time/nights at the park, libraries or bookstores and athletics for the youth. • Paco Retana suggested a Healing Circle for the youth and community members. They can meet and talk about their anxiety and depression due to COVID-19. • Rick Pulido suggested considering an Ad-hoc committee to discuss combining some of the SALT's, CLT's and UsCC Latino funds to do a big main post pandemic event. • David Serrano suggested a project that will help educate the youth on sexual abuse and sexual assault. • Mr. Serrano stated that youth men need to learn how to respect women, more importantly one another. • Betty Marin shared the idea of having a poetry night in different areas of Los Angeles County, doing a series of workshops on Mental Health. • Mrs. Marin also suggested creating alters and maybe a festival focusing on mental health and supplying resources for the Latino community. • Dr. Guzman asked the group to please send any ideas, suggestions of Capacity Building Projects via email. • Dr. Guzman will be available guide and help members with their ideas.
<p>August is the next update of Measure J</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Measure J was created by the Board of Supervisors, to create an initiative under DMH, to help modify the mental health and criminal justice programs for the county. • Measure J will help with methods of prevention so people with mental health issues get help and don't end up in jail. • Measure J is an alternative to incarceration and was implemented 2-years ago. • Betty Marin stated they were able to share their concerns with regards to the letter sent to the Mental Health Commissioners, stating that there is not enough information in Spanish. • Mrs. Marin also stated there is a need for more agencies who provide services for Mixed Status and the Uninsured or undocumented people.
<p>Parks as places of healing</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Luis Guzman stated it is time for people to get together again and use parks as places of healing. • Dr. Guzman shared with the group, they are trying to prepare for activities and movie nights at parks in the Los Angeles County area. • The parks will be a space for mental health resources and information and a place to heal.
<p>Update of Promoters</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The department has hired and trained several Promoters, several have been hired for the Asian community. • The Promoters program is making progress and they are moving forward.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• There will be a letter of invite sent to Dr. Sherin, to attend September Latino subcommittee meeting along with Director Garcia from Los Angeles County parks.
	Meeting Adjourned – 4:00pm
Next Meeting	July 20, 2021 from 2:00pm – 4:00pm Virtual Venue: Microsoft TEAMS