

**LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH  
STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT UNIT  
Latino UsCC SUBCOMMITTEE MINUTES**

November 16, 2021  
2:00PM – 4:00PM

**Attendees:** Alejandra Trujillo, Amanda Pacheco, Belia Lopez, Betty Marín, Betty Mendoza, Bianca Gallegos, Britany Flores, Claudia Razo, Crista Campos, Daisy Cuellar, Daniela Hernandez Chong Cuy, David Serrano, Daisy, Eugenia Cervantes, Gabriela Gonzalez, Grace, Hector Ramirez, Hilda Guzman, Irma Velasquez, Maria Arauco, Martha Ortiz, Martha Ojeda, Mercedes Moreno, Nancy, Norma Ruiz, Paco Retana, Patricia Veliz-Macal, Paul Vallejo, Rosario Ribleza, Shannon Rivers, Sylvia Gonzalez-Youngblood, Dr. Lee,

**DMH Staff:** Dr. Luis Guzman, Pinki Mehta,

**Interpreters:** Angelica, Alex & Lucy Ferraez Rivero

Agenda Items	Comments/Discussion/Recommendations/Conclusions
<b>Welcome &amp; Introductions –</b> Subcommittee Members	<b>A. Housekeeping, Attendance</b> Each attendee (On Microsoft TEAMS and on phone) introduce themselves
<b>Review of Meeting Minutes</b>	<b>A. Tabled</b>
<b>Open Discussion about LAC DMH services</b>	<p><b>A. Experiences with Mental Health Services</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Headspace has been useful resource for young Latino adults</li> </ul> <p><b>B. Issues / Areas for Improvement</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Uneven access and quality of services in different areas of LA County</li> <li>• Homelessness is becoming a bigger issue and need for mental health to be a bigger part of solution</li> <li>• Housing Services should work closely with mental health organizations serving the Latino community and with the Latino community</li> <li>• Recommendation for DMH to involve students more in the community feedback process/Stakeholder process</li> <li>• Specifically, DMH to work closely with High Schools and Colleges to get Latino students interested in mental health and psychology fields/jobs</li> <li>• Important for DMH to provide and reimburse for integration of cultural practices into therapy services to help people want to seek services and remain in treatment</li> </ul>

<b>American Indian/Alaskan Native UsCC</b>	<b>A. AI/AN UsCC Co-Chairs</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Conversation about Native-Americans and American Indians and their relationship with the Department of Mental Health</li> <li>• Brief history of American Indians was presented and experiences of many tribes in the United States and California</li> <li>• Key issues impacting their community were shared: homelessness, substance abuse, racism, physical assaults, depression, suicide, poverty, <b>health disparities</b></li> <li>• Discussion about indigenous communities from Mexico and Central America and overlap in needs and mental health issues with the American Indian communities</li> </ul>
<b>Latino Community Data Collection</b>	<b>A. Indigenous Communities</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Indigenous communities from Central America are not acknowledged in DMH's data collection and leads to invisibility</li> <li>• Community raised issue of erasure by the US government and systemic institutions of indigenous people and the mistrust by communities in the government – needs to be addressed when data collecting data</li> </ul>
<b>Cultural Calendar Presentation</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr. Lee from DMH presented update on the Cultural Calendar and asked for feedback on the items on the calendar the CCU had identified</li> <li>• She provided information on how to submit entries for the Cultural Calendar</li> </ul>
<b>Involuntary Hospitalization (LPS)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tabled due to lack of time</li> </ul>
<b>DMH Announcements</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• None - Meeting Adjourned – 4:00pm</li> </ul>
<b>Next Meeting</b>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>January 18, 2022, from 2:00 pm – 4:00pm</b>  <b>Virtual Venue: Microsoft TEAMS</b></p>