

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

Access for All UsCC Subcommittee Minutes

September 8, 2021

10:00AM – 12:00PM

Microsoft Teams Meeting

Attendees: Cody Hanable, Roque Bucton, Hector Ramirez, Pamela Inaba, Stacy Dalgeish, and Sumaya Asi, Allison Freeman, Maritza Lebron, Angelica Key, Sylvia Gonzalez, Erik Escareno

DMH: Alex Elliott, Connie Acosta Castaneda, Jenny Nguyen, Kumar Menon, Catherine Clay, Dr. Jorge Partida Del Torro, Sandra Chang, Katie Rodriguez, Anna Hernandez, Elidia Olmos, Julio Miranda, Laura Kerr, Pinki Mehta, Rosario Ribleza and Yue Hua Xu (Vicky), Adriana Carrillo

Interpreter & Captioner: Jonathan Gleicher and Sarah Cohen

Agenda Items	Comments/Discussion/Recommendations/Conclusions
Welcome & Introductions - Subcommittee	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, and 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	The subcommittee decided that August 11, 2021 meeting minutes be carried over for next month's meeting.
General Updates:	<p>A. DMH Updates – Pinki Mehta</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. ADA Coordinator – DMH is working with the County Council to figure out how to incorporate ADA requirements with the Federal law. 2. Deaf Mental Health Services for Adult

- a. Pinki is trying to schedule a meeting with the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) Deaf and Hard of Hearing staff to learn how they provide services to the population.
 - b. DMH Contract Division and Five Acres are going to work together to look into expanding appropriate services for the deaf and hard of hearing communities.
 - c. DMH is also expanding the capacity of its directly operated clinics and provide appropriate training to ensure that clients of all ages (TAY up to older adult) are provided with the needed services.
3. Capacity Building Project Budget - DMH will try to increase funding for FY 2022-2023 Capacity Building Projects
 4. Call Center – there is a plan to modernize the Call Center to make it more accessible and to ensure that services are more culturally appropriate and relevant.

B. Capacity Building Projects - Roque Bucton presented the Resource Guides, flyers, and focus group questions for the three (3) Capacity Building Projects: a) Mental Health Assessment for the Blind, Partially Sighted, and Visually Impaired; b) Mental Health Assessment for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing; and c) Mental Health Assessment for Physically Disabled Community. There are 24 copies of flyers printed in Braille for the blind individuals.

Suggestions: All materials must be written in simple languages and include different available accommodations.

C. Accessibility and Inclusivity Workshop – Roque Bucton

Workshop will be held virtually on October 13, 2021 at 10:00-12:00 noon (replacing the regular Access for All monthly meeting).

D. Disability Updates. – Hector Ramirez

The governor signed a budget increasing IHHS services for Medi-Cal expense. Some added benefits include hearing aids and dental expenses.

E. Community and Accessibility Resources – Alex Elliott

VetsPrevail

<https://lacounty.vetsprevail.org/>

CaIABLE

<https://www.calable.ca.gov/>

Job Accommodation Network – Searchable Online Accommodation Resource (SOAR) system

<https://askjan.org/soar.cfm>

LA County Library – Online Learning

<https://lacountylibrary.org/learn/>

Accessibility at work - Digital Accessibility for the Modern Workplace Video Tutorial | LinkedIn Learning

<https://www.linkedin.com/learning/digital-accessibility-for-the-modern-workplace/accessibility-at-work>

	<p>Journal on Technology & Persons with Disabilities (csun.edu) https://scholarworks.csun.edu/handle/10211.3/125007</p> <p>CSUN Assistive Technology Conference https://www.csun.edu/cod/conference/sessions/</p> <p>DISABILITY AMONG ADULTS IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY (Los Angeles County Public Health) http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/ha/docs/2015LACHS/LA_Health_Briefs_2019/LA_HEALTH_DISABILITY_FINAL_PRINTED_19.pdf</p> <p>Angel City Sports http://angelcitysports.org/</p> <p>Abilities Expo https://www.abilities.com/losangeles/</p> <p>Amputee Coalition Resource Center https://www.amputee-coalition.org/limb-loss-resource-center/resources-filtered/</p> <p>rip Camp Curriculum https://cripcamp.com/curriculum/</p> <p>An Action Plan to Address the Mental Health Impact of COVID-19 on Communities: Five Effective Strategies https://doi.apa.org/fulltext/2021-69215-001.html</p> <p>Mental Health 101 & Access to Care https://learn.wellbeing4la.org/detail?id=17168</p>
<p>SB 803 Peer Certification Program</p> <p>-Kumar Menon -Catherine Clay</p>	<p>California Medi-Cal Peer Support Specialist Certification Program Basic Requirements: 1) Adhere to the Code of Ethics; 2) Complete 80 hours of Training; 3) Pass the Exam *** Needs to renew every 2 years with 20 hours CEU CalMHSA is the registry that will monitor individuals who have been certified. Some of the issues raised by attendees:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Hesitation to have CalMHSA administer the program. ii. Questions on high school diploma and testing requirements. iii. Accommodations for people with disabilities.
<p>Mental Health Promoters</p> <p>Dr. Jorge Partida Adriana Carrillo</p>	<p>DMH is still in the process of recruiting 350 United Mental Health Promoters. Hired promoters will be working 30 hours a week or less, depending on their availability. Dr. Partida encouraged everyone who are interested to apply.</p> <p>Recommendations from attendees:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Provide assistive technology and other accommodations. ii. Help peers to get mental health needs, to grow, and to get expertise
<p>Public Comments / Announcements</p>	
<p>Next Meeting</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Next meeting is on November 10, 2021 – 10:00 am – 12:00 noon