

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

Access for All UsCC Subcommittee Minutes

February 9, 2022
10:00AM – 12:00PM
Microsoft Teams Meeting

Attendees: Cody Hanable, Hector Ramirez, Sylvia G. Youngblood, Amy Kay, Alison G. Freeman, Pam Inaba, Angy K., Rosy Tellez, Claire Haider, La Toya Council, Stacy Dagleish, Bianca Gallegos, Isarang, Natalia Magana, Jim Thehatt

DMH: Alex Elliott, Sandra Chang, Luis Guzman, Elmer Ornelas, Yue Hua Xu, and Rosario Ribleza,

Interpreter & Captioner: Jarris Wright and Jonathan Gleicher
Anna Garnelis

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	Approval of Meeting Minutes 1/12/ 22– moved to approve by Amy Kay, and seconded by Sylvia Youngblood
General Updates	<p>DMH Updates – Rosario Ribleza</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pinki Mehta is transitioning out to a new position at the CEO Office. • DMH and District 4 (under Janice Hahn) will host a Los Angeles County Youth Commission Panel in the evening of February 10, 2022 to talk about mental health needs of youths. • Dr. Sherin and Kathryn Barger among others will cut the ribbon of the new Antelope Valley Community Resource Center on February 10, 2020.

- DMH looks to start the MHSA Annual Update process at the beginning of March. Stakeholders meeting will be held within the first week of March on MHSA budget, followed by the 30-day comment period and presentations to the Mental Health Commission.

Capacity Building Projects - Rosario Ribleza

Focus Groups that were completed:

- Mental Health Assessment for the Blind, Partially Sighted, and Visually Impaired – 3 completed
- Mental Health Assessment for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing – 2 completed
- Mental Health Assessment for Physically Disabled – 2 completed

Upcoming Focus Groups:

- South Bay for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing – 2/9/22
- South Bay for Physically Disabled. – 2/16/22
- East Los Angeles for the Blind, Partially Sighted, and Visually Impaired - 2/23/22

Issues on Awarding Capacity Building Projects to Vendors

The projects are awarded to the vendor with the lowest bid.

- Lowest bidders oftentimes are not the best vendors, resulting to poor quality outcome.
Recommendation: incorporate the “cost effectiveness vs quality” in every project proposal.
- Lack of qualified vendors who can implement the projects.
Recommendation: increase contracting network and ensure that professionals get adequate money for services rendered

Community and Accessibility Resources – Alex Elliott

- **Delete the Divide** - An initiative led by the County of Los Angeles to empower youth, young adults, and small businesses in underserved communities who are adversely impacted by the digital divide.
<https://www.deletethedivide.org/>
- **Mental Health America - I Am Not Alone** - MHA’s I Am Not Alone site focuses on building meaningful relationships. We are an online digital community, created to help people build genuine connections and combat feelings of loneliness.
<https://iamnotalone.mhanational.org/>
- **PARTNERSHIP ON EMPLOYMENT & ACCESSIBLE TECHNOLOGY (PEAT)** - PEAT’s mission is to foster collaborations that make emerging technologies accessible. To support workplaces in using inclusive technologies that engage the skills of employees with disabilities. To build a future that works.
<https://www.peatworks.org/>
- **Hearing Loss Association of America - Technology Resources** - The mission of HLAA is to open the world of communication to people with hearing loss by providing information, education, support and advocacy.
<https://www.hearingloss.org/hearing-help/technology/>
- **World Institute on Disability - Conference Accessibility and Social Media Accessibility Resources** - WID’s global mission is to continually advance the rights and opportunities of over one billion people with disabilities.

Community and Accessibility Resources

<https://wid.org/conference-access-resources/>
<https://wid.org/2022/01/28/a-guide-to-social-media-accessibility/>

- **FWD-Doc Resources** - There are many organizations doing excellent work to make cinema, film and TV accessible to D/deaf and disabled audiences, and we aim to help filmmakers and film institutions navigate these by providing a list of recommended practices, guides and resources.
<https://www.fwd-doc.org/resources>
- **United States Core Data for Interoperability (USCDI)** - The United States Core Data for Interoperability (USCDI) is a standardized set of health data classes and constituent data elements for nationwide, interoperable health information exchange. The USCDI establishes a baseline set of data that can be commonly exchanged across care settings for a wide range of uses.
<https://www.healthit.gov/isa/united-states-core-data-interoperability-uscdi#draft-uscdi-v3>
- **Emerging Tech Lab at Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center - Technology Resources** - was established in 2014 to evaluate, modify, and implement emerging and experimental technologies in their use with individuals with disabilities, specifically for patients at the facility. The ETL has become the hub at Rancho for new ideas related to assistive tech, as well as a creative outlet for clinical staff and engineers to think outside the box in what can be created for patients.
<https://www.ranchoemergingtechlab.org/>
- **InclusionHub** - InclusionHub is a crowd-sourced database powered by users and specialists dedicated to helping businesses understand and improve digital inclusion.
<https://www.inclusionhub.com/digital-accessibility>
- **Digital Connectivity During the Pandemic - A national survey of low- and lower-middle income households**
<https://www.everyoneon.org/2021-national-study>
- **American Association of People with Disabilities (AAPD) Disability Download** - The Disability Download is a compilation of disability-related news, special announcements, events, and updates from the American Association of People with Disabilities (AAPD).
<https://mailchi.mp/aapd/disability-download-january-2022?e=99ccf6de32>
- **Cybernauts | Los Angeles Public Library (lapl.org)** - <https://www.lapl.org/cybernauts>
What are Cybernauts? Cybernauts are trained computer aides that offer technology assistance, computer support, and mobile device support.

Connect with a Cybernaut to:

- Learn how to use and borrow LAPL's e-media
- Set up an email account
- Operate your tablet, desktop, or phone
- Use social media
- Find online information
- Learn about online safety

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Learn basic computer skills • Affordable Connectivity Program - The Affordable Connectivity Program will provide a discount of up to \$30 per month towards broadband service for eligible households and up to \$75 per month for households on qualifying Tribal lands. Eligible households can also receive a one-time discount of up to \$100 to purchase a laptop, desktop computer, or tablet from participating providers if they contribute more than \$10 and less than \$50 toward the purchase price. • https://acpbenefit.org
<p>Presentations:</p> <p>Training Development/Preparation</p> <p>-Elmer Ornelas</p> <p>Disability Rights of California (DRC)</p> <p>-Claire Haider -Rosy Tellez</p>	<p>DMH is developing a 2-day training, targeting clinicians and DMH employees. It is tentatively scheduled on May 4-5, 2022. The goal is to train clinicians and DMH employees to provide better services for the deaf and hard of hearing community. The subcommittee members were asked for their input/suggestions.</p> <p>Suggestions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Include contract providers in the training • Provide ASL interpreters with mental health training • Include Mental Health Commission in the training • Include culture and intersectionality as well as other disabilities in the training <p>Disability Rights of California (DRC) – Peer Advocacy Program Their goal is to inspire, increase trust and empower peers.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Peers are taught to develop self-advocating skills so they can advocate for themselves. • DRC provides information on Social Security Administration benefits such as SSI and SSDI • Provide technical assistance and tools navigating grievance process • Provide training for staff and family members of peers • Services are for all ages including those with intellectual and developmental disabilities
<p>Topic Suggestions for Next Meeting</p>	<p>Topic:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students and Accommodation in Public Higher Education • Presentation on Cyber Safety • Provide accommodation for People with Disability: Prejudice Within the Community • Resources for Programs that Teach Independent Living Skills (ILS) for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (more than and beyond GLAD) • Learning Modules that Require Universities to Train Their Professors
<p>Next Meeting</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Next meeting is on March 9, 2022 – 10:00 am – 12:00 noon