

LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH
Stakeholder Engagement Unit
American Indian / Alaska Native (AI/AN) UsCC Subcommittee Meeting Minutes
 April 6, 2022
 2pm – 4pm via Microsoft TEAMS

Present: Sylvia Gonzales-Youngblood, Shannon Rivers, Hector Ramirez, Gabriel Pimentel, Nikki Crow, April Skinas, Farrah Ferris, Dria Yellowhair, Bridget Garcia Vera, Elena Nourrie, Valerie Cabral, Mary Mojica, Charlotte Lujan, Melanie Cain, Iva Maes, Stephanie Mushrush, Harrelson Notah, Toni Craigs-Thomas

DMH Admin: Kelly Wilkerson

Agenda Items	Discussion
Welcome, Prayer & Introductions	Meeting opened with prayer. Members were asked to introduce themselves.
Meeting Minutes	March 2022 minutes were reviewed and approved by Farrah Ferris and seconded by April Skinas.
Co-Chair Report Out	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sylvia Gonzales-Youngblood updated the subcommittee regarding the co-chair visits to the various other stakeholder groups to present regarding Native history including SALT 8 and returning to the Faith Based Advocacy Council. They still plan to attend the LGBTQIA2-S UsCC in June. • Sylvia has been attending the CA Native Vote Project talking circles, the ICOW Wellness Gatherings, Access For All UsCC, AICC's Healing the Sacred Self, and the Native and Indigenous Education Coalition meetings to let attendees know about the UsCC to try and increase membership. • Shannon has been attending the ICWA California meetings and recently data was shared that there are 200 Native youth currently involved with ICWA, which seems like a lower number than there should be. Sylvia recommended invited someone from the Tribal Oak Tree Foster Family Agency to present to the subcommittee regarding Native youth in foster care.
Community Engagement Survey	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kelly presented the feedback that was gathered from the Community Engagement Survey sent out after the March meeting. • For any community members/organizations interested in doing presentations, email Kelly at KeWilkerson@dmh.lacounty.gov

Promoters – Presentation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Harrelson Notah and Iva Maes from the Promoters program presented an overview of the workshops that are offered by the Promoters. • If interested in scheduling a Promoters presentation, contact Iva at IMaes@dmh.lacounty.gov.
MHSA Public Comment Period – Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Subcommittee engaged in a discussion regarding the current MHSA Public Comment period. • Recommendations discussed were gathered and submitted on behalf of the subcommittee.
AI/AN Significant Dates – Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Subcommittee discussed upcoming important dates including Earth Day, historical dates, cultural events, upcoming powwows, National Day of Awareness for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls, Many Winters Gathering of Elders, etc.
Community Announcements & Resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Send any resources to Kelly via email (KeWilkerson@dmh.lacounty.gov) to be sent out to the listserv.
Closing Prayer	Shannon Rivers ended the meeting with Prayer.
Audio Recording	<p>All meeting audio recordings and minutes are available on the DMH website: https://dmh.lacounty.gov/about/mhsa/uscc/american-indian-alaska-native-ai-an-uscc/american-indian-alaska-native-ai-an-uscc-meeting-minutes/</p>
Next Meetings:	<p><u>Next Meetings (first Wednesday of the month, all meetings 2-4pm):</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6/1/22, 7/6/22, 8/3/22, 9/7/22 <p>Join Microsoft Teams Meeting; 323-776-6996, Conference ID: 806 867 419# CART is provided for all meetings: www.streamtext.net/player?event=UsCC-AIAN</p>