

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

Present: Sylvia Gonzales-Youngblood, Shannon Rivers, Hector Ramirez, Nikki Crow, April Skinas, Farrah Ferris, Dria Yellowhair, Bernice Mascher, Bridget Garcia Vera, Jessica Mosher, Mariah Lewis, Charlotte Lujan, Mark Parra, Yue Hua Xu (Vicky), 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	April 2022 minutes were reviewed and approved (first – Hector Ramirez, second – Sylvia Gonzales-Youngblood).
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. They still plan to attend the LGBTQIA2-S UsCC in June and then the other SALT groups. • The Wellness Forums are wrapping up. The next Forum will take place 5/14/22 and then the final Forum will be 6/25/22. Kelly to send out reminders regarding these events. • Sylvia updated the subcommittee regarding Dr. Sherin’s retirement as Director for DMH. • Sylvia and Hector shared information regarding CARE Court. Andy Imperato, Executive Director of Disability Rights California, will be presenting regarding this new legislation at the Access For All meeting on 5/11/22. Kelly to send out the meeting details to the listserv. • Kelly updated the subcommittee regarding the increase in funding for capacity building projects from 200k to 350k/fiscal year. Capacity Project brainstorming will take place during the next few monthly meetings. • Dr. Luis Guzman, liaison for the API and Latino UsCCs, is working on developing a framework for a Youth Advisory Council. As part of this effort, each of the UsCCs will have one youth (aged 16-24) identified as a co-chair. Dr. Guzman to present at a future meeting regarding this.

Tribal Oak Tree FFA – Presentation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mariah Lewis from Tribal Oak Tree Foster Family Agency presented an overview of their programs and services. • If interested in learning more, contact Mariah at mlewis@ibprimary.org.
Lincoln Penny Monument – Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shannon Rivers presented regarding the Lincoln Penny Monument being erected in Downtown Long Beach. • Subcommittee discussed drafting a letter to the City Council of Long Beach requesting that they reconsider erecting this monument. • Members should send any feedback for the letter to Kelly via email (KeWilkerson@dmh.lacounty.gov) and the co-chairs will meet to draft letter on behalf of subcommittee.
Capacity Building Projects – Brainstorm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Subcommittee discussed possible capacity building project ideas for fiscal year 2022-2023 including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Elders ○ PSAs and/or bus advertising ○ Storytelling (intergenerational/multigenerational) ○ Summit focused on education, advocacy, disabilities, homelessness, etc. ○ Project focused on age 0-5 ○ Revisit projects presented by API UsCC at past meetings (Saahas for Cause and Rocco Cheng) ○ Create a film that provides resources to community members related to understanding your lineage and how to connect with your community (i.e. American Indian 101) ○ Resource fair offering art therapy
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	Charlotte Lujan ended the meeting with Prayer.
Audio Recording	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/
Next Meetings:	<u>Next Meetings (first Wednesday of the month, all meetings 2-4pm):</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6/1/22, 7/6/22, 8/3/22, 9/7/22 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