

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

March 15, 2022  
2:00PM – 4:00PM

**Attendees:** Alicia Llamas, Belia Lopez, Betty Marín, Betty Mendoza, Blanca Watson, Carmen Perez, Britany Flores, Elsy Molina, Eugenia Cervantes, Gabriela Gonzalez, Grace Olguin, Hector Ramirez, Irma Velasquez, Isabel Ramirez, Johaira, Joseph Sanchez, Julie Matsumoto, Maritza Lebron, Martha Cota, Martha Ortiz, Martin Almanza, Patricia Pascua, Patricia Veliz-Macal, Tara Omrani, Veronica Monge, Veronica Navarro, Yolanda Becerra-Jones

**DMH Staff:** Dr. Luis Guzman

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

<b>Agenda Items</b>	<b>Comments/Discussion/Recommendations/Conclusions</b>
<b>Welcome &amp; Introductions – Subcommittee Members</b>	<b>A. Housekeeping, Attendance</b> Each attendee (On Microsoft TEAMS and on phone) introduce themselves
<b>Review of Meeting Minutes</b>	<b>A.</b> Meetings were approved with corrections with Motion by Patricia Veliz-Macal and seconded by
<b>Presentation on Capacity-Building Project – Grace Holguin</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Grace Holguin presented on the Garment Workers Project</li> <li>• Three Phases of the project: (1) Survey with garment workers to identify key mental health topics for workshops; (2) Mental Health Resource Booklet and Workshop Curriculum Development; (3)</li> <li>• Workshop series will be held in person at Garment Worker Center with total of 10 workshops presented all held in Spanish</li> <li>• First DMH mental health project geared towards garment workers</li> </ul>
<b>DMH Annual Budget update</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DMH gave budget presentation to Mental Health Commission</li> </ul>

- LA County DMH receives approximately 1/3 of annual budget from Prop. 63 better known as the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA)
- Five (5) Components of MHSA which also dictate how funding can be spent and include:
  1. Community Services & Support (CSS) is largest component and provides direct services to individuals with severe mental illness
    - a. Contracted Community Clinics fall under this component
  2. Prevention & Early Intervention (PEI) component aims to prevent negative outcomes by intervening early in the onset of the mental health needs of the person with timely access to services and support by working with consumers and family members
  3. Innovation (INN) component aims to explore and develop new mental health models that improve the quality of services, promote collaboration, and increase access to services
  4. Capital Facilities & Technologies Needs (CFTN) component supports the development of facilities and technologies used for administrative services or delivery of mental health services
  5. Workforce Education & Training (WET) component supports the building of more diverse mental health workforces and to provide services that are more linguistically and culturally component
    - a. MHSA allocates 20% of the budget for this category
- Annual MHSA process requires 30-day community input on DMH budget to determine allocation of DMH budget for the next FY

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Inequities are persistent; nearly 5 million Latino residents and only 26,000 received mental health services in the past year</li> <li>• Latino community is approximately 50% of estimated annual mental health need in Los Angeles County but received only 37% of services in the FY (2020-2021)</li> <li>• Latinos are majority of population in every Service Area of Los Angeles County with the exception of Service Area 5</li> <li>• Expectations that availability of services for Latino community to decrease in FY 2022-2023 due to chronic shortage of bilingual and bicultural clinicians</li> <li>• Conversation regarding the need to focus more on prevention efforts and services rather than intervention after onset of mental illness</li> <li>• Concerns were raised about unequal distribution of resources both geographically and culturally with the Latino communities with the highest need receiving less services and resources</li> <li>• Additional issue of delay in providing clinical services to Latino community due to lack of bilingual and bicultural clinicians</li> </ul>
<b>DMH/Community Announcements:</b>	<p><b>A. Co-Chair Elections</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Latino community requested to have a youth to be part of the Latino UsCC co-chairs and elected Britney Flores, student at California State University Los Angeles, as youth co-chair</li> </ul> <p><b>B. Announcements - None</b></p>
<b>Next Meeting</b>	<p><b>April 19, 2022, from 2:00 pm – 4:00pm</b>  <b>Virtual Venue: Microsoft TEAMS</b></p>