

**LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH
ADMINISTRATIVE OPERATIONS
Latino UsCC SUBCOMMITTEE MINUTES**

May 24, 2022
2:00PM – 4:00PM

Attendees: Adriana Hernandez, Arthur Gomez, Betty Mendoza, Claudia Razo, Denata Calderón Vital, Daniela Hernandez, Destiny Walker, Elisa Jiménez, Estela Mata, Estephanie, Eugenia Cervantes, Frances Liese, Gabriela Gonzalez, Gisela Castañón, Hector Ramirez, Irma Elisheva Diaz, James Cortes, Jennifer Romero, Joaquin Lopez, Joseph Sanchez, Julie Matsumoto, Laura Iniguez, Marcela Barajas, Maria Arauco, Maria Castro, Martha Ortiz, Martin Almanza, Maxine, Mercedes Moreno, Mireya Zarata, Natalie Cruz, Patricia Veliz-Macal, Rita Murray, Rosa Torres, Rosario Ribleza, Silvia Reyes, Soraya Blake, Stacy Dalglish, Steven Lopez, Sylvia Gonzalez, Veronica Monge, Victoria Lopez, Vilma Diéguez, Vickie Yu

DMH Staff: Dr. Luis Guzman

Interpreters: Angelica, Alex & Lucy Ferraez Rivero

Agenda Items	Comments/Discussion/Recommendations/Conclusions
Welcome & Introductions – Subcommittee Members	A. Housekeeping, Attendance Each attendee (On Microsoft TEAMS and on phone) introduce themselves
Review of Meeting Minutes	A. Tabled
Latino Mental Health Guest Speakers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Latino UsCC hosted three Latino guest speakers in honor of Mental Health Awareness month. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Dr. Natalie Cruz is a licensed psychologist who works in the Project Heal program at the University of Southern California University Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities at Children’s Hospital of Los Angeles. ○ Dr. Irma Diaz is an International Author, Public Speaker, and lecturer whose holistic and inspirational communication skills has helped to nurture many through spiritual, mental and emotional

	<p>health struggles. Dr. Diaz currently works with bereaved families offering grief counseling and group therapy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Dr. Steve Lopez is professor of psychology at USC, researcher focused on culture and serious mental illness, and current Director of Clinical Training of USC's Clinical Psychology program. ● Speakers discussed professional experiences working with the Latino community and identified current and future needs such as unresponsive systems leading to mental health inequities, stigma, and lack of cultural appropriate outreach and services among others
<p>MHSA Process / Changes</p>	<p>A. MHSA Checklist -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Dr. Guzman provided an update the community planning process to ensure the feedback DMH is getting from community is being incorporated into the annual budget ii. Every UsCC will have a tracking sheet of all of the issues that the community is bringing up to ensure that DMH is closing the loop and being responsive to the needs of Latino community iii. Dr. Guzman showed a draft of what the MHSA checklist will look like iv. The checklist will be updated on a monthly basis to reflect the feedback from the community and briefly shown to the community during the monthly Latino UsCC meeting v. Community provided some feedback/suggestions on items that the community would also like to have included on the checklist <p>B. Latino Mental Health Priorities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Two key issues identified were lack of available services that are (1) culturally and linguistically responsive to the Latino community and (2)

	<p>low rate of reimbursement/pay for clinicians, especially those who are bilingual</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Resources in Spanish or tailored to the Latino community are not easily accessible or readily available to the Latino community ii. Severe and chronic workforce shortage and no existing mental health pipeline so DMH needs to prioritize this iii. Trainings on MHPA for the community iv. Need to address stigma, especially related to parents and mental health services for their children
<p>DMH/Community Announcements:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Items Not on the Agenda <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Peer Support in Spanish Groups will have a virtual conference tomorrow and all are invited to attend (free) ii. CDPH is making grants available to organizations that want to provide education and outreach on COVID-19 vaccines B. DMH Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. None
<p>Next Meeting</p>	<p>June 21, 2022, from 2:00 pm – 4:00pm Virtual Venue: Microsoft TEAMS</p>