

# MINUTES

## Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health Service Area 3 – SALT Monthly Meeting

**Facilitation: SALT 3 Co-Chairs LaVon Robinson**

**September 8, 2022, | 2:00pm – 4:00pm**

### Introduction / Welcome

#### Call to Order/Co-Chairs: LaVon Robinson

#### Attendees:

Aisha Byrd	Evelyn Lemus	Lorena Contreras	Minerva Gomez
Alma Ramos	Gabe Sahatjian	Maria Rodriguez	Osbee Sangster
Bertha Berumen	Jaime Renteria	Maria Moreno	Shawn Kim
Bianca Ramirez	Jennifer Hallman	Marisela Gudiel	Sheila Wu
Brent Popham	Lakisha Robinson	Maurice Mitchell	Sophia Rodriguez
Cristal Davis	LaVon Robinson	Melissa Martinez	Stephen Mouton
Esther Lee	Leann Knighton	Michael Zelman	Vickie Xu
Evelyn Gonzalez	Linda Strassle	Michelle Majors	

#### Announcements & Public Comments:

- Melissa Brooks: Hillside provider number is now located in Baldwin Park. On behalf of STRTP, they switched to a group home license & serve non medi-cal clients.
- Cristal Davis: Upcoming Parenting class at SPIRITT Family Center; Infant Massage Class starting October 5, 10:30 am - 11:30 am. For more information contact SPIRITT Family Services at [855-714-8800](tel:855-714-8800) / [info@spiritt.org](mailto:info@spiritt.org). Also, there is going to be two domestic violence events happening in October & they are seeking vendors. Please contact Cristal if you are interested as space is limited. (Contact info was provided in chat)

- Evelyn Gonzalez: With LA County Department of Mental Health, new public health nurse for SPA 3. Important events happening; 1.) Distracted Driving - Thursday, 9/29/22 from 3:30 pm - 4:30 pm at Memorial Park. 2.) Monkey pox virtual town hall on 9/14/22 from 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm being led by Dr. Sharma. (Evelyn G. contact info was provided in chat for more info on events).
- Aisha Byrd: With DMH SA 3, Supervisor for the upcoming peer resource center.
- LaVon Robinson: Will try and get voter registration forms out to SALT 3 members to vote in for new Co-chair Sophia Rodriguez. Further information will be provided next month on status of new co-chair.

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## Approval of Minutes for July 2022

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**Read and approved minutes:** N/A

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## DMH Updates

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### **Reported by Service Area 3 Chief, Dr. Michelle Majors:**

- Aisha Byrd is the new supervisor for the peer resource center (PRC) in SPA 3. PRC building is still being built. Staff for PRC have been processed in and are currently placed at Arcadia MHC & East San Gabriel Valley MHC serving the community.
- Shawn Kim is the new MH Program Manager II for East San Gabriel Valley MHC, replaced Michelle Majors.

### **Health Neighborhood Updates, Evelyn Lemus:**

- San Gabriel Valley Health Neighborhood & El Monte Health Neighborhood continue to meet virtually. A joint HN Meeting is scheduled for September 12<sup>th</sup>. They will have a presentation on 988 for Didi Hirsh & the peer resource center.
- Maternal Mental Health Work Group will be hosting a parenting skills workshop with English, Spanish, and Mandarin interpreters scheduled for 9/22 from 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm. Flyers will be distributed once finalized.
- The community engagement work group is planning the annual San Gabriel Valley resource fair giveaway. The fair is scheduled for 12/15/22 & it will be hybrid the same as last year 2021. For the families that have been nominated for giveaways and are not able to attend the resource fair, the items will be delivered to them on 12/21/22. Location and other logistics plans of fair are still being worked out and will be shared soon as all is finalized. If you would like to be part of the planning process or would like more information you may contact Evelyn Lemus. (contact info was provided in chat).

### **UsCC Updates, Dr. Luis Guzman:**

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## Jennifer Holman & Shawn Kim- 998

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- Jennifer Holman, lead manager for the crisis response unit within the Department of Mental Health.

- DMH has been prioritizing crisis response starting with the implementation of 988, a crisis lifeline active across the USA that provides 24/7 service via a toll-free hotline with the number 9-8-8.
- It is available to anyone in crisis or emotional distress. You can call 988 for a family member, neighbor, or friend.
- Individuals are experiencing mental health crises more than before and because of adverse outcomes on communities and systems, 998 was enacted on the national level to help stabilize individuals. LA County's response to 988 is alternative crisis response (ACR).
- DMH is currently working to unify the work of 988 mobile crisis teams. At the moment it is working with Didi Hirsh on building emergency response teams.
- There's still much work to be done to coordinate the 988 crisis response calls but great progress is being made.

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## Gabe Sahatjian- VALOR

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- Gabe Sahatjian, social worker for the county veteran program. VPAN (Veteran Peer Access Network) Program used to be under the name VALOR (Veterans and Loved Ones in Recovery) an FSP direct service out of Bob Hope Patriotic Hall in Downtown L.A.
- Creation of the Veteran Peer Access Network (VPAN) is to strengthen the veteran community and their families by providing peer support services. VPAN is a triage and linkage program.
- VPAN serves Service Area's 1 – 8. Providing services in 13 languages. When calling the county access line for VPAN choose option #3.
- Their mission is to decrease veteran suicide, homelessness, and unemployment.
- The best way to get a referral is by contacting the access line.

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## Discussion on the upcoming event hosted by SALT 3

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- SALT 3 is hosting a film festival suicide awareness and prevention resource fair outside the Vincent Price Museum, located in East LA on Friday, September 30, 2022.
- Jaime Renteria submitted a budget proposal for review, once it is approved all members that were accepted will be notified & will need to confirm if they are still interested.

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## Future Agenda Items and other Calendar Events

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### **Film Festival/Suicide Prevention/Awareness Community Event September 30 – October 1, 2022 updates:**

- LaVon is working on participant's schedules and coordinating times as to not overshadow the films.
- 25 tables have been requested for the 25 vendors that have committed to participate in the event.
- SALT 3 members decided to give Lisa Wong a lifetime achievement award in mental health for all her hard work.

## Other Calendar Events:

- LaVon requested a majority vote in for new co-chair Sophia Rodriguez. Attendees in meeting were asked to vote yes, no or abstain in the chat box. LaVon will be training the new co-chair for the next six months before she steps down as co-chair.
- Another event will be planned for the month of January, but in a smaller scale after the October event.
- If anyone has any suggestions or ideas on hosting or securing venues for future events for SALT 3 please let LaVon know.

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**Adjournment - Meeting adjourn at 4:00 pm – Next meeting, October 13, 2022, from 2 pm-4 pm.**

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