

LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH
Stakeholder Engagement Unit
American Indian / Alaska Native (AI/AN) UsCC Subcommittee Meeting Minutes
September 7, 2022
2pm – 4pm via Microsoft TEAMS

Present: Sylvia Gonzales-Youngblood, Shannon Rivers, Hector Ramirez, Gabriel Pimentel, Nikki Crow, April Skinas, Farrah Ferris, Bridget Garcia Vera, Elena Nourrie, Jessica Mosher, Ravena Soto, Jonathan Lopez, Yue Hua Xu (Vicky), Belinda Najera

DMH Admin: Kelly Wilkerson

Agenda Items	Discussion
Welcome, Prayer & Introductions	Meeting opened with prayer. Members were asked to introduce themselves.
Meeting Minutes	August 2022 minutes were reviewed and approved (first – Hector Ramirez, second – Gabriel Pimentel).
Co-Chair Report Out	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sylvia and Shannon shared regarding their attendance at various other stakeholder meetings including the CCC/UsCC Leadership meetings, the Mental Health Commission meetings, and the Community Leadership Team (CLT) meetings, as well as consultation meetings with one of the vendors for the Access For All UsCC. • Shannon provided an update regarding an upcoming meeting with the Superintendent for LAUSD to discuss the discrepancy in data regarding Native students.
RUSD School Board Candidates Forum – Presentation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jonathan Lopez from Inland Congregations United for Change and the Coalition for Native American and Indigenous Education presented regarding the upcoming Riverside Unified School District School Board Candidates Forum taking place on 10/4/22. • In total there will be 11 candidates. • One of the issues to focus on includes the recent incident where a teacher was recorded mocking a Native American student. • Kelly to share flyer to listserv via email.
Speakers Bureau Conference – Presentation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Sandra Chang, ARDI Division, presented regarding the Speakers Bureau conference taking place virtually on 12/7/22 and 12/8/22.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is a need for workshops focused on the AI/AN community. Those interested in submitting a workshop proposal can email Kelly. • Workshop presenters receive a stipend of \$200. • Jessica Mosher shared regarding possibly submitting a proposal focused on data mapping for the AI/AN community. • Recommendation to start the conference with a land acknowledgment each day. Utilize local Tongva community members (Cindi Alvitre and Virginia Carmelo).
Youth Advisory Council – Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Luis Guzman provided an update regarding the Youth Advisory Council.
Co-Chair Nominations & Elections	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kelly provided an update to the subcommittee that the current co-chairs are ending their terms in the coming months. • Sylvia and Shannon shared that they were willing and interested in continuing for another term if the subcommittee would like. • Kelly to send out a list of eligible co-chair nominees and members should submit their nominations by 9/17/22. From there, voting members will be allowed to vote on their selections for the co-chair positions.
December Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kelly inquired whether the group would like to go dark for the month of December, like in 2021. • Subcommittee members discussed moving forward with having a meeting in December and focusing discussions on how to provide recommendations to the Board of Supervisors on the new Director for DMH.
Community Announcements & Resources, Cultural Calendar Brainstorm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nikki Crow provided an update regarding the AI/AN Youth Academy Project – workshops are expected to start in December. • Send any resources to Kelly via email (KeWilkerson@dmh.lacounty.gov) to be sent out to the listserv. • Send AI/AN specific dates for the Cultural Competency Unit calendar such as California Native American Day, Indigenous People’s Day, MMIWG, Native American Heritage Month, etc.
Closing Prayer	Farrah Ferris 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"> • 10/5/22, 11/2/22, 12/7/22, 1/4/23, 2/1/23, 3/1/23 <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>