

LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH
Stakeholder Engagement Unit
American Indian / Alaska Native (AI/AN) UsCC Subcommittee Meeting Minutes
 October 5, 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, Tim Sweeney, Joey Williams, Yue Hua Xu (Vicky), Belinda Najera, Toni Craigs-Thomas, Daniel Dickerson, Adriana Carrillo

DMH Admin: Kelly Wilkerson

Agenda Items	Discussion
Welcome, Prayer & Introductions	Meeting opened with prayer. Members were asked to introduce themselves.
Meeting Minutes	September 2022 minutes were reviewed and approved (first – Hector Ramirez, second – Elena Nourrie).
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. Additionally, they participated in the two-day MHSA CLT retreat on 9/23 and 9/30. •
Capacity Building Projects – Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kelly Wilkerson provided a brief update regarding the in process and upcoming capacity building projects.
RUSD School Board Candidates Forum – Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jonathan Lopez from Inland Congregations United for Change and the Coalition for Native American and Indigenous Education provided an update on the Riverside Unified School District School Board Candidates Forum which took place on 10/4/22. • In total, 11 candidates were invited but only 2 participated in the Forum. Questions were asked regarding AB 1703, mental health, and the specific issues happening in Riverside. • Jonathan to provide the video recording when available.

<p>988 – Updates</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jennifer Hallman, DMH Quality Assurance Manager and Alternative Crisis Response (ACR) Manager, presented regarding the new 988 hotline and the ACR initiative. • Jennifer reported a 27% increase in call volume since July 16th when 988 transitioned over from the National Suicide Prevention Hotline. • Additionally, the percentage of chats have decreased since that time, which could be because people are using text instead. There was a 173% increase in text messages to 988 since July 16th. Overall, they are continuing to see an increase, but it is leveling off some. • DMH has signed a contract for the first mobile crisis outreach team provider, which should help expand the number of teams for mobile crisis in the field. The provider is Sycamores and they are going to be helping out in Service Areas 3, 4, and 6. The goal is to have at least one team in operation by the end of the month. They are also working through hiring for the additional teams that they will be providing. • They are also in the process of developing a Crisis Academy Training program. • Hector recommended that DMH designate MHSA funding to 988 for the culturally based services and training that is going to assist/benefit AI/AN communities in LA County. Jennifer to schedule a follow up meeting with interested stakeholders to discuss this recommendation.
<p>Promoters – Update</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adriana Carrillo, Mental Health Clinical Supervisor, provided an overview of the Mental Health Promoters program. • They continue to recruit for Promoters, the goal is to have 18 Promoters from the AI/AN community and currently there are 4. • These positions will eventually be transitioning to Full Time Community Health Worker positions, which should hopefully help with recruitment and reduce turnover. • On average, 500 workshops are provided each month by Promoters. • For additional feedback or questions, contact Adriana at acarrillo@dmh.lacounty.gov.
<p>AB1703, LAUSD Forum, Props 26 & 27 – Presentation</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Joey Williams, Director of Organizing from the California Native Vote Project, provided an overview of AB1703, as well as Propositions 26 and 27. • Joey shared regarding the Indigenous Education Now! Coalition, as well as an analysis for both propositions.
<p>Co-Chair Nominations & Elections</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kelly provided an update to the subcommittee that she will send out a survey to voting members to select whether they want to move forward with 3 co-chairs for this upcoming term and conduct elections and select 2 co-chairs out of the 3 nominees.

<p>Community Announcements & Resources</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dan Dickerson provided updates regarding the work at American Indian Counseling Center (AICC) including the monthly cultural planning committee meetings and an upcoming publication in the AI/AN Mental Health Research Journal focused on homelessness, smoking, and psychiatric diagnoses at AICC. • Send any resources to Kelly via email (KeWilkerson@dmh.lacounty.gov) to be sent out to the listserv.
<p>Closing Prayer</p>	<p>Shannon Rivers ended the meeting with Prayer.</p>
<p>Audio Recording</p>	<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>
<p>Next Meetings:</p>	<p><u>Next Meetings (first Wednesday of the month, all meetings 2-4pm):</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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>