

**LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH
Office of the Deputy Director of Strategic Communications**

Access for All UsCC Subcommittee Minutes

October 12, 2022
10:00AM – 12:00PM
Microsoft Teams Meeting

Attendees: Hector Ramirez, Cody Hanable, Sylvia G. Youngblood, Gabriela Velasquez, Irma Velasquez, Maria A., Arnold Youngblood, Junko Nagamatsu, Amy Kay, Alison Freeman, Angy Kaufman, Roque Bucton, Melissa Hernandez, Gaby Garcia, Carey Grier, , Martin Almanza, Ashley Rodriguez, Jim T. Hatt, Pamela Inaba, and Maria Tan

DMH: Martha Ortiz, Alex Elliot, Angel Baker, Julio Miranda, Anna Yaralyan, and Laura Kerr

Interpreter & Captioner: Mark Robinson and Alexis Zarret Joann

Agenda Items	Comments/Discussion/Recommendations/Conclusions
Welcome & Introductions - Subcommittee	Attendee Introductions: Attendees (On Microsoft Teams and on the phone) were encouraged to incorporate a description of themselves to be mindful of other attendees with disabilities: individuals with visual impairments who cannot see the computer screen, and those who cannot hear what is happening in the meeting.
Meeting Norms/Review of Code of Conduct – Co- Chair	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cody Hanable reviewed the Code of Conduct and Meeting Norms to the subcommittee.
Meeting Minutes: Review and Approval	Approval of Meeting Minutes September 14, 2022 - moved to approve by Dr. Alison Freeman, and seconded by Cody Hanable.
Voting for Co-Chairs - Cody hanable	Co-Chair Election – Due to Microsoft Teams technical problems, members cannot vote during this meeting. Rosario to send the UsCC subcommittee members to conduct the voting for the 3 rd Co-chairs through e-mail

Result of Capacity Building Projects Votes

- Hector Ramirez

DMH Updates

- Angel Baker

ReelAbilities Film Festival

- Ashley Rodriguez
Director of Accessible Communications, City of Los Angeles, Department of Disability

Mental Health Assessments Presentation

-Painted Brain
Roque Bucton, Melissa Hernandez

Result of the Capacity Building Projects Votes - voted by the Access for All UsCC subcommittee (Arranged based on the number of votes, number 1 being the highest, and number 7 with the least number of votes).

1. Worskshop for ASL Interpreters
2. Introduction of America Sign Language (ASL) to Middle and High School Students
3. Peers Training for Employability and Self Advocacy
4. Mental Health Specialist: Training for Peers
5. Liberation Workshop Series
6. Innovation Lab and Fellowship
7. Workshop for Police Officers and First Responders

DMH Updates

1. Mental Health Commission (MHC) Staff to replace Pinki’s position
The MHC conducted the 2nd interview of the candidates, and they have agreed to hire one candidate who is now being referred to the Director to offer the position. She will only be responsible for MHC.
2. UsCC will be associated with ARDI, headed by Dr. Jorge Partida.
3. SALTs will now be a part of the MHSA group and will provide oversight and leadership to them, working with the clinical operations group.
4. All three (3) units will be working together collaboratively so that the message is consistent across the entire stakeholder platform.
5. ADA Project is going to remain with Angel, and she ensured everyone that it will be implemented as it is supposed to be designed.

ReelAbilities Film Festival Los Angeles is about 30 films where Hector Ramirez, our Co-Chair will be featured in one of them.

- October 21, 22, and 23, 2022 at the California Plaza .
- Films highlight the diversity between disabilities
- Films are kid and family- friendly.
- The event provides ASL interepreters, open captioning, and accessible to everyone.
- ADA Coordinator will be present in the event to ensure accessibility.

Mental Health Assessments Presentation

- o Total of 27 focus groups: 9 for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing, 9 for the Blind, and 9 for the Physically Disabled for all service areas in Los Angeles County
- o Total Participants – 121 for all 3 projects

A few Challenges and Lessons learned:

- o \$50 gift card can cause fraudulent registration; raffle the gift card for participants instead
- o Use of multiple service areas; select one service area to work on

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Security – not turning on cameras during focus groups; Cameras must be turned on during focus groups to ensure that participants will not repeat their participation with other focus groups ● Presentation was not completed due to time constraints, but copy of the powerpoint was provided to the subcommittee. <p>Concerns Raised by Access for All UsCC subcommittee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The information provided in the assessments are qualitative and not quantitative ○ Inaccuracy of information for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing and failed to achieve the expectations ○ The qualification and experience of Painted Brain working with the Blind, Deaf and Hard of Hearing, and Physically Disabled was questioned. Painted Brain admitted that they are just a disability organization and does not have other areas of inclusivity. ○ Painted Brain emphasized that no other vendor bids for the three (3) project but Painted Brain. ○ Participants who did not turn on their cameras and some did not request for ASL interpreters or CART— how can they be certain that participants are deaf and hard of hearing or blind or physically disabled? ○ The fund was used to gather information that are already known, and therefore they are not useful. <p>Next Meeting</p> <p>Next meeting is on November 9, 2022 – 10:00 am – 12:00 noon / Recording & Transcriptions at DMH website</p> <p>Recorded Meeting</p> <p>Recorded Meeting for 10/12/22</p> <p>File: Access for All UsCC-20221012_100035-Meeting Recording.mp4 Url: http://lacountymediahost.granicus.com/MediaPlayer.php?clip_id=10328</p>
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