

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

Access for All UsCC Subcommittee Minutes

November 9 , 2022

10:00AM – 12:00PM

Microsoft Teams Meeting

Attendees: Hector Ramirez, Cody Hanable, Junko Nagamatsu, Amy Kay, Alison Freeman, Carey Grier, Martin Almanza, Maria Tan, Pamela Inaba, Peggie Reyna, Jim T. Hatt, Alex Reynoso, Crystal Maldonado

DMH: Martha Ortiz, Alex Elliot, Angel Baker, John Flynn, Laura Kerr and Rosario Ribleza

Interpreter & Captioner: Mark Robinson and Richard Dickinson
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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 Amy Kay.
Community and Accessibility Resources Alex Elliot	<p align="center">Community and Accessibility Resources:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CalHOPE: Together for Wellness – Mental Health and Wellness Tips for Today We are a collaborative group of stakeholders across the state representing mental health services, nonprofits, academic institutions, health agencies, foundations and consumers. We've come together to help bring together a set of digital resources (like apps, websites, articles, and videos) that can help people through these challenging times.

Please check back soon for more updates.

<https://calhope.semel.ucla.edu/>

- **Web Accessibility Initiative - How People with Disabilities Use the Web**

This resource introduces how people with disabilities, including people with age-related impairments, use the Web. It describes tools and approaches that people with different kinds of disabilities use to browse the Web and the barriers they encounter due to poor design. It helps developers, designers, and others to understand the principles for creating accessible websites, web applications, browsers, and other web tools.

<https://www.w3.org/WAI/people-use-web/>

- **New mix-and-match computer accessories give people with disabilities easier ways to work and create**

Microsoft Adaptive Accessories, a highly adaptable ecosystem that lets users customize their mouse, keyboard inputs and shortcuts. The accessories include the Adaptive Mouse, Adaptive Hub and Adaptive Buttons. The Microsoft Adaptive Accessories are intended to remove the barriers that traditional mice and keyboards may present to people with limited mobility.

https://www.microsoft.com/en-us/accessibility/resources?rtc=1&activetab=pivot_1%3aprimar5

- **Microsoft Accessibility Resources and Training**

Deepen your accessibility knowledge with these helpful resources, videos and both live and pre-recorded training sessions.

https://www.microsoft.com/en-us/accessibility/resources?rtc=1&activetab=pivot_1%3aprimar5

- **This researcher builds ‘cool stuff for blind people.’ He’s also trying to help transform society - PBS Article**

The world is studded with tools to navigate life, but those resources – from the schedule posted at your local bus stop to the cellphone in your pocket – aren’t always accessible for people with disabilities. They may be forced to spend extra time, energy or money to access the same information or experiences as non-disabled people. Inventor Joshua Miele says it doesn’t have to be that way..

<https://www.pbs.org/newshour/science/how-this-innovator-is-making-sure-the-tech-that-drives-daily-life-doesnt-leave-out-people-with-disabilities>

- **LA County Department of Mental Health Resources:**

Special collections of resources are organized by topic below:

<https://dmh.lacounty.gov/resources/>

Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health Community Resources & Information

<https://dmh.lacounty.gov/our-services/ee/resources/>

Annoucement of the 3rd Co-Chair

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GENERAL UPDATES:

1. DMH Updates

- **Angel Baker**

2. Capacity Building Projects

Peggie Reyna

Hector Ramirez announced that Dr. Alison Freeman is the 3rd Co-Chair for Access for All UsCC.

DMH Update

A. ADA Program

- Angel Baker and Alex Elliot are working together on developing an effective ADA program within the organization.
- The plan is to bring a consultant to help DMH develop the ADA program.
- DMH is now in the process of reassessing facilities to ensure that they are ADA compliant.
- Coordinate with the Human Resources (HR) Unit and the Los Angeles County HR to ensure that technology is available for each employee within the organization that requires ADA services.
- There is a newly hired Chief Information Officer to work on improving DMH website and make it more ADA accessible.
- CalMHSA hired a new marketing firm called, "Rescue" to put together some campaigns and proposals, incorporating ADA requirements.
- Angel reached out to CEO's Office asking to bring back together the group of coordinators from County departments to work together on ADA program. Still waiting for updates.
- There is a plan of creating Disability Unit within DMH to ensure the Department's full compliance.
- Angel and the team plan to establish a 5-6 people subcommittee to review the documentation that will be provided by the "Rescue" marketing firm. Anyone who is interested to be a member of the subcommittee was invited to join the subcommittee.

B. Life Link Book Resources – available in paper and on website

Access for All UsCC subcommittee expressed their interest to have Life Link Books for the disabled community

C. Hiring

- Executive Director – not hiring yet
- Executive Assistant – Keana Fuentes, should be starting in 30-60 days. Her responsibility is 100 percent for Mental Health Commission
- UsCC will be under ARDI Division
Hector expressed his disagreement to have UsCC be under ARDI/CCC. Angel will share his concerns with the DMH management.

Domestic Violence Task Force Update– Peggie Reyna

- Peace Over Violence (POV) will be providing face to face training to individuals who are blind, deaf and hard of hearing, and physically disabled with the assistance of the co-facilitators.
- There will be Spanish co-facilitators
- POV is looking for co-facilitators for the physically disabled group, and asked the subcommittee to spread the word. Potential volunteers: Hector Ramirez, Laura Kerr, and Junko Nagamatsu.

Recorded Meeting for 11/9/22

https://lacountymediahost.granicus.com/MediaPlayer.php?clip_id=10378

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