

**Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health
Stakeholder Engagement Unit
Black & African Heritage Underserved Cultural Communities (UsCC) Subcommittee Meeting Minutes
Thursday, August 3, 2023 - 10 am-12 pm**

WELCOME

Introductions/Check-In

Co-Chairs: Romalis Taylor and Queen Nina Womack

Attendees: Kevin Collins, Tanisha Grant, MC Harris, , Chell Le Jones, Erica Melbourne, Kirsten Pannell, Agion Quinney, Sade Richardson, Joyce Sales, Donnise Vonner, Senait, Sir Love, Michael Fields, Dana Calloway, Crystal Edwards , Kalila Huston, Staci Haskell, Joey King , Nyabing Kutu, G. Parker, Janice Rooths, Maria Shelton, Joyce Sales, Harold Turner, Phillip, Patricia Burgas, Wendy Cabil , Hector Ramirez

DMH Admin: Jacqueline Martin, Felipe Ocampo Jr., Mirtala Parada Ward, Eron Johnson, Dr. Darlesh Horn

Presenters: Phillip Bulter

Approval of Minutes:

- Wendy Cabil
 - 2nd Senait
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DMH Updates

- Mirtala Parada Ward, Program Manager 3, ARDI Division (includes UsCCs, Promotoras, Speakers Bureau & Cultural Competency unit) spoke about her role
 - ♦ Heading the UsCC Co-Chair leadership meeting
 - ♦ Taking over DMH Updates
 - Supervising Clinical Psychologist hired to provide supervisory support to UsCC liaisons
 - **Hiring for United Promoters Program**
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Recap of BAH UsCC Leadership Planning Retreat:

- Part 2 retreat on September 25, 2023
 - CBP SOWs to ISD tentatively July 15th
 - What direction the BAH UsCC should take in the coming years
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Update of FY 22-23, 23-24, 24-25 Capacity Building Projects Proposals (SOW Status)

- Waiting for SOWs to be completed and submitted to ISD
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Promoters Community Outreach:

- Collaborating with DMH to bring back the Black Mental Health Conference
 - Change the narrative of mental health
 - Reduce this stigma when it comes to mental health
 - Increase awareness about how these mental health issues have been affecting us for so many decades and remove the barriers
 - Person to person workshops
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Final Presentation/outcome of CBP Black Maternal Health & Early Childhood Intervention Empowerment Project

- Town Halls we created to recruit Black mothers to participate in a project regarding maternal mental health
- The mothers created surveys, and short videos as part of their project

For more information refer to this link:

<https://acrobat.adobe.com/id/urn:aaid:sc:VA6C2:e58144d4-2c9f-41f8-8d4d-a88940645da4>

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Community Engagement (Public Comment):

- Share community engagements via email to BAHUsCC@dmh.lacounty.gov for general distribution
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Community Event Announcements

- Share upcoming community events via email to BAHUsCC@dmh.lacounty.gov for general distribution
 - Kevin Collins -
United Mental Health Promoters Program Workshops
Every Wednesday, 12:30 PM, at the Behavioral Health Center
 - Pamela Inaba – Access Ambassador
Cal Voices stakeholder meetings, Tuesday, July 11th at 11 AM at St. Ann’s near Beverly Blvd.
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Upcoming Meetings (first Thursday of the month, 10am-12pm):
9/7/23

[Click here to join the meeting](#)

323-776-6996, Conference ID: 101 721 830#
