

**Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health
Stakeholder Engagement Unit
Black & African Heritage Underserved Cultural Communities (UsCC) Subcommittee Meeting Minutes
Thursday, July 6, 2023 - 10 am-12 pm**

WELCOME

Introductions/Check-In

Co-Chairs: Romalis Taylor and Queen Nina Womack

Attendees: Jhade Barnes, Jason Betts, Carolyn Brown, Dana Calloway, Crystal Clark, Kevin Collins, Tanisha Grant, Carey Grier, Sandra Hamilton, MC Harris, Staci Haskell, Leonie Holt, Pamela Inaba, Chell Le, Erica Melbourne, Kirsten Pannell, Agion Quinney, Sade Richardson, Joyce Sales, Tamm, Donnise Vonner, Philip, Senait, Sir Love

DMH Admin: Carolyn Brown, Crystal Clark, Jacqueline Martin, Felipe Ocampo Jr., Mirtala Parada Ward

Presenters: Nakeya T Fields

Approval of Minutes:

- Nakeya T Fields
 - 2nd Queen Nina Womack
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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
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Recap of BAH UsCC Leadership Planning Retreat:

- Part 2 retreat on September 15th
 - "wellness moment" lead by Nakeya Fields
 - 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):
8/3/23

[Click here to join the meeting](#)

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