

**Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health
Stakeholder Engagement Unit
Black & African Heritage Underserved Cultural Communities (UsCC) Subcommittee Meeting Minutes
Thursday, June 1, 2023 - 10 am-12 pm**

WELCOME

Introductions/Check-In

Co-Chairs: Romalis Taylor and Sade Richardson

Attendees: Jason Betts, Sabrina Binford, Carolyn Brown, Wendy Cabil, Keith Coleman, Kevin Collins, Carlene Davis, Nakeya T. Fields, Lydia Floyd, Carey Grier, MC Harris, Jacqueline Hasty, Jim T. Hatt, Pamela Inaba, Artisha Jackson, Sharon R. Kashkoui, Reese McCants, Joel McLafferty, Erica Melbourne, Nashon Mitchell, Pharaoh Mitchell, Maria Morton, Felipe Ocampo Jr., Joyce Sales, Sutiweyu Sandoval, Bruce Wheatley, Sir

DMH Admin: Carolyn Brown, Crystal Clark, Eron Johnson, Jacqueline Martin, Felipe Ocampo Jr.

Presenters: Haskel Jackson, Founder, Jared Baisley, COO, Sean McBride, CFO, Elishia Sharie, Chief Brand Officer, Stephen McBride, Clinical Director, Sean Lewis, Curriculum Director

Approval of Minutes:

- Change Co-Chairs to “Vice-Chairs” in BMHT
 - May 4, 2023, Minutes NOT 1st or 2nd
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DMH Updates

- Mary Barraza, Senior Deputy Director of Prevention and Child Well-being Administration introduced and gave update:
 - ♦ Department changes
 - ♦ ARDI, UsCC relationship
 - Mirtala Parada Ward is now over UsCCs
 - Peer Advisory Council will have quarterly hybrid meetings, next meeting is June 20th, invites will be emailed
 - Life Links books transition over to MHSA team, proposal in place, solicitation needs to go out, focus group to be formed comprised of BAH members to identify consultant for project. Mirtala and Darlesh will get together to go over proposals. Cal Mesa contract in place projected for the 3rd or 4th week of June to bring on agency that will hold focus groups, consultant to be hired
 - 22-23 CBP SOWs ready to go by July 1st, 22-23 funding will available for new fiscal 23-24 for these 4 projects, an email will go out when solicitation is out
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Nominations for a New Co-chair Effective July 2023:

- There was no response to request for nominations for new co-chair
 - Queen Nina Womack nominated during meeting, and she accepted
 - Reminder email to go out for names of nominees
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Music for Your Mental Health (MFYMH):

- Uniquely relevant program guided by Grammy-nominated music producers and therapists, fostering the creation of music as a therapeutic tool for youths 4 to 18
- Provides social emotional learning (SEL/ trauma informed) assemblies and grade specific music workshops
- Workshops and assemblies help to end the stigma around therapy and Mental Health by building strong therapeutic foundations
- Program benefits: enhanced self-expression skills, improved perception, increased self-esteem, increased communication skills, improved social skills, increased focus
- MFYMH: info@musicforyourmental.org

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BAH Planning:

- Collaborating with DMH to bring back the Black Mental Health Conference
 - Event for Mental Health Awareness month for June
 - Participate in Juneteenth event with Transmedia 360
 - BAH UsCC event
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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
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Upcoming Meetings (first Thursday of the month, 10am-12pm):
7/6/23

[Click here to join the meeting](#)
323-776-6996, Conference ID: 101 721 830#
