

**Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health
Stakeholder Engagement Unit
Black & African Heritage Underserved Cultural Communities (UsCC) Subcommittee Meeting Minutes
Thursday, May 4, 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:

Approval of Minutes:

- Change “Historical” to “Herstorical”
- ADD: BAH UsCC was part of the founding members of the BMHT
- April 6, 2023, Minutes approved: Wendy Cabil , Seconded: Kevin Collins

DMH Updates

- Reviews completed of Capacity Building Projects (CBP)
- Pending: Wendy Cabil, *Black Homeless Outreach*, and Senait Admassu, *Prevention Works 4 Communities (PW-4- C)*
- Work will begin on new proposals for CBP

Nominations for a New Co-chair Effective July 2023:

- Nominations for new co-chair
- Email to go out for names of nominees

CBP Update Recap: Strengthening Community Connections for Black Men-Boys Project:

- Have 250-500 Black men and boys in LA County to complete survey as it relates to the needs they have.
- Conduct workshops as it relates to mental wellness
- Had two cohorts of 20 and 15 men: 15 men, five-week sessions and Cal State Dominguez Hills, 20 boys in Long Beach, parents participated in some of these meetings (link to survey: <https://0d9p1ouskyh.typeform.com/to/bBgKhDkH>)
- Use of community partners to aid in finding participants for virtual cohort of 20 and boys
- June cohort session registration via Eventbrite
- Information given to parents regarding suicide, additional resources and phone numbers provided as well

Update: Black Mental Health Taskforce:

- Birthed from the Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health, Black and African Heritage UsCC subcommittee
- Now a community-led effort, action-oriented movement to empower Black mental health
- All of the members, the founding members, the chairs are volunteers
- Depends on other outside organizations to be that structure to apply for the funding, to apply for the grants
- Co-chairs Keith Coleman and Nashon Mitchell

Update: ICCTM Learning Collaborative Committee:

- Platform to give people the opportunity to voice their opinion.

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Community Engagement (Public Comment):

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

Community Event Announcements

- Wendy Cabil, Salt 6
Cultural Competency Committee
 - Cultural Competency Committee, second Wednesdays of the month from 1:30 to 3:30 PM
- Romalis Taylor
MHSA
 - Completing and finalizing the Annual Update for the last adjustments for the 3-Year Plan
 - Board should be voting on it by next month to approve that Annual Update which will start the beginning of the 3-Year Plan -- development of a 3-Year Plan for the following three years
- Kevin Collins
Compton Family Mental Health Center, 921 East Compton
 - Mental health resource fair, Wednesday, 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM**Behavioral Health Center**, 12021, South Wilmington
 - Every Wednesday, various mental health workshops
- Pamela Inaba
LEAD Summit
 - Lived Experience, Advocacy, and Diversity Summit, Monday May 8th from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM
 - Free conference at the California Endowment Center, Downtown LA**LA County Client Coalition Inc.**
 - Monthly meeting, virtual odd month, virtual and in person on even months, 3rd Friday of each month, 1 PM to 3 PM

Upcoming Meetings (first Thursday of the month, 10am-12pm):

6/1/23

[Click here to join the meeting](#)

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