

**Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health
Stakeholder Engagement Unit
API Subcommittee Meeting Minutes
July 24, 2023, 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm**

Present: Richer San, Anne Choe, Sithea San, Pamela Inaba, Mariko Kahn, Sheetal Ayyatan, JR Kuo, Pastor Peter Kim, Young Choi, Belinda Rabano, Vicky Xu, Norio Iwahori, Michelle Wong, Dr. Rocco Cheng, Dr. Sheila Wu, Aaron Icedo, Mea Lath, Moses Lim, Ruth Wen, Maria Tan, Dr. Ann Marie Yamada, Carrie Na, Cynthia Song-Mayeda, Debra Roth, Eric Hernandez, Frances Kim, He Lin, Jazmine Guillen, Kerry Chhay, Mirtala Parada Ward, Phaly Sam, Seung Joshua Nah, Sokthea Phay, Sovanna Pou, Debra Roth, Violeta Villareal

Cambodian Interpreter – Bo Uce

Korean Interpreter – Sun Lim

DMH Admin – Alan Wu

Agenda Items	Comments/Discussion/Recommendations/Conclusions
Welcome & Introductions	Subcommittee Members, Housekeeping, Attendance, Co-Chairs
SB 43 Presentation and Q&A	<p>Debra Roth, Disability Rights California, Senior Legislative Advocate</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overview <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Expands definition of “gravely disabled” under Lanterman Petris Short Act ▪ Creates an exception to the “hearsay rule” in conservatorship proceedings • Gravely Disabled <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Current law: inability to provide basic personal needs for food, clothing, or shelter. ▪ Proposed in SB 43: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adds “severe substance use disorder” Adds inability to provide “personal safety, or necessary medical care” • Hearsay exception in conservatorship proceedings <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Current law: LPS does not contain a hearsay provision. Hearsay is an out-of-court statement offered in court for the truth of what is in the statement. It is generally inadmissible. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Reliability ➤ Cross examination ▪ Proposed in SB 43: In conservatorship proceedings, the statement from a health care practitioner is NOT INADMISSIBLE under the hearsay rule if certain conditions are met. ▪ Requirements for exception: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The statement pertains to the person’s symptoms or behavior. ➤ The expert relies on the statement to form their opinion.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The statement is based on the “declarant’s” (health practitioner’s) observation. ➤ The court finds, in a HEARING outside the jury’s presence, that the TIME, CONTENT AND CIRCUMSTANCES of the statement provide reliability.
DMH Updates	<p>Mirtala Parada Ward introduce herself as the new program manager over the DMH ARDI Division and shared about her background and the following DMH updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 3 Year MHSA Planning Kickoff Meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ MHSA is the biggest funding source for mental health services and comprises 95% of our service delivery. ▪ Part of the three year planning requires stakeholder feedback to DMH in terms of the needs for prevention. ▪ Mirtala’s role is to ensure the UsCCs provide culturally specific recommendations to DMH on how to best serve our diverse communities in LA County. ▪ Richer San and Norio Iwahori the two co-chairs will get two votes and two seats in that process to represent the API UsCC. Co-chairs will be assigned to a work group where they will be provided with a lot of information to bring back to API UsCC for feedback and recommendations. Recommendations will then be brought back to their work groups to ensure a communication loop between DMH, the stakeholder, and their role as representatives of the API UsCC. ● MHSA 2-Hour Training on August 15, 2-4 PM for API UsCC via Zoom <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ First hour of training will be on implicit bias ▪ Second hour of training will be specifically on what MHSA is including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ How API community gets engaged in the MHSA process ➤ How API community provide feedback to ensure they have what’s needed to properly serve the community ▪ Mirtala highly recommend that everyone attend this training which will be tailored specifically to the community level individuals and their needs. ● DMH will focus on ensuring inclusion and equity in service delivery, trainings, policies, and communities served. This focus will include working on rebranding the ARDI Division to make it more accessible and representative of the diversity of LA County.
Review of Meeting Minutes	Motion by Dr. Rocco Cheng to approve minutes and seconded by Mariko Kahn.
Open Discussion on non-agenda items	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Alan Wu clarified that whenever a capacity building project goes out for solicitation/bidding all members of the API UsCC are notified by email. ● Richer San and Pamela Inaba stressed the importance of attending the MHSA trainings and meetings to ensure the API representation, voice, and input are heard. Interpreter services are provided at these meetings. ● To participate in our monthly API UsCC subcommittee meetings, Alan Wu reminded members to make sure to use the Microsoft Teams link provided in the meeting invite and not use any old or previous meeting links forwarded by others to avoid any connection issues.
Upcoming Meeting: August 28, 2023	