

# LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH

## Access for All UsCC Minutes

August 9, 2023

10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Microsoft Teams Meeting

**Stakeholders:**

**Maria Arauco, Joseph Burton, Carol Chung, Ryan Caldwell, Erik Escareno, Alison Freeman, Hilda Garcia de Alba, Cody Hanable, Carol K., Amy Kay, Nicole Lay, Brenda Morales, Hector Ramirez, Martia Tan, Gabriela Velasquez, Irma Velasquez, Amber W., Everette Williams**

**DMH Staff:**

**Angel Baker, Alex Elliott, Oliver Harris, Darlesh Horn, Jenny Nguyen, Martha Ortiz, Mirtala Parada-Ward, Reba Stevens, Suyapa Umanzor, Elaine Waldman**

**ASL Interpreter:**

**Mark Robinson and Jarris Wright**

**Captioner:**

**Jo Ann Jaimes**

<b>Agenda Items</b>	<b>Discussion and Recommendations</b>
<b>Welcome and Discussion</b>	<p>The three Co-Chairs welcomed members and guests to this abbreviated meeting; following the meeting, a California Association of Local Behavioral Health Boards and Commissions (calbhbc.org) training on Unconscious Bias and Community Engagement, with Theresa Comstock and featuring Dr. Carole McKindley-Alvarez took place on Zoom from 10:30 AM to 12:30 PM, reaching 27 participants.</p> <p>Mirtala Parada-Ward encouraged representation of diverse communities in UsCC membership and leadership.</p> <p>Meeting participants continue to experience challenges using Microsoft Teams to join the meetings. Furthermore, while Co-Chair Hector Ramirez was speaking, he was muted several times.</p> <p>Erik Escareno asked Darlesh Horn when people who submitted MHSA funding proposals will be notified about next steps, and Darlesh Horn responded that her team is reaching out to all who submitted proposals.</p>
<b>Thank You to Cody Hanable</b>	<p>Cody announced that he is transitioning out of his Co-Chair role due to work commitments. He thanked everyone, with special thanks to Hector Ramirez for their time, expertise, and leadership. Dr. Alison Freeman thanked Cody and shared that we will miss him.</p>
<b>Approval of Meeting Minutes</b>	<p>Deferred to September meeting.</p>
<b>Community Accessibility Resources</b>	<p>Due to limited time, we were unable to hear Alex Elliott's monthly update. Please refer to the website for his curated resources:  <a href="https://dmh.lacounty.gov/about/mhsa/uscc/access-for-all-uscc/">https://dmh.lacounty.gov/about/mhsa/uscc/access-for-all-uscc/</a></p>
<b>Training</b>	<p>Following the meeting, a California Association of Local Behavioral Health Boards and Commissions (calbhbc.org) training on Unconscious Bias and Community Engagement, with Theresa Comstock and featuring Dr. Carole</p>

**Next Meeting**

McKindley-Alvarez took place on Zoom from 10:30 AM to 12:30 PM, reaching 27 participants.

The next meeting will be held on September 13, 2023.