

**LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH**

**Access for All UsCC Minutes**

July 12, 2023

10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Microsoft Teams Meeting

**Stakeholders:**

**Joseph Burton, Carol Chung,  
Kimberly Cruz, Tina Enwell, Erik  
Escareno, Alison Freeman, Cody  
Hanable, Melissa Hernandez, Pamela  
Inaba, Adjoa Jones, Amy Kay,  
Alexandra Luque, Andria McFerson,  
Mastaneh Moghadam, Agion Quinney,  
Maria de Rosas, Lourdes Rabello,  
Hector Ramirez, Gabriela Velasquez,  
Irma Velasquez, Jarris Wright**

**DMH Staff:**

**Angel Baker, Alex Elliott, Daniel  
Estrada, Carey Grier, Gayle  
Haberman, Laura Kerr, Jenny  
Nguyen, Martha Ortiz, Mirtala  
Parada-Ward, Suyapa Umanzor,  
Elaine Waldman, Yue Xu**

**ASL Interpreter:**

**Richard Dickinson**

**Captioner:**

**Jo Ann Jaimes**

<b>Agenda Items</b>	<b>Discussion and Recommendations</b>
<b>Cal-AIM Presentations</b>	<p>Gayle Haberman presented a PowerPoint overview and answered questions about Cal-AIM. Key points include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) managed care providers such as LA Care, HealthNet, and Kaiser will have subcontractors throughout the County;</li> <li>2) most people with Medi-Cal will be moved to the managed care rather than fee-for-service system;</li> <li>3) behavioral health and substance use disorder treatment will be integrated into care, as well as the 24/7 hotline;</li> <li>4) there will be enhanced care management services;</li> <li>5) improvements will be made to link people who were incarcerated to care; and</li> <li>6) there is no wrong door to enter the system.</li> </ol> <p>Hector Ramirez and Amy Kay raised the concern for ASL needs to be prioritized at the State-level, to be able to meet critical, long unmet health care needs with appropriate work force members in all communities.</p> <p>Carol Chung shared that DHS is providing some enhanced care management services. Erik Escareno highlighted that people who are deaf and hard of hearing have been marginalized and excluded from timely access to quality care.</p> <p>Mirtala shared that DMH management is advancing efforts to hire ASL staff.</p>
<b>Presentation of Capacity-Building Project: Video Series by Cross-Cultural Expressions</b>	<p>Mastaneh Moghadam presented a snippet of one of the videos in a series sponsored by Access for All, created to increase visibility of people with disabilities and reduce stigma. This particular video featured Hector Ramirez as part of a panel of presenters, sharing about his identity and experience.</p>
<b>Approval of Meeting Minutes</b>	<p>Amy Kay moved to approve the July meeting minutes; Joseph Burton seconded the motion.</p>

<p><b>Announcements</b></p>	<p>Hector Ramirez shared that interested members can apply to participate as a judge in upcoming films through reelabilitiesla.org.</p> <p>Hector also shared that the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors has approved the DMH proposals, and that the only consumer-driven proposals (of DMH’s 250,000 consumers) received for consideration originated from the Access for All UsCC.</p> <p>Pam Inaba shared that important California State legislation is being proposed, SB 43 (centering on people who are “gravely disabled”) and SB 326 (MHSA redesign). Pam encouraged members to participate and be heard.</p> <p>Andria McFerson uplifted the need to include of people with invisible disabilities and people of diverse backgrounds in policy making. She participates in an LA Care advisory committee and spoke at the Board of Supervisors meeting, as well as participates in the DMH Service Area 5 Leadership Team.</p>
<p><b>Community Accessibility Resources</b></p>	<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>
<p><b>Next Meeting</b></p>	<p>The next meeting will be held on August 9, 2023.</p>