

Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health
Stakeholder Engagement Unit

Black & African Heritage Underserved Cultural Communities (UsCC) Subcommittee Meeting Minutes
Thursday, September 7, 2023 - 10 am-12 pm

WELCOME

Introductions/Check-In

Co-Chairs: Romalis Taylor and Queen Nina Womack.

Attendees: Marcus, Wendy Cabil, Tora Miller, Joyce Sales, Kirsten Pannell, Eric Melbourne, Amy Mcilvaine, Kerry McIntyre, Shell Le, Senait, Carey Grier, Sada Richardson, Leslie Dishman, Koby Rodriguez, Kadiatou Sinayoko, Tanisha Grant, Janice Rooths, Lily, Nakeya Fields, Davis Richardson, Lindsay Hovermale, Leondra Clark Harvery, Darlesh Horn.

DMH Admin: Mirtala Parada Ward, Carolyn Brown, Crystal Clark, Darlesh K. Horn, Eron Johnson, Felipe Ocampo Jr, Anna Yaralyan.

Approval of Minutes:

- August 3, 2023 Minutes approved: Wendy Cabil Seconded: Joyce Sales

Introduction of new BAH UsCC Liaisons

- Anna Yaralyan

DMH Updates

- Reviews completed of Capacity Building Projects (CBP)/ Update on the SOW
- Mirtala Parada Ward, Program Manager 3, ARDI Division (includes UsCCs, Promotoras, Speakers Bureau & Cultural Competency unit) spoke about her role
 - Heading the UsCC Co-Chair leadership meeting
 - Taking over DMH Updates
- Supervising Clinical Psychologist hired to provide supervisory support to UsCC liaisons
- Health
- HR hiring process

MHSA Update

- Review of Annual Update and opportunity to give input via: [MHSA Announcements - Department of Mental Health \(lacounty.gov\)](https://www.lacounty.gov/mhsa-announcements)
- Transitioning to 3-year Plan in the coming months
- Input of leadership from the various UsCCs, CCs, and SAACs

Community Engagement (Public Comment):

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

Community Event Announcements

- BAH meeting for on September 25, 2023 for the BAH continue discuss on 2-year Retreat

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planning.

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

11/02/2023

[Click here to join the meeting](#)

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