



**Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health
Stakeholder Engagement Unit
Black & African Heritage Underserved Cultural Communities (UsCC) Subcommittee Meeting
Minutes Thursday, 2/1/2024 - 10 am-12 pm**

WELCOME

Introductions/Check-In

Co-Chairs: Romalis Taylor and Queen Nina Womack.

Attendees: Chell Le, Nakeya Fields, Joyce Sales, Kerry McIntyre, Kevin Hatcher, Milcah E White, Amy Mcilvaine, Wendy Cabil. Firelies.ai Notet, Jim The Hatt, Kirsten Pannell, Nina’s OtterPilot, read.ai meeting, Kalila Houston, Keianna Crenshaw, Leslie Dishman, Sonita, Kyle Roberts, Eron Johnson, Rhonda, Candice Wion, Aleyne Eatman, Adjoa Jones.

DMH Admin: Mirtala Parada Ward, Darlesh K. Horn, Anna Yaralyan, Jennifer Alquijay.

Approval of Minutes:

- 1/4/2024 Minutes approved: Wendy Cabil,
- Seconded: Queen Nina Womack.
- BAH USCC Subcommittee approved the minutes.

DMH Updates

Mirtala Parada Ward provided BAH UsCC Subcommittee Capacity Building Projects updates:

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Black History Month Event Updates:

- BAH UsCC Co-chairs, Romalis Taylor & Queen Nina Womack, Cultural Competency Committee, & the Service Area 6 Peer Resource Center have collaborated to have an important in-person event. The title of the event is, “**Black Maternal Health and Well-being.**”
- The event will take place at Behavioral Health Center, MLK Campus:
12021 Wilmington Ave., Building 18, Los Angeles, CA 90059.
- The event flyer has been created and the Agenda is in the process of being finalized. There will be an expert presentation, poetry, African naming ceremony, film presentations, prayer, soul food, refreshments, land acknowledgement, and much more!
- To register or for more information, please contact Dr. Anna Yaralyan, BAH liaison, at (213) 760-7326 or ayaralyan@dmh.lacounty.gov.

LACDMH BAH UsCC CBPs FY 2025 – 2026 Romalis Taylor

- Outreach/Events, (O & E): BAH UsCC Subcommittee has been planning retreats, & ongoing O & E events to increase subcommittee capacity and come up with ideas/topics for Capacity Building Projects, CBPs.
 - BAH USCC & ARDI Black History Month Event Planning - Meetings will be held in the month of January & beyond to secure date & time, venue, guest speakers, catering, etc.
 - Review of Annual Update and opportunity to give input via: [MHSA Announcements](#) -
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- Transitioning to 3-year Plan in the coming months
- Input of leadership from the various UsCCs, CCs, and SAACs
- Queen Nina Womack presented on Kwanzaa Celebration in December 2023

Community Engagement (Public Comment):

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

- Continue discuss on 2-year Retreat

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Upcoming Meetings (first Thursday of the month,
10am-12pm): 3/7/2024
[Click here to join the meeting](#)
323-776-6996, Conference ID: 101 721 830#
