

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES-DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH
Service Area leadership Team Monthly Meeting
Service Area 1

Palmdale Mental Health Center
2260 East Palmdale Blvd., suite J,
Palmdale, CA 93550

May 16, 2024

3:00pm – 5:00pm

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Agenda Items	Discussion	Action Item	Person Responsible	Due Date
Welcome, Land Acknowledgement and Introductions	Monica Olsen called the meeting to order at 3:00. Introductions were made in-person and on-line. James Coomes gave detailed background of land acknowledgement.	Introductions and land acknowledgements done in real time.	Monica Olsen and James Coomes	
Review and Approve April 18, 2024 minutes	April 18, 2024, minutes were reviewed and approved with 1 correction.	Corrected in real time.	Natalie Williams	
Close out Previous Topics from minutes	Budget and spending SALT funds: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gaby shared ways to spend the remaining funds – Vince’s Pizza for the next meeting and promotional items (clear backpacks and aluminum water bottles) • Group discussion amongst members to obtain clarity on timeframe to submit fund requests as shared by James Coomes and Darlesh Horn. 	.	Gabriela Muniz and Natalie Williams	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Logo inquiry from a member, as well as stickers and coloring book ideas were presented. • Members shared their event ideas as ways to utilize the funds where the community can engage and learn of the help/services available to the community. • Another member presented the idea of gift cards and was 2nd by another member. • Clarification of funds available for next fiscal year to utilize for the ideas presented. 	<p>Planning committee to be formed to create events with SALT funds.</p> <p>Member voting took place in real time in favor of moving forward with the water bottles and the backpacks.</p> <p>Gift cards can be considered and voted on for the next fiscal year.</p>	<p>SALT Members to form committee.</p> <p>Members to vote in future meetings</p>	
Presenters: None this month.	None this month.	None this month.	Natalie Williams	
Co-Chair Voting in June	<p>Discussion lead by current Co-Chair, Jean Harris:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • According to the new Bylaws, the new Co-Chair term will begin in July. • Details of the roles and responsibilities were shared. • Darlesh Horn to share the details of the new Bylaws in the June SALT meeting. 	Members to vote on Co-Chairs during the June SALT meeting	SALT Members	
Report Out on DMH O&E and other Outreach and Engagement Activities	<p>May is Mental Health Month discussion lead by James Coomes – May 4th, 2024, at Sgt. Steve Owen Memorial Park:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Feedback was that it felt bigger than last year. • Accolades given to those who helped in the planning and assistance on the day of the event. • Talks of navigating through the vendor process. • Feedback given from members. 	None at this time.		

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	<p>Other upcoming Take Action Events:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Website given for the DMH events around the County. • Verbally shared of some known events 	<p>Those interested to view the website: www.TakeActionLA.com for participation.</p>		
<p>Committee Member Reports</p>	<p>Mental Health Commission- Judy Cooperberg:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Announced June commission meeting taking place at L.A. Valley College in North Hollywood. Gave updated details about the Behavioral Urgent Care services being provided. Planning to add a childrens’ residential program. • June to be Judy’s last commission meeting and transportation to be arranged to help those interested celebrate with her. <p>Underserved Cultural Committee – Wendy Cabil:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lost connection during the meeting while in-route from another appointment but will share upon receipt of the Minutes. <p>Co-Chair Report – Monica Olsen, Michael Dutton, and Jean Harris:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Committee planning team to put new actions into practice. • Shared details of the new bylaws to be followed upon finalization, including having 2 Co-Chairs instead of 3. 	<p>Transportation to be provided.</p> <p>Power Point presentation and upcoming events to be distributed to group upon receipt.</p> <p>Calendar to be created for DMH meetings.</p> <p>Dr. Horn to be present at next meeting to share details of new Bylaws.</p>	<p>James Coomes</p> <p>Natalie Williams</p> <p>Darlesh Horn</p>	

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	<p>Jean announced wanting a calendar for all the DMH meetings.</p> <p>DMH Updates – James Coomes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shared going to be out 5/17/24 and 5/20/24 due to daughter’s college graduation. • Shared appreciation for the Co-Chairs and Members 			
<p>Consumer and Family/Supporters Time (Public Comments)</p>	<p>A SALT member stated he would find it helpful to have a flyer with the various service resources in the community.</p> <p>A SALT member shared her membership of the Aging and Disability Department. She provided details of the attendees there and shares invitations to attend the SALT meeting.</p> <p>A SALT member shared appreciation for the District Chief.</p> <p>A SALT member stated his frustration with no longer having the access to the older adult networking he once had downtown. He’s wanting this type of resource in this service area in a picnic format.</p> <p>A SALT member expressed appreciation for the dinner for the last meeting but wants microphones for everyone to be able to be able to hear those speaking.</p> <p>Community member spoke on behalf of the Department of Public Health, Karen Milborne, for their resource coordination</p>	<p>Various DMH staff available to address the needs and concerns expressed after today’s meeting.</p>		

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	<p>program in Service Area 1 and 2. She would be interested in obtaining information about the various programs in attendance.</p>			
<p>New Topics and Presentations</p>	<p>Agency Updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Behavioral Urgent Care staff shared details on how to utilize their services. Request for Housing for Health program. • Jean shared NAMI participating in the May is Mental Health Month events by giving presentations in the local high schools. NAMI is also expanding their programs in Spanish including various parent programs. • Live Oak Mental Wellness Project event this Saturday, May 18th • DMH Antelope Valley Mental Health Center is having a Father’s Day event. • Jackie Robinson Park to have their Take Action event and their annual Juneteenth event. • Member requested a social media or website be facilitated to list the various upcoming events. – Idea shared to possibly utilize SALT funds. • AV AIM event on June 27th, which will have a Juneteenth component. • City of Lancaster is having a Juneteenth celebration on June 16th 	<p>Those interested in the upcoming events to inquire with those who made their agency announcements.</p> <p>Various flyers for upcoming events to be sent out to the SALT distribution list.</p> <p>Program Managers to obtain information on how to begin a social media page.</p>	<p>Natalie Williams</p>	

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	<p>New Agenda Items/Presentations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jean shared information regarding the DMH WET Financial Incentive Program helping with student loans and requested a presenter from this program. Amber clarified these detail requirements. Judy shared her experience with this while at MHA. • Wendy to be a panelist sharing her story at an event on May 21st. • Work Source requested to present as well as Parents Anonymous in June. • Suggestion for a presenter from Disability Rights. • Alternative Wellness presentations. • CAF Orientation will be June 12th. Jean provided details of this program. 	<p>Follow up needed for these presenters.</p> <p>Orientation details to be sent to the distribution list upon receipt from the MHSA Team.</p>	<p>Natalie Williams</p> <p>Natalie Williams</p>	
Closing	<p>James shared with the group that the funds for the current fiscal year will not be able to be requested for the items voted on during this meeting.</p> <p>Meeting adjourned at 5:00 pm.</p>			

Attendees: See sign-in sheet