

Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health (LACDMH)
API UsCC Subcommittee Meeting Minutes
April 29, 2024, 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Present: Aaron Icedo, Anne Choe, Belinda Rabano, Catherine Kaila Manantan, Courtney Hoffman, Cynthia Song-Mayeda, Carol DeLilly, Emily Wu Truong, Joyce Ma, JR Kuo, Kalene Gilbert, Kelly Wilkerson, Kerry Chhay, Les Peters, Maria N Tan, Mariko Kahn, Michelle Wong, Norio Iwahori, Parag Sawhney, Pastor Peter (Hyocheol) Kim, Payal Sawhney, Priscila Lizarraga, Richer San, Rocco Cheng, Sandra, Sheetal S. Ayyatan, Sheila Wu, Sithea San, Stacey Anne Smith, Su Jung Kim, Susan Park, Tuan D. Nguyen, Yue Hua Xu, Zeel Ahir

Korean Interpreters: Samantha and Sun

DMH Admin: Hyun Kyung Lee, Jennifer Alquijay

Agenda Items	Comments/Discussion/Recommendations/Conclusions
Welcome & Introductions	Co-Chairs and Subcommittee Members
Presentation	<p>“Impact of Prop 1” by Kalene Gilbert & Su Jung Kim, LACDMH Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Administration team.</p> <p>Senate Bill (SB) 326 and Assembly Bill (AB) 531 have passed the legislature and were signed by Governor Newsom on October 12, 2023. Combined, they became Proposition (Prop) 1 on the March 2024 ballot and passed. The Mental Health Services Act will be renamed the Behavioral Health Services Act (BHSA). Programmatic changes will begin on July 1, 2026. Administrative funding for the new community planning process will begin in January 2025. No specific allocation for Prevention, Suicide Prevention, Anti Stigma, Workforce Education and Training, and Capital Facilities and Technological Needs, which are current funding categories under MHSA. There will be changes in how the funds are categorized and how the money will be spent. Prevention funds and services as well as the Workforce Education and Training, will be administered by the State. One of our DMH priorities is the Continuity of Care, and we will work closely with communities to identify principles and priorities. Stakeholders shall include sufficient participation of individuals representing diverse viewpoints of historically marginalized, underserved, racially and ethnically diverse communities. BHSA funds shall be used for purposes of planning, and community engagement would be one of them. Community Impacts may include increased access to housing resources; increased field-based services; increased access to substance use services; decrease in available BHSA funds for outpatient services; elimination of local decision-making and dissemination of Prevention funds, which will be handled by the State; and Early Intervention may provide outreach services, among other impacts. It is too soon to identify specific programs that will experience changes, but LACDMH will engage stakeholder groups as part of the planning and transition process and inform them as more information becomes available.</p>
Review of Meeting Minutes	The meeting minutes of April 1, 2024 meeting minutes were approved. Motion by Tuan D. Nguyen to approve minutes and seconded by Sheetal S. Ayyatan. Tuan D. Nguyen also asked to check his attendance on the April 1 meeting.

DMH Updates	<p>Jennifer Alquijay provided the following updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There will be some changes in the UsCC Capacity Building Projects plans and timelines due to changes in the Procurement requirements. Some projects will be open for solicitations in June or July 2024, and the API UsCC subcommittee will be informed once more information is available.
Capacity Building Project Plan Updates and Discussions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hyun Kyung Lee provided updates and tentative plans about the API UsCC Capacity Building Projects. Due to changes in procurement requirements, all UsCC Capacity Building Projects should be completed within their intended fiscal year. The API UsCC had seven projects for FY 23-24, and three of those seven projects were already in progress. The other four projects could go into solicitation in July 2024, aiming for completion by June 30, 2025 tentatively. The new proposals selected by the API UsCC Subcommittee will be announced at the June 2024 meeting, and we will have more plans once we have more information about the department’s budget. LACDMH will keep the subcommittee updated as more information becomes available. • Mariko Kahn expressed concerns and frustration about the delays with the Capacity Building Projects. • Emily Wu Truong shared her frustration with challenging process of UsCC’s Capacity Building Projects, difficulties in obtaining funding, navigating mental health services in LA County, and the lack of support for API communities.
Community Announcements & Resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emily Wu Truong provided the following information and resources: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ Mental health resource fair in Monterey Park will take place on May 18, 2024 at Barnes Park Gym. ➢ Mental health summit will be held at the Boys and Girls Club of West San Gabriel Valley and Eastside on May 18, 2024. ➢ There will be an AANHPI mental health event in City of Arcadia on May 8, 2024. ➢ City of San Marino will have a Mental Health Day event on May 8, 2024. ➢ There will be a comedy training workshop hosted by Aidan Park with NAMI Orange County. There are also some grief and loss workshops and support groups. ➢ Emily will be organizing an event for Taiwanese community in the City of Rosemead in July 2024. ➢ If anyone is interested or needs additional information about these resources, they can contact Emily. She also announced that she was selected as the 2024 API’s Community Champion. • Carol DeLilly shared information about Cambridge College Southern California and its community college courses and programs for adult learners.
Follow-Up Action Items	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The API UsCC’s May meeting will be canceled due to the holiday on May 27, 2024. Our next meeting will be on Monday, June 24, 2024, from 2 pm to 4 pm. • There will be an API UsCC Retreat meeting on Thursday, May 30, 2024, from 9 am to 1 pm.
<p style="text-align: center;">Upcoming Meeting: June 24, 2024 (2:00 pm-4:00 pm)</p> <p>Meeting minutes can be found at: https://dmh.lacounty.gov/about/mhsa/uscc/asian-pacific-islander-api-uscc/asian-pacific-islander-api-uscc-meeting-minutes/</p>	