

**Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health
LGBTQIA2-S UsCC Subcommittee Meeting Minutes
Thursday, July 11, 2024, 2-4 pm**

Welcome/Introductions

Present: Ana Bernal, Mahtab Javed Siddiqui, Cynthia Ruffin, Bill Sive, Rex Wilde, Alex Salazar, Brooke Balestreri, Nicole Kristal, Rafael Lopes, Shawn Griffin, Mariana Marroquin, Abbey Ronquillo, Ace Anaya, Sydney Rogers, Marcia Blachman-Benitez, Gladys Pulido, La Londa Alex, Sharon Chapman, Andrea Aoun, Christina Travnitz

UsCC Admin: Kelly Wilkerson, riKu Matsuda, Chiyah Lawrence

MHSA Admin: Darlesh Horn, Ken Sholders, Claudia Fierro

Getting To Know You – Sydney Rogers shared about herself.

June 2024 Meeting Minutes – Meeting minutes approved (first-Bill Sive, second-Brooke Balestreri).

Co-Chair Updates

- Co-chairs updated the subcommittee regarding the co-chair nominations.
- No UsCC/CCC leadership meeting in June so no related updates.

MHSA/UsCC Stakeholder Bylaws – Presentation (Dr. Darlesh Horn)

- Dr. Horn presented regarding the recently implemented MHSA Stakeholder Bylaws.
- Members are invited to share feedback by emailing: CommunityStakeholder@dmh.lacounty.gov
- Kelly to send out most recent version of this document via email once received.

Retreat Follow Ups

- As a next step, Kelly sent out a survey to members to prioritize the four areas of focus that were developed during the retreat:
 1. Engagement/Outreach/Capacity Building Projects
 2. Integrating Mental Health into Physical Health, Harm Reduction, and Substance Use Services
 3. Cultural Competency Training for Mental Health Service Providers
 4. Advocacy
 - Link to survey, responses to be submitted by 7/19: <https://forms.office.com/g/ZHzVF2RzTS>

- Once all survey responses have been gathered, members will be invited to participate in ad hoc groups focused on these areas with priority given to those areas ranked as the most critical for the next 90 days.
- In addition, some time at the August meeting will be devoted to reviewing the previous mission/vision statements, and creating a purpose statement for this subcommittee.

FY 24-25 UsCC Capacity Building Project Budget - Discussion

- Kelly provided updates regarding the budget impacts of the previous fiscal year projects rolling over to this new fiscal year.
- Following the meeting, confirmation was received that each UsCC would have their full budget of 350k for the fiscal year.

Current Capacity Building Projects – Update

- Updates on capacity building projects currently being implemented:
 - What We Think Project – vendor provided an update during meeting, currently in final phases, project will be completed this month.
 - The Panthera Project – project extended, completion date pending.
 - Neurodivergent Voices Album Project – vendor provided an update during meeting, currently in third phase including hosting recording sessions.
 - LGBTQIA2-S Housing Listening Sessions Project – currently in third phase including hosting the sessions.
 - Proyecto Mariposa Monarca – currently in third phase including hosting the Tanda meetings.
 - Transforming Community Care: API LGBTQ+ Mental Health and Wellness Project – currently in final phase, project will be completed by July 30.
 - Two-Spirit Storytelling Project – project completed, vendor to present at a future meeting.
 - Bi+ Affirming Mentorship and Storytelling Lab – project completed, vendor to present at a future meeting.
 - Liberation Workshop Series Project – project completed, vendor to present at a future meeting.
 - LGBTQIA2-S Violence Prevention Lab Project – project completed, vendor to present at a future meeting.

General Announcements/Resources

- Send any resources to Kelly via email (KeWilkerson@dmh.lacounty.gov) to be sent out to the listserv.

Upcoming Meetings (first Thursday of the month, 2-4pm): 8/1/24, 9/5/24, 10/3/24, 11/7/24, December TBD

[Join Microsoft Teams Meeting](#); 323-776-6996, Conference ID: 542 042 921#

Meeting minutes can be found at <https://dmh.lacounty.gov/about/mhsa/uscc/lgbtqia2-s-uscc/lgbtqia2-s-uscc-meeting-minutes/>