

**Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health  
LGBTQIA2-S UsCC Subcommittee Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, August 1, 2024, 2-4 pm**

**Welcome/Introductions**

**Present:** Ana Bernal, Mikey Fields, Mahtab Javed (MJ) Siddiqui, Bill Sive, Eden Luna, Alex Salazar, Alexis Glenn, Brooke Balestreri, Rafael Lopes, Rafaela Vargas, Judy Kim, Isabella Rodriguez, Sunny Driver, Sydney Rogers, Jasmine Mitchell, Ronald Jackson, Rudolpho (Rudy) Perez, Tatiana Turner, Carla Ibarra, Irene Ratliff, Susana Ascencion, Durga Dasi, Sharon Chapman, Rebecca Gitlin, Andrea Aoun

**UsCC Admin:** Kelly Wilkerson, Jennifer Alquijay

**Getting To Know You** – Jasmine Mitchell shared about herself.

**July 2024 Meeting Minutes** – Meeting minutes approved (first-Rudy Perez, second-Bill Sive).

**Co-Chair and DMH Updates**

- Co-chairs updated the subcommittee regarding the recent CCC/UsCC leadership meeting. There are previously developed capacity building project proposals from the other UsCCs that will be implemented in the current fiscal year. Vendors from the LGBTQIA2-S UsCC are able to bid on projects for other UsCC groups as well. All open solicitations can be found at [LA County Solicitations](#).
- The FY 25-25 UsCC budget was not impacted by the previous fiscal year's projects rolling over, however there will be a \$34,050 decrease for this current fiscal year due to projects from FY 21-22 having remaining balances. Each of the four capacity building projects for this current fiscal year will have a budget of 79k.
- The updated attendance requirements in the new bylaws for voting and co-chair eligibility were confirmed as 50% over a six-month period.
- An info session focused on how to bid for open solicitations took place this morning. The recording can be found here [Bidding for Open LA County Solicitations UsCC Capacity-Building Projects-20240801 - Aug 1st, 2024 \(granicus.com\)](#).
- Co-chair elections concluded and the two new co-chairs for this UsCC will be Cynthia Thornburg Ruffin and Mahtab Javed (MJ) Siddiqui. MJ shared her contact info with the members: [mahtab@southasiannetwork.org](mailto:mahtab@southasiannetwork.org).
- Kelly to send out a survey to members regarding the December meeting.

**Retreat Follow Ups**

- A survey was previously sent out asking members to prioritize the four areas of focus that were developed during the retreat and the results were the following:
  1. Cultural Competency Training for Mental Health Service Providers

2. Engagement/Outreach/Capacity Building Projects
3. Integrating Mental Health into Physical Health, Harm Reduction, and Substance Use Services
4. Advocacy

- For next steps, an ad hoc meeting will be scheduled for later in August to review the previously developed mission/vision statements and create a purpose statement.
- Following completion of this ad hoc meeting, members will be invited to participate in additional ad hoc groups focused on these areas with priority given to those areas ranked as the most critical for the next 90 days.

### **Current Capacity Building Projects – Update**

- Updates on capacity building projects currently being implemented:
  - What We Think Project – currently in final phase, final summary will be completed this month.
  - The Panthera Project – project extended, completion date pending.
  - Neurodivergent Voices Album Project – 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 – vendor provided a brief update in the meeting, currently wrapping up the third phase including hosting the Tanda meetings.
  - Transforming Community Care: API LGBTQ+ Mental Health and Wellness Project – currently in final phase, final summary will be completed by August 15.
  - 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.

### **FY 24-25 Capacity Building Projects – Update**

- All four Statements of Work (SOWs) have been completed and reviewed by UsCC management. Reference quotes are being gathered and the SOWs should be entered in the Procurement Tracking System for eventual solicitation by next week.

### **General Announcements/Resources**

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

**Upcoming Meetings (first Thursday of the month, 2-4pm):** 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/>