

**Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health
Stakeholder Engagement Unit
Black & African Heritage Underserved Cultural Communities (UsCC) Subcommittee Meeting
Minutes Thursday, 4/4/2024 - 10 am-12 pm**

WELCOME

Introductions/Check-In

Co-Chairs: Romalis Taylor and Queen Nina Womack.

Attendees: Valerie Dauphin, Wendy Cabil, Mc Harris, Amy Mcilvaine, Dewayne Hervey, Riku Matsuda, Jessica Emmanuel, Joyce Sales, Senait, Diana Corrales, Aaron Eaton, Moss Sonita, Eba Laye, Carolyn Brown, Stacey Anne Smith, Diana Corrales, Andria McFerson, Kerry A. McIntype, Kristen Pannell, Jo Ann Freeman, Eron Johnson, Jasmond Nelson, Donnise Vonner, Sade Richardson, Jetena McGhee, Kalila McGhee, Andria McFerson, Chell Le, Michael Martinez, Erica Melbourne.

DMH Admin: Anna Yaralyan, Dr. Jennifer Alquijay.

Approval of Minutes:

- 3/7/2024 Minutes approved: Wendy Cabil,
- Seconded: Queen Nina Womack.
- BAH USCC Subcommittee approved the minutes.

DMH Updates

Dr. Alquijay provided the following DMH updates:

- Timeline for Capacity Building Projects on the upcoming year is going to be a little tighter. As a result all USCCs, including the BAH UsCC Subcommittee must submit project proposals for next year by June.
- The proposals must be submitted through the CBP Project Proposal form. The form must be submitted on time in order for the BAH Liaison to write the Statement of Work for it.
- We would like to get all the projects submitted out for bids by the beginning of July.
- All the active CBPs must be completed within 12 months.

Implicit Bias Training – Dr. Erica Melbourne:

- Dr. Melbourne stated that the Implicit Bias Training can be given to BAH Subcommittee members. She inquired about how many people would like to participate, if many people would like to have this training, she will speak with a trainer to get potential times & dates for this training to occur.
- She is hoping that the trainer will be available in the month of June for the training to take place prior to the end of this fiscal year. Will inform BAH members of potential times & dates for this training.

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- **State of Black Angelenos** – Queen Nina Womack. This presentation will continue.
 - **FY 2025 - 2026 Capacity Building Concepts Survey Selection:** Romalis Taylor - A committee will be formed to create CBP proposals for the top 3 CBP ideas from BAH UsCC Subcommittee Meeting.

- ∇ Outreach/Events, (O & E): BAH UsCC Subcommittee will be 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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- ∇ Department of Mental Health (lacounty.gov)

- ∇ Transitioning to 3-year Plan in the coming months

- ∇ Input of leadership from the various UsCCs, CCs, and SAACs

Community Engagement (Public Comment):

- Share community engagements via email to BAHUsCC@dnh.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): 5/2/2024
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