

**Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health
Stakeholder Engagement Unit
Black & African Heritage Underserved Cultural Communities (UsCC) Subcommittee Meeting
Minutes Thursday, 6/6/2024 - 10 am-12 pm**

WELCOME

Introductions/Check-In

Co-Chairs: Romalis Taylor and Queen Nina Womack.

Attendees: Aaron Eaton, Aleyne Eatman, Valerie Dauphin, Dr. Karen Gunn, Jamie Walker, Wendy Cabil, Jennifer Yates, Kalene Gilbert, Dewayne Hervey, Dr. Brenda Ingram, Tanisha Grant, Joyce Sales, Pastor E. Hamilton, Senait, Tora Miller, Andria McFerson, Kerry A. McIntype, Donnise Vonner.

DMH Admin: Anna Yaralyan, Dr. Jennifer Alquijay.

Approval of Minutes:

- **5/2/2024** Motioned to approve:
Wendy Cabil.
 - Seconded: Senait.
 - BAH USCC Subcommittee approved
the minutes.
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DMH Updates

Dr. Jennifer 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 as it is a document.
- The CBP form must be submitted on time in order for the BAH Liaison to write the Statement of Work for it.
- We will work on the CBP proposals submitted and will create Statements of Work for it.
- All the active CBPs must be completed within 12 months.

Behavioral Health Services Act – Kalene Gilbert:

- Behavioral Health Services Act is a proposed by California State Legislature overview which supports Gov. Newsom’s vision to “modernize behavioral health.”
- The name Mental Health Services Act will change to the Behavioral Health
- Services Act (BHSA). Programmatic changes will begin **July 1, 2026**.
- Administrative funding for the new community planning process will begin

January 2025.

- \$6.3B Housing bond will be added to the budget fund treatment facilities and housing for homeless.
 - The Act also proposes significant shifts in MHSA allocations, reducing funding from core mental health services (Outpatient, Crisis, Linkage) to create a new housing category.
 - The Act requires counties to provide new substance use disorder (SUD) services for SUD and no additional funding.
 - No specific allocation for Prevention, Suicide Prevention, Anti Stigma, Workforce.
 - Education and Training, Capital Facilities and Technological Needs which are current funding categories under MHSA will include the following. Prevention & Workforce Education and Training services will be administered by the State..
- **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. This committee is likely to meet in the month of July, 2024.

- 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 LACDMH Updates
 - Transitioning to 3-year Plan in the coming months
 - Input of leadership from the various UsCCs, CCs, and SAACs
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Community Engagement (Public Comment):

- Share community engagements via email to BAHUsCC@dmh.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): 8/1/2024
[Click here to join the meeting](#)
323-776-6996, Conference ID: 101 721 830#

