

**Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health
Stakeholder Engagement Unit
Black & African Heritage Underserved Cultural Communities (UsCC) Subcommittee Meeting
Minutes Thursday, 5/2/2024 - 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, Mirtala Parada Ward.

Approval of Minutes:

- **4/4/2024:** Wendy Cabil, motioned to approve the meeting minutes.
 - **Seconded:** Queen Nina Womack.
 - **BAH USCC Subcommittee** approved the minutes.
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DMH Updates

Mirtala Parada Ward provided the following DMH updates:

- We are moving forward with 4 Capacity Building Projects.
- Three CBPs are currently being implemented.
- We learned earlier this month that all the projects & their purchase orders have to be completed by June 30th, 2024.
- We must start working on new SOWs. All Capacity Building Project SOWs must be completed by October 2024.

Implicit Bias Training – Dr. Erica Melbourne:

- Dr. Melbourne stated that the Implicit Bias Training will be given to BAH Subcommittee members. “Implicit & Explicit Bias Training,” will discuss factors, challenges, and skills for community advocates of the mental health service. This will be a virtual training with Dr. Karen Gunn on Monday, 6/24/24 & Wednesday, 6/26/24, 9:30am – 12:30pm. In case anyone would like to attend, please RSVP Dr. Erica Melbourne, EMELBOURNE@DMH.LACOUNTY.GOV.

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- **State of Black Angelenos** – Queen Nina Womack completed this presentation.
 - **FY 2025 - 2026 Capacity Building Projects:** Romalis Taylor presented to BAH Subcommittee the top 3 BAH Subcommittee CBP Project Topics & identified the names of the volunteers who will partake in the CBP Proposal Forming committee.
 - Kalene Gilbert will be placed on the 6/6/24 BAH, UsCC Subcommittee meeting Agenda to provide MHSA Updates, specifically Prop. 1 & the issue of Homelessness.

- ▽ 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): 6/6/2024
[Click here to join the meeting](#)
323-776-6996, Conference ID: 101 721 830#

