

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES-DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH
Service Area leadership Team Monthly Meeting
Service Area 1

Palmdale Mental Health Center
2260 East Palmdale Blvd., suite J,
Palmdale, CA 93550

August 15, 2024

3:00pm – 5:00pm

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Agenda Items	Discussion	Action Item	Person Responsible	Due Date
Welcome, Land Acknowledgement and Introductions	Natalie Williams called the meeting to order at 3:00. Introductions were made in-person and on-line. James Coomes gave detailed background of land acknowledgement.	Introductions and land acknowledgements done in real time.	Natalie Williams and James Coomes	
Review and Approve June 20, 2024 minutes	June 20, 2024, minutes were reviewed and approved by voting members.	Natalie Williams led the members in voting on the presented minutes.	Natalie Williams	
Presenters: Rosey Tellez, California Disability Rights Center	Rosey shared details of the Americans with Disabilities Act by initially the historical details, then giving a detailed summary of how this law prohibits discrimination against anyone with disabilities (those with physical and/or mental impairments, which substantially limits their major life activities).	Presentation information to be distributed to the SALT participants via email.	Natalie Williams	
Close out Previous Topics from minutes	Budget and spending SALT funds: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gaby shared ways to spend the current fiscal year funds – details of timeline breakdown to submit request for 			

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	<p>funds to include meals for meetings and proposed upcoming events, which include collaborative efforts with other community agencies. These include the Suicide Prevention & Awareness Community event in September and The Hispanic Heritage Month event in October both by the AV Health Neighborhood, and the Domestic Violence Community event in October by Valley Oasis. Termeko Coplin shared the details of the Valley Oasis event in real time. Logo ideas were also shared to have placed on promotional items.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Group discussion amongst members to get clarification on further details of spending the proposed funding and shared their input. • Natalie led group on voting on each proposed spending item. Members agreed and approved on spending for the events, food items for meetings, and logo for the promotional items. 	<p>Planning committee to begin to regularly meet to start the process of requesting funds for the voted collaborative event efforts.</p>	<p>Natalie Williams, Gaby Muniz and SALT Members</p>	<p>7/30/24</p>
<p>Co-Chair Voting</p>	<p>Discussion lead by Natalie Williams:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continued the previous meeting’s detailed discussion of proposed new Co-Chair and new Bylaws being clarified of eligibility. Rudolpho Perez of Parents Anonymous introduced himself and shared of his reasons for being interested. • Members approved Rudolpho Perez as new Co-Chair. 	<p>Clarification of type of contract allowing for eligibility shared in real time.</p> <p>Understanding of Bylaws and clarity given in real time.</p> <p>Voting took place in real time</p>	<p>James Coomes</p> <p>Jaime Walker</p> <p>SALT Members</p>	
<p>Report Out on DMH O&E and other</p>	<p>Gaby Muniz and LaLonda Alex mentioned previous events which took place this month as well as details of upcoming events in the near future.</p>	<p>None at this time.</p>		

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Outreach and Engagement Activities				
Committee Member Reports	<p>Mental Health Commission – Natalie Williams shared vacancy of this position now being vacant:</p> <p>Underserved Cultural Committee – Wendy Cabil:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shared requirement of land acknowledgment at every DMH meeting going forward. • Shared details of having new Bylaws. <p>Co-Chair Report – Natalie Williams (filling in due to Milcah White’s absence):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Details of MHSA Administration now having a monthly collaborative meeting for all the Outreach and Engagement committees. Also, how funding spending should be utilized in this new fiscal year, which includes SALT funds of \$100k. Informed new Co-Chair of required attendance. • Jamie Walker shared having to report of how spending is taking place, i.e. food, events, etc. She shared further ideas for spending the funds as well. 	<p>Natalie to share details of filling this vacancy with those who reach out to express interest.</p> <p>None at this time.</p> <p>None at this time.</p>	Natalie Williams	

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	<p>DMH Updates – James Coomes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gave update on the mandatory Anti Racism Diversity and Inclusion training to include the historical foundations, dismantling racism in America and the effects in the workplace, the intersectionality, trauma and intervention, and trauma-informed service provision. Goal is to have an impact on the community. 	<p>ASL to be at future meetings.</p>	<p>Natalie Williams</p>	<p>8/15/24</p>
<p>Consumer and Family/Supporters Time (Public Comments)</p>	<p>A SALT member stated she has had positive experiences from the High Desert Behavioral Urgent Care Center and would like to see it promoted more. The staff from there who were present shared further information of their program. Another member added that he had a friend who also had a positive experience but had an unfortunate result of another friend being restricted service due to age restriction.</p> <p>A SALT member shared her concern for encountering staff via telephone when calling the mental health clinic “who should not be answering the phones”.</p> <p>A community member shared her concern for needing therapist who specialize in particular specialty services, in addition to those who are trained in the 0-5 population due to a growing waitlist in service.</p> <p>A SALT member shared his concern for older adults getting overlooked for networking. Resources being needed.</p>	<p>Various DMH staff available to address the needs and concerns expressed after today’s meeting.</p>		

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	<p>A SALT member shared being in a manic state when he had to put his dog of 19 years down and did not receive the help he asked for when calling around to various organizations.</p> <p>A SALT member shared her positive experience with receiving her mental health and housing services from Mental Health America. She further stated that the Enhanced Care Management Team has been a great help to her. She gave further details of how her frustration has been her property management staff not getting communication from her housing funding source and causing emotional distress.</p>			
New Topics and Presentations	<p>Agency Updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shared participation options for the AV Health Neighborhood meetings and how to contact Gabriela Muniz for the details. <p>New Agenda Items/Presentations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None at this time. 	None at this time.		
Questions/Comments	<p>Amber Anderson requested SALT funds for her AV Mental Health Center’s upcoming events.</p> <p>Theresa Martinez asked if she could meet with a clinic staff upon her arrival after the meeting ends since she is participating online.</p> <p>Tiphani Thomas of Alzheimer’s Los Angeles shared of holding upcoming workshops and having resources. Inviting those</p>	<p>Planning committee to see how SALT funds can support the AVMHC events. Gaby will discuss further with Amber.</p> <p>Natalie Williams to meet with Theresa upon her arrival to redirect her to the appropriate staff to address her issue.</p> <p>Tiphani to share her information for those interested and Gaby to distribute her information upon receipt.</p>		

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	interested to attend and will be forwarding her information to Gaby Muniz to distribute.	Meeting documents and recording to be sent to those who request it.	Tiphani Thomas and Gabriela Muniz Natalie Williams	
Closing	Meeting adjourned at 5:00 pm.			

Attendees: See sign-in sheet