

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

**Gino's Ristorante**  
**44960 Valley Central Way**  
**Lancaster, CA 93536**  
**October 21, 2024**  
**6:00pm – 8:00pm**

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Agenda Items	Discussion	Action Item	Person Responsible	Due Date
Welcome, Land Acknowledgement and Introductions	Diana Luna-Miller called the meeting to order at 3:00 in Natalie Williams' absence. James Coomes led the attendees in the land acknowledgement. Introductions were made in-person and on-line.	Introductions and land acknowledgements done in real time.	Diana Luna-Miller and James Coomes	
Review and Approve August 15, 2024 minutes	August 15, 2024, minutes were reviewed and approved by voting members with requested correction.	Diana Luna-Miller led the members in voting on the presented minutes.	Natalie Williams	
Presenter: None this month				
Close out Previous Topics from minutes	Budget and spending SALT funds: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Gaby provided budget review of SALT funds to include spending on last event (Suicide Awareness Workshop)</li> </ul>			

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	<p>as well as updates on voted upcoming events – gave details on the Hispanic Heritage Month event on October 15<sup>th</sup> and the Domestic Violence Coalition event on October 25<sup>th</sup> as a collaborative effort with Valley Oasis. Promotional items, which will have the SALT 1 logo was shared in detail were given to those in attendance in person and additional items to be provided as “goody bags” during next month’s dinner meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Group discussion amongst members to discuss details of the upcoming Day of Giving event after Gabby shared funding to be used. Members voted and approved allocated budget. Approvals were made without any who opposed.</li> <li>• Gabby shared ideas for upcoming events for the next calendar year through May and provided a funding breakdown visual. Gabby led group in discussion for these events then voting after answering their questions. Approvals were made without any who opposed.</li> </ul>	<p>Planning committee to continue to regularly meet to make progress on the collaborative event efforts.</p> <p>Gabby to provide flyers for this event, and Natalie will distribute through the SALT distribution email list. Jamie will confirm the Day of Giving will be approved by Dr. Horn in lieu of the December SALT meeting.</p> <p>Gabby to share budget breakdown, and Natalie will distribute through the SALT distribution email list.</p>	<p>Natalie Williams and Gaby Muniz</p> <p>Natalie Williams, Gaby Muniz, and Jamie Walker</p> <p>Natalie Williams and Gaby Muniz</p>	
Report Out on DMH O&E and other Outreach and Engagement Activities	Diana Luna-Miller mentioned previous events which took place this month as well as details of upcoming events.	Those interested to contact Natalie Williams for participation in the various upcoming events.		
MHSA Transportation and Feedback	<p>James Coomes spoke on the details of the newly arranged transportation provided by the MHSA team to attend the CPT and O &amp; E monthly meetings.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Challenges to include the pickup taking place in Lake Los Angeles. Group ideas shared for various other</li> </ul>			

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	<p>locations. James led those in attendance in a discussion and voting for the Palmdale Mental Health Center being the new pickup location. Approvals were made without any who opposed.</p>			
<p>Committee Member Reports</p>	<p>Co-Chair Report – Skipped for this month due to both Co-Chair’s and SALT Liaison’s absence.</p> <p>Mental Health Commission – Skipped for this month due to not yet having the vacancy filled.</p> <p>Underserved Cultural Committee – Wendy Cabil:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Shared meeting addressed issues members had with the Bylaws with unforeseen circumstances causing absences.</li> <li>• Dr. Horn expressed issue with not all Co-Chairs being in attendance.</li> </ul> <p>DMH Updates – James Coomes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Refrigerator ordered as previously voted on.</li> <li>• Gave Gabby and members accolades for budget spending. Informed of attendees having the ability to make proposals for spending ideas.</li> <li>• No A.I. allowed in the meetings due to confidentiality reasons.</li> </ul>	<p>Update needed on this.</p>	<p>James Coomes</p>	
<p>Consumer and Family/Supporters</p>	<p>A SALT member stated she was left out of the communication regarding her housing issue with her services providers. The timing had her feeling stressed about the possibility of losing</p>			

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Time (Public Comments)	<p>her housing. She expressed her need for being included in the communication. Other members addressed this being an ongoing issue and wanted to know how this is getting resolved. This same member also expressed a concern about a friend not getting the mental help he needs appearing that there are several barriers.</p> <p>A SALT member shared his frustration with not having a response period after the needs/concerns are shared.</p> <p>A SALT member shared her volunteer time with the Access line to understand the DMH crisis response procedures. This same SALT member inquired about CAF forms being printed out and requested details on the program. A member shared his positive experience with completing the form and the list of meetings that are approved as a response to another member asking for the details.</p>	<p>Various DMH staff available to address the needs and concerns expressed after today’s meeting.</p> <p>James Coomes addressed the reason for the 1:1 time after the meeting for privacy of the member’s needs.</p> <p>Jamie Walker shared of an upcoming orientation, then provided details of the approved meetings in real time.</p>		
New Topics and Presentations	<p>Agency Updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nami is having a fundraiser event at the Brewery on 10/12. Still accepting those vendors who want to table. Proceeds go to “Open the Door Foundation”.</li> <li>• MHALA is having a donation drive to support the community. Flyers were left on the table.</li> <li>• Olive Support Services is having a Fall Harvest Festival. Flyers were left on the table.</li> <li>• A member shared flyer for a house for rent in the community.</li> </ul>	None at this time.		

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Another member shared she is starting a “Train the Trainer” for a trauma informed workshop.</li> <li>• AVMHC will be having a job fair on 10/10 as well as their “Trunk or Treat” event on 10/31.</li> <li>• “Music for your Mental Health” to start on 9/23.</li> <li>• 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of every month is a resource fair for homeless individuals.</li> <li>• Health Neighborhood Meeting is the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of every month.</li> </ul> <p>New Agenda Items/Presentations: None expressed during this meeting.</p>			
Questions/Comments	Questions raised about the DMH CAF program in which a member was able to provide clarification.	Those with further questions can reach out to Natalie Williams for further clarification.		
Closing	Diana Luna-Miller adjourned the meeting at 5:00 pm.			

**Attendees:** See sign-in sheet