Welcome/Introductions

Present: Cynthia Ruffin, Ana Bernal, Bill Sive, Merry Meyers, Addison Rose Vincent, Rex Wilde, Eden Luna, Alex Salazar, Alexsis Glenn, Rafael Lopes, Jennifer Jiries, Isabella Rodriguez, Sydney Rogers, Jennifer Yates, Ismael Maldonado, Terri Jay, Wilson Song, Reg Clarkinia, Irene Ratliff, Durga Dasi, Desiree Magsombol, Elio Vargas, Erik Escareno, Thai Le, Rafael Lopez, Tiphani Thomas, La Londa Alex, Andrea Aoun

UsCC Admin: Kelly Wilkerson, Jennifer Alquijay, Evelyn Lopez, riKu Matsuda

Getting To Know You – New Co-Chair Cynthia Ruffin shared about herself.

August 2024 Meeting Minutes – Meeting minutes approved (first-Bill Sive, second-Rafael Lopes).

Co-Chair, Liaison, and DMH Updates

- Kelly informed subcommittee that she would be continuing as the liaison for the next three months, and effective January 2025 a new liaison would be stepping in. Kelly to keep subcommittee informed during transition.
- Revision of Mission Statement – Ad Hoc update: Kelly updated the subcommittee regarding the ad hoc meeting that took place last week related to the revision of the Mission Statement. Based on the meeting, a second meeting will need to take place, and so Kelly to compile notes from last week's meeting and update the live document the group is working from. Updates to come prior to October subcommittee meeting.
- Dr. Alquijay updated the subcommittee on the new name for the division: Anti-Racism, Inclusion, Solidarity, and Empowerment (ARISE) Division.

Capacity Building Projects – Presentations

- Transforming Community Care: API LGBTQ+ Mental Health and Wellness Project – Thai V. Le presented regarding this project including outcomes and project related events.
  - Final Summary can be found here: [Transforming Community Care-Final Summary Report](#)
- Two-Spirit Storytelling as Medicine – Erik Escareno presented regarding this project including outcomes and project related events.
  - Final Summary can be found here: [Two-Spirit Storytelling as Medicine Project Final Summary](#)
  - https://youtu.be/NPXmlsR51ww?si=pL4nPq8QMMpJHu5u
- LGBTQIA2-S Violence Prevention Lab – Addison Rose Vincent presented regarding this project including outcomes and project related events.

- Final Summary can be found here: [LGBTQIA2-S Violence Prevention Lab-Final Summary Report](#)
- Liberation Workshop Series – Addison Rose Vincent presented regarding this project including outcomes and project related events.
  - Final Summary can be found here: [LGBTQIA2-S Liberation Workshop Series-Final Summary Report](#)

Current Capacity Building Projects – Update
- Updates on capacity building projects currently being implemented:
  - What We Think Project – currently in final phase, final summary will be completed this month.
  - The Panthera Project – project extended, completion date pending.
  - Neurodivergent Voices Album Project – currently in third phase including hosting recording sessions.
  - LGBTQIA2-S Housing Listening Sessions Project – currently in third phase including hosting sessions.
  - Proyecto Mariposa Monarca – currently in final phase including Final Summary development. Will present at a future meeting.

FY 24-25 Capacity Building Projects – Update
- All four projects are currently out for solicitation: [LA County Solicitations](#)
  - LGBTQIA2-S+ Communities Aging in Place Project
  - Safe Tea Harm Reduction Project for LGBTQIA2-S+ Communities
  - Digital Hygiene Project for LGBTQIA2-S+ Communities
  - Youth Rites of Passage (YRP) Project

General Announcements/Resources
- Send any resources to Kelly via email (KeWilkerson@dmh.lacounty.gov) to be sent out to the listserv.

Upcoming Meetings (first Thursday of the month, 2-4pm): 10/3/24, 11/7/24, no meeting in December, 1/2/25, 2/6/25, 3/6/25, 4/3/25, 5/1/25, 6/5/25
[Join Microsoft Teams Meeting](#); 323-776-6996, Conference ID: 542 042 921#
Meeting minutes can be found at https://dmh.lacounty.gov/about/mhsa/uscc/lgbtqia2-s-uscc/lgbtqia2-s-uscc-meeting-minutes/