

**Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health
LGBTQIA2-S UsCC Subcommittee Meeting Minutes
Thursday, October 3, 2024, 2-4 pm**

Welcome/Introductions

Present: Mahtab Javed (MJ) Siddiqui, Cynthia Ruffin, Ana Bernal, Bill Sive, Merry Meyers, Addison Rose Vincent, Rex Wilde, Eden Luna, Alex Salazar, Isabella Rodriguez, Sydney Rogers, Reg Clarkinia, Jennifer Jiries, Ismael Maldonado, Terri Jay, Irene Ratliff, Jennifer Yates, Shawn Griffin, Ronald Jackson, Elio Vargas, Rafael Lopez, Tara Omrani, Thomas Roache, Emanuel C., Keianna Crenshaw, La Londa Alex, Andrea Aoun

UsCC Admin: Kelly Wilkerson, Jennifer Alquijay

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

September 2024 Meeting Minutes – Meeting minutes approved (first-Bill Sive, second-Sydney Rogers).

Co-Chair, Liaison, and DMH Updates

- MJ updated the subcommittee regarding the previously scheduled data presentations. At this time, the outcomes unit is still gathering SOGI related data and what is there so far is very limited. As a result, they are wanting to wait to present on LGBTQIA2-S specific data until they have more information to provide.
- Kelly provided information to the subcommittee regarding the Life Links booklets that the MHSA Administration team is interested in creating for all of the UsCC subcommittees. Dr. Horn to present at the November meeting regarding this project.

Data Notebook – Presentation (Thomas Roache)

- Thomas Roache from the Mental Health Commission presented regarding the Data Notebook. This project happens annually and is done by the Planning Commission. It consists of a digital survey used to solicit feedback on certain key issues. For this year it is related to housing.
 - English version: <https://forms.office.com/g/wtT612kkgm>
 - Spanish version: <https://forms.office.com/g/8i5MAFRRKC>
 - Contact Thomas at roache@gmail.com with questions.

Capacity Building Projects – Presentations

- What We Think Project – Shawn Griffin presented regarding this project including outcomes and project related events. Project participants will join the meeting in November to share their personal feedback regarding their experiences during the project.

Current Capacity Building Projects – Update

- Updates on capacity building projects currently being implemented:
 - What We Think Project – currently in final phase, vendor presented on project during meeting, final summary will be completed this month.
 - The Panthera Project – project to wrap up in October.
 - 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 went out for solicitation and those solicitations have closed. Pending an update from ISD regarding project awards.
 - 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): 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

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Meeting minutes can be found at <https://dmh.lacounty.gov/about/mhsa/uscc/lgbtqia2-s-uscc/lgbtqia2-s-uscc-meeting-minutes/>