

LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH

Access for All UsCC Minutes

September 11, 2024

10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Microsoft Teams Meeting

Attendees: Amy Castro, Amy Kay, Ann Marie Yamada, Bea Leung, Cody Hanable, Daneta Calderon-Vital, Dr. Erik Escareño, Fran Sereseres, Gilbert Zavala, Héctor Manuel Ramírez (they/them), Irma Velasquez, Isabella Rodriguez, Jennifer Yates, John Kotick, Junko Nagamatsu, Kelly O'Connor, Lourdes Rabello, Margaret Mendenhall, Maria N. Tan, Sarah Murad, Racquel Decipeda, Wendy Cabil

DMH staff: Suyapa Umanzor, Alex Elliott, Dr. Jennifer Alquijay, Keianna Crenshaw, Tracy Tisino, Martha Ortiz, Laura Kerr, Martin Jones, riKu Matsuda

Microsoft Team: John Palacio

Interpreters and captioners: Alex (Spanish), Claudia (Spanish), Mara (ASL), Sharon (ASL), Richard (CART)

Agenda Items	Discussion and Recommendations
Welcome and Disability Etiquette	Co-chair Héctor Manuel Ramírez welcomed all and reviewed the disability etiquette with support from liaison riKu Matsuda.
Land Acknowledgment	Héctor Manuel Ramírez gave the land acknowledgment and shared the link to the LA City/County Native American Indian Commission- https://lanaic.lacounty.gov/
Introductions	Racquel Decipeda facilitated introductions.
Approve August Meeting Minutes	Racquel Decipeda called for motion to approve the August meeting minutes. Lourdes Rabello motioned to approve, seconded by Fran Sereseres. The motion passed with no objection.
Co-Chair Update: Nominations and Elections Discussion	Hector shared that due to accessibility issues the co-chairs have not been able to attend the in-person Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Community Planning Team/SALT-UsCC joint leadership meetings at St. Anne's Conference and Event Center. They asked the members if anyone would like to represent Access for All UsCC at these meetings on behalf of the co-chairs and the membership at large. No one volunteered, however Cultural Competency Committee (CCC) co-chair, Wendy Cabil, shared that she attends the meetings and tries to

	stand in the gap and uplift and uphold those with physical disabilities. Keianna Crenshaw shared the next meetings will take place on October 8 th , October 25 th and November 19 th .
DMH Update	<p>Dr. Alquijay provided updates on the capacity building project solicitations. She mentioned the remaining projects include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DISABILITY CULTURE COMMUNITY BUILDING PROJECT (forthcoming) • LEADERSHIP AND MENTAL HEALTH STRATEGY DEVELOPMENT WITH PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES (closes 9/24 – update closes 10/1) • EXPANDING MENTAL WELLNESS OPPORTUNITIES FOR PEOPLE WITH BLINDNESS OR LOW VISION (closes 9/24 – update closes 10/1) • MENTAL WELLNESS ART SERIES FOR YOUNG ADULTS WITH DISABILITIES (closes 9/20) <p>Dr. Alquijay concluded by sharing that we cannot allow AI in meetings. For those using AI for accommodations, the live transcription and recording of the session is available. The reason is because AI compromises the security for the county, and we have been hacked and there is a lot of confidential information and overall security for the county, ransomware, etc. At this time, we are not allowing AI in the meetings.</p>
	<p>Alex Elliott gave an update on the Access Board, an independent federal agency tasked with promoting equality for people with disabilities through leadership and accessible design and development of accessibility guidelines and standards. Alex recapped they signed an MOU to give recommendations about artificial intelligence. Alex shared the deadline to give feedback was August 31st and is now October 31st.</p> <p>Alex shared resources for accessible voting from the Registrar-Recorder and the Department of Aging and Disabilities.</p> <p>Alex shared a resource from the Department of Public Health regarding their homebound vaccination program. Los Angeles County residents can sign up for vaccination at home in 2 ways: Residents with disabilities or without computer access can call 1-833-540-0473 7 days a week for assistance with submitting a request, or Fill out the online request form (the form has multiple language options) https://redcap.link/vaxathome</p> <p>Finally, Alex shared the ADA unit is actively working with the training department on developing an SOW for the ADA 101 training.</p>
Presentation from Amy Castro, Program Manager at 211 LA	Amy Castro, Program Manager, shared the work of 211 LA, a nonprofit organization that provides information and referral services 24/7. The presentation covered various aspects, including the organization's role in helping people with access and functional needs during power outages, partnerships with community organizations and agencies, and the impact of

	<p>their services on over 1.3 million individuals. It also mentioned a case study involving an Iraq veteran named Lewis Jackson and highlighted the organization's commitment to accessibility. The presentation also emphasized the importance of partnerships and the comprehensive information and referral services provided by 211 LA in Los Angeles County.</p> <p>Presentation link: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1cjcJaxTAvUq1_u4tvYIEWoViO-cIWQBU/view?usp=drive_web Contact: amycastro@211LA.org</p>
Announcements	Racquel shared information for the Monster Halloween Bash! 10/26/24 6-10pm, 117 E Los Feliz Rd Glendale, CA 91205
Labor Acknowledgment	Racquel Decipeda gave the labor acknowledgement.
Closing	Racquel and Héctor closed the meeting and thanked all for attending and supporting the meeting.