

**Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health
 API Underserved Cultural Communities (UsCC)
 Subcommittee Meeting Minutes
 October 28th, 2024, 2:00 pm-4:00 pm**

Present:

Richer San, Tuan D. Nguyen, Norio Iwahori, Bea Leung, Sithea San, Sanghak Kan, Grace Leung, Kara Noble, Samantha Yu, Angelina Mendoza, Krystal Fermin, Evelyn Espinoza, JR Kuo, Mariko Kahn, Rosario Ribleza, Belinda Rabano, Kerry Chhay, Mikey Olbes, Riku Matsuda, Soh Yun Park, Violet (No last name), Violeta Leones, Maria Elena Arauco, Payal Sawhney, Sheila Wu, Michelle Wong, Commissioner Dalglish, Pastor Kim, Sun Lim, Benjamin Cha, Desiree Lumos, Gustavo Martinez, Maria N Tan, Zherui Zhang

Korean Interpreters: Samantha Yu, Sun Lim

CART Captioner: Sara Hill

DMH Admin: Jennifer Alquijay

Agenda Items	Comments/Discussion/Recommendations/Conclusions
Welcome & Introductions	Co-Chairs and Subcommittee Members
Land Acknowledgment	Co-Chairs, Jennifer Alquijay LA County Land Acknowledgment: https://lacounty.gov/government/about-la-county/land-acknowledgment/
Code of Conduct Review	Co-Chairs, Jennifer Alquijay
Review of Meeting Minutes	The meeting minutes of September 2024 were approved. Motion by Tuan D. Nguyen to approve minutes and seconded by Sithea San.
DMH Updates	Jennifer Alquijay provided some updates. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A new API liaison was hired. Her name is Doctor Tsu Yen Chen. She will be joining in the next few months. (Hoping she is able to start in January) • Review of voting privileges. The Co-Chairs for all UsCC's were asked for their input in regard to the

	<p>voting privileges rules. Of the 16 Co-Chairs present in the meeting, 10 voted in favor of changing the rules back to having the voter eligibility to being present/attending 5 out of 9 past meetings.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The voting privileges change will be effective November 1st.
<p>Capacity Building Project Update</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Southeast Asian Youth Project has been awarded to Cambodia Town. • The other three projects are still pending. • Cambodian Youth: out for bid. • Stress Management: pending. • API Outreach Project: waiting on ISD. • Sheila Wu – asked about Cambodia Town. She was under the impression that they had withdrew and asked if the Southeast Asian Youth Project was a different project. Mariko Kahn and Dr. Alquijay both addressed the question. The Southeast Asian Youth Project and the Project Sheila was referring to are different projects. • Payal Sawhney – asked for an opportunity to implement her project. Dr. Alquijay addressed the question. Dr. Alquijay stated that the projects that are being implemented this year are projects that were not out for bid last year and voted on for the next fiscal year. Dr. Alquijay advised that just because somebody submits a proposal it does not guarantee they’re going to get the project. • The committee votes which proposals move forward. • Payal Sawhney – asked how a project that has already been proposed can get an opportunity to be selected. • Dr. Alquijay – Two proposals were already voted on by the committee to move forward for the next fiscal year. They will vote on one more as they usually do 3. Dr. Alquijay shared a survey of how to split the funds for Fiscal Year 2025-2026. (\$350,000) • The survey options were: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1. The two proposals that were already voted on are getting \$100,000 each and split the remaining \$150,000 between two more projects. • 2. Split the \$350,000 into 4 equal projects. • 3. Keep the two already approved proposals at \$100,000 each. Do a third project for \$100,000 and a small project for \$50,000. • The result of the survey was option #1. • Mariko Kahn – How did the voting of the already approved proposals come across. Who/what projects were the next top two? • Richer San – Will get back with how the ranking / voting was done and which projects were involved in the voting. • Dr. Alquijay – clarified that the projects out for bid are the only ones that have statements of work written. Any other projects that were submitted/voted on were in proposal form.

Upcoming Speaker Presentation	<p>Richer San</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A representative from Governor Newsom’s office will be joining the November meeting (possibly) to speak about Prop 1. • The representative is from API community and understands concerns. • Dr. Alquijay will reach out to confirm date. • Prep questions for guest speaker. • Mariko Kahn, Sheila Wu, and Dr. Alquijay – all gave summaries/input of Prop 1. • Mariko Kahn will share PowerPoint presentation of one of the Prop 1 meetings provided by DMH.
November Mtg	<p>Date change due to Thanksgiving.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting will be November 18th, 2024.
API UsCC Recruitment	<p>Richer San</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Encouraged members to run for Co-Chair. • Dr. Alquijay encouraged members to exercise their votes and have 2 Co-Chairs to be present and represent the subcommittee/community. <p>Sithea – asked to review the requirements to be Co-Chair</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Voter in good standing and voter eligibility. • Required meetings to be attended. (A list of the required meetings was shared) • Do NOT have to live in LA County - but the focus is on LA county mental health <p>Dr. Alquijay - shared a quick Japanese announcement video for API UsCC member recruitment. Norio – encouraged others to make announcement videos in different languages for API recruitment. Dr. Alquijay will share Japanese announcement video with members.</p>
Community Announcements & Open Discussion on Non-Agenda Items	<p>Community Announcements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commissioner Dalglish joined the meeting and made an announcement regarding the 2024 Data Notebook Survey. • The survey will be reopened. (Answers have to be submitted by end of October so that the link would be reopened) • Encouraged members to fill out and submit survey as the responses will be very helpful. • The 2024 Data Notebook Survey is about housing and homelessness. • Rosario Ribleza – reminded the group about the in-person CPT meeting on November 19th. • Richer San - shared information regarding a two-day conference (November 15th and 16th) in Long Beach about the launching of Cambodia American Model Study Curriculums. The curriculum will be implemented in public school from K-12th grade. • Michelle – shared that on November 16th the Emmanuel Presbyterian Church in Korea Town will be having an outreach. There will be games, hotdogs/food, other activities. Also shared that there is a new food pantry on the edge of Koreatown/historic Filipino towns called Community Safe Space Food

Bank. (On Beverly and Virgil)

- Grace – looking for organizations or individuals interested in helping expand the NAMI program and their services.

Upcoming Meeting: Monday, Nov 18, 2024 (2:00 pm-4:00 pm)

For more information about the API UsCC, please see its website:

<https://dmh.lacounty.gov/about/mhsa/uscc/asian-pacific-islander-api-uscc/>