

LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH
American Indian / Alaska Native (AI/AN) UsCC Subcommittee Meeting Minutes

Sep 4, 2024

2pm – 4pm via Microsoft TEAMS

Co-Chairs Present: Shannon Rivers, Farrah Ferris

Members Present: Dria Yellowhair, Eva Powless, Jennifer Yates, Jessica Mosher, Wildflower Ontiveros, Antonia Rios, Bridget Garcia Vera, Jeri Martinez, Ravena Soto, Tina Charley, Charlotte Lujan, Harrelson Notah, Stephanie Mushrush, Syliva Youngblood

Presenter: Jill Sherman Warne

DMH Admin Present: Kelly Wilkerson, Rosario Ribleza, Evelyn Espinoza, Chiyah Lawrence

Agenda Items	Discussion
Welcome, Prayer, Land Acknowledgment & Introductions	Meeting opened with prayer - Farrah. Members were asked to introduce themselves in the chat. Prayer Land Acknowledgment/Native Wisdom - Sylvia Gonzales-Youngblood Introductions - Meeting Introductions
Meeting Minutes	Aug 2024 minutes were reviewed and approved (1 st – Jessica Mosher, 2 nd - Sylvia Gonzales). Minutes were approved.
Co-Chair Report Out	Farrah Hupa provided an update on the monthly leadership meetings within Los Angeles County. Discussion on Separate Leadership Meetings: The pros and cons of having separate leadership meetings for UsCC and DMH Liaisons were discussed
Nominations for Co-Chair	Shannon Rivers announced that new Co-Chair nominations were open as his term was ending in November Volunteer nominations: Antonia Rios Nominations by Sylvia Gonzales: Harrelson Notah (declined), Jessica Mosher Additional Nominations: Eva Powless and Leslie Hunt

	<p>Discussion: The nominees discussed their interest in the Co-Chair positions. Rosario Ribleza reminded the group of the bylaws regarding eligibility, particularly for those in managerial positions or those affiliated with DMH contracts.</p> <p>Discussion on Meeting Technical Issues: Several members experienced difficulties joining the meeting due to technical issues with the Microsoft Teams link and password. Efforts were made to resolve these issues during the meeting.</p>
Announcements	<p>California Indian Day: The 4th Friday of September was noted as California Indian Day. Farrah Hupa encouraged members to honor this day.</p> <p>Upcoming Events:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Indigenous Peoples Day on October 14, 2024. • Native American Heritage Month in November 2024. <p>Suicide Awareness Month: Shannon Rivers highlighted the importance of Suicide Awareness Month and its impact on indigenous communities</p>
Presenter:	<p>Jill Sherman - Warne Jill Sherman Warne Ted Talk: A video of Jill Sherman Warren's Ted Talk was played, followed by a discussion.</p>
Next Steps:	<p>Voting for Co-Chair Positions: Voting for the Co-Chair positions will take place online, with results to be discussed in the next meeting.</p> <p>Follow-up on Bylaw Compliance: Jennifer Alquijay will verify the attendance records and eligibility of the nominees for the Co-Chair positions.</p>
Discussion Re: Capacity Building Projects	<p>Jen - Newest capacity building projects New Projects will be going out for bid soon</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Food Sustainability 2. Decreasing Negativity and Native Wellness

	3. Native Excellence 4. AI-AN Outreach Project
Closing Remarks	Meeting closed with Praye - Shannon Rivers
Meeting Minutes	All meeting minutes are available on the DMH website: https://dmh.lacounty.gov/about/mhsa/uscc/american-indian-alaska-native-ai-an-uscc/american-indian-alaska-native-ai-an-uscc-meeting-minutes/
Upcoming Meetings & Links	<p><u>Next Meetings (first Wednesday of the month, all meetings 2-4pm):</u> 10/2/24, 11/6/24, 12/4/24</p> <p><u>Join the meeting now</u> Meeting ID: 274 059 398 422 Passcode: yp66mP 1 (323) 776-6996 Phone conference ID: 307 465 115#</p>