

**Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health
API Underserved Cultural Communities (UsCC)
Subcommittee Meeting Minutes
July 22, 2024, 2:00 pm-4:00 pm**

Present: Aaron Icedo, Ann Marie Yamada, Chanthy, Chiyah Lawrence, Darlesh K. Horn, Deep, Emily Wu Truong, Jasmin Carlson, Jed Baris, Jennifer Norman, JR Kuo, Kaajal Sheth, Kelly Wilkerson, Ken Sholders, Kerry Chhay, Mahendra, Mahtab Javed Siddiqui, Mandy Woo, Maria N Tan, Mariko Kahn, Mei-yin Wang, Moses Lim, Norio Iwahori, Pastor Peter Kim, Paul Stansbury, Payal Sawhney, Richer San, Rocco Cheng, Rosario Ribleza, Ruth Wen, Saahas, Sanghak Kan, Sheila Wu, Sithea San, Soh Yun Park, Susan Park, Tuan D. Nguyen, Violeta Leones, Winnie Hsieh, Yue Hua Xu

Korean Interpreters: Samantha Yu, Kathy Sim

CART Captioner: Sara Hill

DMH Admin: Hyun Kyung Lee, 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/
Review of Meeting Minutes	The meeting minutes of June 24, 2024, were approved. Motion by Tuan D. Nguyen to approve minutes and seconded by Violeta Leones.
Presentation	The API Mental Health and NAMI was presented by Paul Stansbury from NAMI South Bay LA County. Some key points of the presentation include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NAMI offers the Family-to-Family program, which includes eight (8) classes to address mental health conditions in families (e.g., Japanese Family Studies Program). NAMI also has structured support groups. In addition, NAMI provides peer-led support groups, Peer-to-Peer educational programs, and Campus High School Club to increase awareness about mental health issues. • NAMI organizes various mental health events for communities including API. For example, Walks Greater Los Angeles County event takes place annually. There will be a Korean Community mental health event on July 23 at 7 pm. More information will be shared with the API UsCC subcommittee via email after the meeting.

<p>Updated Bylaws & Code of Conduct for Stakeholders</p>	<p>DMH Updated Bylaws and Code of Conduct for Stakeholders were presented by Rosario Ribleza from the DMH MHSA Administration & Oversight Division. Some key points of the presentation include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An overview of the updated guiding principles of the stakeholders’ bylaws and code of conduct was provided, such as voting privileges, co-chair elections, co-chair eligibility requirements, terms and responsibilities, the code of conduct, and DMH liaison’s responsibilities. For more details, please refer to the Stakeholders’ Bylaws and Code of Conduct documents, which were emailed to the API UsCC subcommittee. • DMH is committed to ensuring that everyone attending a stakeholder group meeting is treated with respect and dignity. The Stakeholder Meeting Code of Conduct must be adhered to by co-chairs, voting and nonvoting meeting members/participants, DMH staff, contracted staff, and members of the public, without exception. • The current bylaws and code of conducts are living documents and can be updated based on community’s feedback and input. Once the MHSA Administrative team gathers feedback from all Los Angeles County DMH stakeholders, they will update and finalize the bylaws and the code of conduct, which might be expected to happen in September 2024. • For any questions or suggestions regarding the Bylaws or Code of Conduct, please email the MHSA administrative team at MHSAdmin@dmh.lacounty.gov.
<p>DMH updates & Capacity Building Project Updates</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jennifer Alquijay provided recent budget updates on the UsCC Capacity Building Projects (CBP). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ Due to the budget changes, there will be no longer be a carryover of funds into the following fiscal year for CBPs. However, three (3) currently active projects of Fiscal Year (FY) 23-24 will be exceptions, since they are already being implemented. These will be the last projects allowed to carry over into the next FY and will be completed as planned. ➢ DMH ARDI-UsCC management was able to secure the budget for FY 24-25, allowing each UsCC to have its full CBP budget (\$350K) for FY 24-25. After consultation with the API UsCC co-chairs, three (3) Statement of Works (SOWs) from the previous year will be implemented for FY 24-25, and will be open for solicitation soon. Each project cannot exceed over \$100K. For the remaining \$50,000, a small outreach project can be created if the subcommittee wants. This can be discussed further in the next meeting. ➢ Two (2) new proposals selected by the API UsCC subcommittee this year will be moved to the next fiscal year (FY 25-26). One more proposal can be added based on this year’s voting results, or the subcommittee can discuss new ideas to add another proposal for FY 25-26. This can be discussed further in the next meeting. ➢ One of the proposals selected by the API UsCC subcommittee last year (Renewal Space Project) was requested to be withdrawn by the original proposer due to intellectual property concerns. While we respect the original proposer’s preference, a survey will be sent out to the API UsCC voting members to obtain their approval to remove the proposal, as it was voted and selected by the subcommittee. • It was announced that Hyun Kyung Lee, the API UsCC liaison, will be transferring to another program

	<p>within DMH. The subcommittee shared their feedback and appreciation for her. The ARDI-UsCC management will do their best to find a suitable replacement for the API UsCC as soon as possible.</p>
<p>Community Announcements & Resources</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Susan Park expressed concern about the death of Young Yang, a Korean American man who was fatally shot by the LAPD after a DMH Korean bilingual clinician called the police for a client. She requested DMH follow-up. • Rosario Ribleza announced that a virtual Community Planning Team (CPT) Stakeholder meeting will take place on Friday, July 26, 2024, from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm. Additionally, there will be a Mental Health Commission meeting on Thursday, July 25, 2024, at 11:00 am. • Emily Wu Truong expressed her support for the Korean family of Young Yang mentioned by Susan Park. She emphasized the importance of making changes and providing support for API families.
<p>Follow-Up Action Items</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DMH ARDI-UsCC will look into Susan Park’s request and follow up. • The PowerPoint slides from today’s NAMI presentation will be emailed to the API UsCC subcommittee. • A brief survey will be emailed to the API UsCC voting members to obtain their approval for removing a previously selected proposal for FY 24-25.
<p style="text-align: center;">Upcoming Meeting: August 26, 2024 (2:00 pm-4:00 pm)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">For more information about the API UsCC, please see its website: https://dmh.lacounty.gov/about/mhsa/uscc/asian-pacific-islander-api-uscc/</p>	