

**LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH
DEPARTAMENTO DE SALUD MENTAL DEL CONDADO DE LOS ANGELES**

**Latino Underserved Cultural Communities ([UsCC](#)) Subcommittee
Subcomité de Comunidades Culturales Latinas Desatendidas**

Subcommittee Meeting Minutes/Minutas de la Reunión del Subcomité
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2pm – 4pm

virtual via Microsoft Teams/virtual a través de Microsoft Teams

Copresentes presentes/Co-chairs present: Gabriela Gonzalez and Betty Mendoza
Facilitadora/Facilitator: Gabriela Gonzalez

Miembros presentes/Members present: Adriana Carrillo; Alejandra Gudiel; Alex | *Spanish Interpreter*; Alexandra Blanc; ANGEL MARIN; Anna Penido; Barbara Rabelo Mundo Maya Foundation; Belia Lopez; Beny Munguia Betty Mendoza; *Captioneer Cindy*; Cecilia YWCA Harbor Area; *Claudia (Spanish Interpreter)*; Claudia Fierro; Claudia Razo; Cruz Borbon – Oquendo; Cynthia Sanchez; Dayanna Covarrubias; Dr. Luis Guzman; Dr. Kristan "Kris" Venegas; Elsy Molina, Alma Family Services; Eric Hernandez; Estefany Espinoza; Eugenia Cervantes - DMH UMHP; Evelyn Espinoza; Gabriela Gonzalez, Co-Chair; Gabriela Velasquez; Gustavo; Hilda Guzman; Idalia Gallardo; Irma Velasquez; Jennifer Alquijay; Jennyfer Ibarra-McMahon; Karla Garcia, MA; Karla Garcia YWCA SGV; Kelly Wilkerson; Maria Elena Arauco; Maria Guerra; Maria Jimenez; Maritza Lebron; Martha Ortiz; Melissa; Mirtala Parada Ward; Sandy Chun; Sandy Ramirez; Sara Mijares; Stephanie Shaw; Susana Ascencion; Suyapa Umanzor; tazumal24; Urban Social Services and Advocacy; Veronica Solano; y.becerrajones; Yvonne Z. Sandoval; Zuleima Molgado

Administradores Presentes de DMH/DMH Administrators Present: Mirtala Parada Ward, Dr. Jennifer Alquijay, Dr. Evelyn Espinoza

Actualizaciones de DMH/DMH Updates:

- Mirtala Parada Ward asks if she can start as she will need to leave in twenty minutes, and Gabriela Gonzalez asks for clarification.
- Ms. Ward clarifies, she wants to start with Capacity Building Project Update as she needs to leave in twenty minutes, and will present in ten minutes. Ms. Gonzalez disagrees and reports that it is unfair and the project update should be saved for the next meeting because it is a very important topic and she does not want it to be rushed.
- Ms. Ward offers a solution for Dr. Jennifer Alquijay to present in English and it be translated by the translator. Ms. Gonzalez disagrees and begins the meeting.
- Land Acknowledgement



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- Dr. Evelyn E. Espinoza is introduced as new the Latino UsCC Liaison.
- Ms. Gonzales engages Ms. Ward for updates. Ms. Ward updates subcommittee that Dr. Alquijay will provide updates. Ms. Gonzalez agrees.
- Ms. Gonzales prompts for review of previous meeting's minutes.
- Ms. Jennyfer Ibarra-McMahon corrects spelling of her name that is misspelled on "members present" section. Ms. Betty Mendoza and Ms. Gonzalez make note of correct spelling.
- Ms. Gonzalez prompts for review of all meetings on screen and reviewed them out loud.
- Ms. Gonzalez asks for approval of meeting minutes by at least two members.
- **Ms. Maria Elena Arauco approved the meeting minutes first. Seconded by, Ms. Sara Mijares.**
- Dr. Luis Guzman recommends that meeting minutes be brief so they can be reviewed quickly. Ms. Gonzalez reminded Dr. Guzman that the minutes were sent prior to meeting for review.
- Dr. Guzman explained difference between meeting minutes and transcriptions but clarified he did not object to the minutes.
- Ms. Gonzalez made note that all documents were attached to email sent the day before.
- Ms. Gonzalez engaged Dr. Alquijay to being with DMH updates in English, with assistance of the translator for Spanish.
- Dr. Alquijay reviewed bylaws
 - English Version
 - Spanish Version
 - Spanish working group consisting of Patricia and Hector Ibarra
- Dr. Alquijay reviewed Voting Privileges = attendance to 50% of meetings.
- Dr. Alquijay reviewed Timer
 - Starting September, across all UsCCs
 - 2 Min timer per member to ensure all members have equal time to speak

Actualizaciones de los Proyectos de Desarrollo de capacidades de UsCC/UsCC Capacity Building Project Updates:

- Dr. Alquijay reviewed
 - Previous concerns of receiving full amount of \$350,000 for the projects
 - 3 projects were on-hold
 - Ms. Ward was able to ensure that all UsCCs received the \$350,000
 - The projects need to be finished by June 30, 2025
 - Instead of working on new projects, we will finish the previous projects that are on the agenda:
 - Latino MH Social Media Outreach
 - Indigenous PSAs

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- Student Wellness Leadership
 - Will continue to accept projects and review in January so we can vote for new projects for 2025-2026
- Ms. Gonzalez asked if members had questions and informed members that Ms. Ward would be the original presenter but had to leave due to a meeting.
- Ms. Gonzalez reported she was not updated with the new decision and opened the floor for questions, in the following order: Ms. Mijares, Dr. Guzman, Ms. Penido, Ms. Arauco.
- Ms. Mijares asked clarifying question for the \$350,000 budget for current project and 2025-2026 budget would be additional \$350k. Ms. Mendoza confirmed, as did Ms. Gonzalez but asked for clarification. Ms. Mendoza reconfirmed that the information was accurate.
- Ms. Gonzalez reviewed that there were concerns about cutting funds due to not turning in projects in a timely manner by fiscal year deadline. Ms. Gonzalez reported that projects, from now on, will follow the timeline and meet the deadlines.
- Dr. Guzman asked clarifying questions about the \$350k budget and the 2023-2024 projects. Then, clarified the budget for the fiscal years of 2024-2025 and 2025-2026

Elecciones de copresidentes/Co-Chair Elections:

- Ms. Mendoza reports her term is over and she is stepping down.
- Ms. Gonzalez will continue until June 30, 2025
- Members/Participants want to know Co-Chair Eligibility so they can nominate candidates
- Dr. Espinoza - Microsoft Forms will be utilized to track nominations

5 Prioridades Grupos de Trabajo/5 Priorities Workgroup:

- Members/Participants reviewed Spreadsheet and candidates that did not sign up prior, signed up for workgroups
- Dr. Espinoza – entered form on chat so participants that did not complete the form could complete the form once again
- Ms. Penido asked objectives of these groups and Ms. Gonzalez shared how these groups were identified at the retreats.
- Ms. Gonzalez explained the ad-hoc groups.

Pasos de Acción/Action Steps:

- Address concerns about Budget and missing funds that were identified by Dr. Guzman
- Spanish bylaws
- Eligibility for Co-Chair Nominations/Elections, expectations and role of co-chair
- 5 Priorities Workgroup list
- CAF questions posed by Ms. Lebron about vendors/stakeholders

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