

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

10/15/2024

2pm – 4pm

virtual via Microsoft Teams/virtual a través de Microsoft Teams



Copresidentes presentes/Co-chairs presente: NONE

Facilitadora/Facilitator: Pastor Christian Ponciano

Members present: Alex | Spanish Interpreter; Alice Noriega Torres; Angelina Mendoza; Bri; Captioner, Richard; Dr. Chiyah Lawrence; Claudia (Spanish Interpreter); Claudia Fierro; Dr. Darlesh K. Horn; Dayanna Covarrubias; Elsy Molina, Alma Family Services; Dr. Eric Hernandez; Eugenia Cervantes - DMH UMHP; Dr. Evelyn Espinoza; Gabriela Velasquez; Gustavo Martinez-Pelcastre; Idalia; Irma Velasquez; Dr. Jennifer Alquijay; Jennifer Yates; Jennyfer Ibarra-McMahon; Jessica Perez, Junglemania Family; Jessica Valadez; Karla Garcia, MA; L. Norwood; Laura Iniguez Segura; Maria Elena Arauco; Maria Guerra; Maria Villicana; Martha Ortiz; Mikey Olbes; Norma Ruiz; Pastor Ponciano; Patricia L. Garcia; Patricia Veliz Macal, Generaciones en Acción; riKu Matsuda; Ron Mukai. East LA Jiu Jitsu; Rosy Tellez; SALVA ORG; Sara Peral; Sofia Zarco Parroquia Sagrada Familia; Susana Ascencion; Suyapa Umanzor; Yue Hua Xu

Welcome and Introductions

- Dr. Evelyn Espinoza opened the meeting, welcomed participants, and allowed time for additional members to join.
- New attendees introduced themselves and shared their interest in community mental health initiatives.

Life Links Resource Project Presentation

- Dr. Darlesh K. Horn presented an overview of the Life Links project, a resource guide targeting underserved communities, initially launched by the Black and African Heritage UsCC.
- Discussion points:
 - The guide will include resources specific to the Latino community.

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- Input from the committee will be gathered to determine needed resources and preferred layout.
- A digital format of the guide will be available, with printed copies accessible upon request.
- Committee members suggested including weekend shelters and cooling centers.

Review of Minutes and Approval

- The minutes were reviewed, and a motion to approve was made by Maria Elena Arauco, seconded by Eugenia Cervantes. The minutes were approved without objections.

Voting Eligibility Updates

- Dr. Evelyn Espinoza shared updates on voting eligibility, moving from a 50% attendance requirement to participation in 5 out of the last 9 meetings.
- Voting for the new Co-chair nominee, Maria Elena Arroyo, will take place via email.

Outreach and Engagement Materials

- Reviewed and gathered feedback on outreach materials including a flyer, a trifold brochure, and an interest form.
- Committee members suggested accessibility enhancements, like testing the QR code functionality and considering alternative formats.

Capacity Building Project (CBP) Updates

- Dr. Alquijay provided an overview of the CBP process, upcoming proposal review in early 2025, and bidding guidelines for interested vendors.
- The group discussed potential for future workshops to help guide community members through the bidding process.

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Five Priorities Work Group

- Dr. Evelyn Espinoza will follow up with Gabriela Gonzalez to confirm participation and updates for this working group.

Action Items

- **Dr. Horn:** Compile and consider additional resource suggestions for the Life Links guide.
- **Dr. Evelyn Espinoza:**
 - Send voting emails for Co-chair selection.
 - Discuss with co-chairs: member presentations.
 - Coordinate with Dr. Alquijay for potential workshops on bidding processes.
- **Gabriela Gonzalez:** Provide an update on the Five Priorities Work Group.

Announcements

- Members shared upcoming community events. Dr. Evelyn invited attendees to submit event information for distribution to the group's listserv.

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