

**Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health
LGBTQIA2-S UsCC Subcommittee Meeting Minutes
Thursday, November 7, 2024, 2-4 pm**

Welcome/Introductions

Present: Cynthia Ruffin, Bill Sive, Merry Meyers, Addison Rose Vincent, Rex Wilde, Eden Luna, Alex Salazar, Rafael Lopes, Isabella Rodriguez, Sydney Rogers, Jennifer Jiries, Ismael Maldonado, Terri Jay, Jennifer Yates, Reg Clarkinia, Elio Vargas, Irene Ratliff, Tiphani Thomas, Anastasia Huck, Nolan Ross Samé-Weil, Kali N, Keianna Crenshaw, La Londa Alex, Sharon Chapman, Vicky Xu, Andrea Aoun

UsCC Admin: Kelly Wilkerson, Jennifer Alquijay, riKu Matsuda, Evelyn Espinoza

Presenters: Nour Bouchakra, Christina Myers, Darlesh Horn

Getting To Know You – Bill Sive shared about himself.

October 2024 Meeting Minutes – Meeting minutes approved (first-Bill Sive, second-Rex Wilde).

Co-Chair Updates

- No co-chair updates as there was not a UsCC leadership meeting this month.

Stakeholder Newsletter – Presentation (Nour Bouchakra, Christina Myers)

- Nour Bouchakra and Christina Myers from Idea Hall presented regarding the upcoming Stakeholder Newsletter. This project will be done in partnership with CalMHSA and the DMH MHSA Administration Team. Anyone who submits a piece for the newsletter and is accepted will receive a stipend. More information will be provided including submission requirements.
 - Contact Dr. Darlesh Horn DHorn@dmh.lacounty.gov with questions.

Life Links Booklets – Presentations (Dr. Darlesh Horn)

- Dr. Horn presented regarding the development of Life Links booklets for each of the UsCC subcommittees. This will be a project that will require an official solicitation/bidding process. Dr. Horn to follow up with the liaison to schedule a time to meet with the subcommittee to review potential information to be included in the Life Links booklets.

DMH Updates

- Kelly updated the subcommittee regarding the new voting eligibility requirements. Members must attend 50% of the meetings over a 9-month period. Kelly to share revised bylaws once finalized.

- Kelly updated the subcommittee that she would be reaching out to the members of the mission statement ad hoc to schedule a follow up meeting. Once a draft is created, it will be shared with the entire subcommittee to review.
- Kelly reminded the subcommittee that this would be her last meeting as the liaison, and that moving forward Dr. Jennifer Alquijay would act as the interim liaison (jalquijay@dmh.lacounty.gov).

Current Capacity Building Projects – Update

- Updates on capacity building projects currently being implemented:
 - What We Think Project – currently in final phase, final summary pending.
 - Neurodivergent Voices Album Project – currently in third phase including hosting recording sessions. Final album showcase event to take place 12/13/24. Vendor to send registration information to Kelly to be shared with the members.
 - LGBTQIA2-S Housing Listening Sessions Project – currently in fourth phase including hosting Townhall.
 - Proyecto Mariposa Monarca – currently in final phases, final summary pending.

FY 24-25 Capacity Building Projects – Update

- All four projects went out for solicitation and those solicitations have closed.
 - LGBTQIA2-S+ Communities Aging in Place Project – awarded to The Wall Las Memorias Project
 - Safe Tea Harm Reduction Project for LGBTQIA2-S+ Communities – will need to be resolicited.
 - Digital Hygiene Project for LGBTQIA2-S+ Communities – awarded to Wombat Mental Health Services.
 - Youth Rites of Passage (YRP) Project – will need to be resolicited.

General Announcements/Resources

- Send any resources to Kelly via email (KeWilkerson@dmh.lacounty.gov) to be sent out to the listserv.

Upcoming Meetings (first Thursday of the month, 2-4pm): No meeting in December, 1/9/25, 2/6/25, 3/6/25, 4/3/25, 5/1/25, 6/5/25

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Meeting minutes can be found at <https://dmh.lacounty.gov/about/mhsa/uscc/lgbtqia2-s-uscc/lgbtqia2-s-uscc-meeting-minutes/>