

**Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health
LGBTQIA2-S UsCC Subcommittee Meeting Minutes
Thursday, February 6, 2025, 2-4 pm**

Welcome/Introductions

Present: Bill Sive, Anshu Agarwal, Irene Ratliff, Alex Salazar, Andrea Aoun, Eden Luna, Addison Rose Vincent, Rex Wilde, Elio Vargas, Sydney Rogers, Jennifer Yates, Amparo Ostojic, Merry Meyers (#0023), Ismael Maldonado, Yue Hua Xu, Rafael Lopes, Rebecca Gitlin
UsCC Admin: riKu Matsuda, Yailin Noriega, Evelyn Espinoza, Tsu Yen Chen

Getting To Know You – riKu Matsuda shared about himself.

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

Co-Chair Updates

- No co-chair updates as the co-chairs were not able to attend meeting.

Capacity Building Project – Timeline Graphic

- riKu read out the CBP Timeline graphic and explained what the CBPs are, the process of implementing the projects, and explained the purpose of CBP.
- riKu / Yailin will follow up with Dr. Alquijay regarding Rex' question. Can the timeline be pushed/alterd as we did not have a meeting in January and voting is to take place in a month?

Capacity Building Projects – Brainstorming

- Yailin shared Focus Areas community members decided on for FY 24-25.
- Eden Luna read out the Focus Areas list and explained each topic listed.
- Community members added topics they would like to focus on for FY 25-26.
- Ad hoc mtg requested by community members. Yailin will follow up with Cynthia and MJ for approval.
- Yailin to create and share survey with voting members to vote on Focus Areas for FY 25-26.
- Members voiced importance of sticking to timeline and planning to have focus areas for following FYs.
- Members voice importance of members attending meetings. (DMH members, co-chairs, and community members).

General Announcements/Resources

- Rex Wilde shared information regarding a protest at Children's Hospital Los Angeles. (Banned gender affirming care for trans youth).

Upcoming Meetings (first Thursday of the month, 2-4pm): 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/>