

Meeting Minutes

Latino UsCC Subcommittee Meeting

Date: March 18, 2025

Time: 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM

Location: Virtual Meeting (Microsoft Teams)

Participants: Amanda Macal; Angelina Mendoza; Augusto Huerta-Minakata; Barbara Rebelo; Betty Mendoza; Blanca Rodriguez; *Claudia Fierro; Claudia Ribota Lindgren (translator);* Coach Afi G; *Dr. Chiyah Lawrence;* Dr. Eric Hernandez; *Dr. Evelyn E. Espinoza; Dr. Jennifer Alquijay;* Dr. Luis Guzman; Elsy Molina; Gabriela Gonzalez; Gabriela Velasquez; Idalia Gallardo; Irma Velasquez; Jenn Yates; Jennyfer Ibarra-McMahon; Lili Morales Perez; Maria Elena Arauco; *Martha Ortiz; Mirtala Parada Ward;* Nayeli Bernal; *riKu Matsuda;* Sara Z. Mijares; Susana Ascencion; *Tsu Yen Chen; Yailin Noriega;* Yanett Navarro; *Zuleima Molgado*

Co-Chairs: Maria Elena Aruaco & Gabriela Gonzalez



1. Welcome and Introductions

- Maria Elena Arauco & Gabriela Gonzalez welcomed attendees and conducted brief introductions.

2. Meeting Minutes

- Approved by Irma Velasquez and Patricia Veliz Macal

3. CPT Planning updates:

- Carolina shared Department of Mental Health (DMH) announcements and current priorities.
- Emphasis on outreach efforts for marginalized Latino subpopulations and aligning with countywide strategies.

4. Latino UsCC Subcommittee Workgroup Updates & Community Feedback and Planning

- **Membership Engagement:**
Encouragement for continued participation and new member recruitment.

- Open discussion on community needs and feedback regarding past events.
- Identified gaps in mental health services for indigenous and Afro-Latino populations.
- Emphasis on the importance of representation, language accessibility, and cultural humility.
- Suggestions for future initiatives:
 - Workshops on mental health stigma reduction.
 - Partnerships with grassroots organizations.

5. CBPs for FY25/26

- Discussion on possible themes for Theatre Project
- Subcommittee majority voted for Immigration.

6. Next Steps

- Voting eligible members will vote to decide between two tied CBPs
- Announcement will be made in April of the three CBPs moving forward.

7. Public Comment & Closing

- Participants shared appreciation for the inclusive space and opportunity to voice community needs.
- Meeting concluded with a reminder to complete feedback forms and confirm participation in upcoming meetings.

Next Meeting:

Date: April 15, 2025

Time: 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM

Location: Virtual (Microsoft Teams)