

**Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health
API Underserved Cultural Communities (UsCC)
Subcommittee Meeting Minutes
March. 24, 2025, 2:00 pm-4:00 pm**

Present: Richer San, Norio Iwahori, Riku Matsuda, Masa Kanamori, , Masa, Sanghak Kan, Tuan d. Nguyen, Sithea San, Onyou Kim, Mikey Olbes, Jennifer Norman, Krystal Fermin, Ashley Lanuza, Geraldine White, Annie Chou, Yue Hua Xu, Richard Tom, Jamie Walker, Rocco Cheng, Mariko Kahn, Grace Leung, Violeta Leones, Bea Leung, Kerry Chhay, Samnang Tith, JR Kuo, hanthy Yi, Violeta, Soo Jin Lee, Maria Tan, Megan Soun, Valerie Wilson-Lindberg, Anika Ullah Presenter: Brenda Ordaz Interpreters: Kathy Sim (Korean line), Sun Lim (Korean Line) CART Captioner: Rhonda Leier DMH Admin: Mirtala Parada Ward, Jennifer Alquijay, Tsuyen Chen, Yailin Noriega,	
Agenda Items	Comments/Discussion/Recommendations/Conclusions
Welcome & Introductions	Subcommittee Members, Housekeeping Attendance, Co-Chairs
Land Acknowledgment	Co-Chair, Jennifer Alquijay LA County Land Acknowledgment: https://lacounty.gov/government/about-la-county/land-acknowledgment/
Review of Meeting Minutes	The meeting minutes of Feb. 24, 2025 were approved with the revision. Motion by Tuan to approve minutes and seconded by Mariko.
Presentation on Immigration Issue	Brenda Ordaz from the Coalition for Humane Immigrant Rights of Los Angeles (CHIRLA) • CHIRLA has achieved so many legislative victories like AB540, AB2000, AB4, AB60, SB12, and SB11, • Temporary Protected Status (TPS) for various groups and consequences following ending TPS, • Closing of refugee admission applications and CBP One app, • For now, DADA deferring deportation and granting employment authorization to those who were brought here young remains the same for renewal (no new applications) until further decision made by the Supreme Court, • Public charge rules and immigration relief are at risk, • Threat impacts the other communities, such as LGBTQ Plus, • Do not use fake documents and do not lie to the officers, • We recommend our community your right to remain silent when being approached and questioned by the officers,

	• Exercise your right to speak to your attorney, • Do not open the door when officers come to your home unless the officers have the warrant signed by the immigration judge or a judge listing your full name and address as well as within 14 days following the judge's signature date, • If the officers have the warrant in front of your home, have them slide it under the door, • You ask the officers for a receipt for any items they take (the receipt listing your full name and address), • If the officers come to your workplace, they also need warrant signed by the immigration judge or a judge. Otherwise, your employer may not authorize them to enter into the property. You must stay calm and do not escape, • If the officers approach you in public place, you cannot be detained without proper warrant or evidence that you are not a citizen or legal resident, • The Rapid Response Network for people to report ICE activities and they will send out a team of observers to the reported location getting attraction to the officer's operation, • Importance of setting up the family plan, such as seeing your attorney prior to your appointment with the immigration office, keeping important documents, and designation of a responsible adult to care for your children while you are detained. • CHIRLA Helpline 1-888-624-4752, we are able to assist people with immigration consultations.
DMH Update	Jamie Walker: • Co-chair election held between May and June during election year with the new term starting in July and discussion 60 days ahead of election, • If the co-chair cannot complete the term, special election process will be initiated, • Co-chair only serves up to the maximum of two years unless no nominations and then the current co-chair may be re-elected upon review and approval of the UsCC liaison and management staff, • Elections must happen during the regularly scheduled stakeholder meetings where participants get to ask questions, • UsCC Liaisons open up the formal nomination process, • Nominees can nominate themselves or be nominated by other persons, • Those agree to accept nomination present and take questions from the participants at the selected UsCC meeting, • The election by the eligible voters takes place at the stakeholder meetings,

	- Co-chair cannot be current LA county employees and former LA county employees terminating DMH employment for two consecutive years or less, Note: Will check to see if the staff of the vendor(s) who do not hold managerial roles and can act on behalf of himself/herself become co-chair(s)? - Co-chair cannot be the contractor, - Co-chair must attend 75% of the UsCC meetings, 75% of Joint Outreach and Engagement Meeting, 75% of Planning Meetings, 75% of mental health commission meetings, structure meeting agenda, - Co-chair is expected to conduct himself/herself in a professional, dignified, and respectful manner at meetings and out in the community, - Voting eligibility: individuals attend in person, virtually, by phone 5 of 9 regularly scheduled stakeholder meetings over 9 calendar months (do not have to be attended consecutively) Dr. Jennifer Alquijay: - Two large proposals are allocated \$100,000 each and the smaller two get \$75,000 each, - No guarantee bidders are the project proposal writers, - Increase to voice volume on anti-black racism and keep the original copy of labor acknowledgement which is African and Black American-centered, Note: This will be further discussed at the Leadership meeting. - The DMH Community Planning Meetings and its mission is to collect inputs from the communities so as to better serve individuals in need, - Co-chairs are also eligible voters at the DMH Community Planning Meetings to vote for proposals made by DMH, - The API Trifold Brochure is decided by the majority vote to keep the option: one flower and the choice of color is white. Note: will email the final copy to Richer. Jamie Walker addressed the voting privilege.
Capacity Building Project Update	Mariko Kahn - We have just completed all ten of our psychoeducational lectures and we're now in the rehearsal phase of our performances on April 5th and six. The students will be performing at two different community events. So at the end of that, we will have completed all the deliverables. Jennifer Norman: Stress Management: - Summary of the stress management workshop and listing of facilitators.

	• A total of 30 workshops for 240 API participants conducted between March and the end of May. • Share our program with everybody that you know so that we can continue to impact and reach our goal. Outreach: • 5 and 15 Wellness outreach events, • \$5000, 10% of the total program budget, is allocated toward media for advertisement and promotion we continue to conduct, • The program will consist of at least five resource table exhibits and at least five one hour workshops held at different API targeted events around LA County, • Our goals are to reach a minimum of 100 attendees through these combined events and recruit at least 10 new members to attend API UsCC meetings, as well as to recruit 3 new API, LA county prospective vendors by June 30th of this year. • Proposing to join some existing scheduled events, Cambodian parade on 4/6/25 and SEPA Youth Solidarity Conference on 5/17/25, Asian Grieving Event on 5/19/25, etc. Mariko suggested inclusion of on-line surveys and gifts as well as some event opportunity. Richer provided more information on events available. Sitheia suggested promotional items and sufficient staffing needed at the booth. Chanty provided YMCA as one of the potential agency to contact.
Community Announcements & Open Discussion on Non-Agenda Items	Anika Ullah • Introduced her AAPI Mental Health Festival on May 31th, 1 pm to 5 pm. • 3 stress management workshops at UCLA with the possibility of future workshops for mental health, immigration, and elderly. Also, seeking collaboration opportunity for the Festival. Soo Jin Lee expressed her group's interest to get involved in the May 31th event. Richer San reminds of the April 6th parade celebrating Khmer New Year.
Upcoming Meeting: Monday, April 28, 2025 (2:00 pm-4:00 pm) For more information about the API UsCC, please see its website: https://dmh.lacounty.gov/about/mhsa/uscc/asian-pacific-islander-api-uscc/	