

**Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health
AI-AN Underserved Cultural Communities (UsCC)
Subcommittee Meeting Minutes
April 2nd, 2025, from 2:00pm - 4:00pm**

Present: Anshu Agarwal (DMH), Rosario Ribleza (DMH), Olina Bishop, Jessica Mosher (Co-Chair), Jennifer Yates, Jenna Lee, Eva Powless, Mikey Olbes, Wildflower Ontiveros, Laura Tejada, Carol DeLilly, Laura De La Torre (DMH), Stephanie Mushrush (DMH), Soledad Vergara (DMH), Erik Escareño CART Captioner: Richard DMH Admin: Jennifer Alquijay / Yailin Noriega	
Agenda Items	Comments/Discussion/Recommendations/Conclusions
Welcome, Introductions, & Opening Prayer	Welcome by Co-Chair Jessica Mosher – Ice breaker: What plans do you have for the summer? Opening Prayer – Jessica opened the floor for any elders – no volunteers. Jessica Mosher did the opening prayer.
Land Acknowledgment	Dr. Alquijay read the LA County Land Acknowledgement.
Review of Meeting Minutes	The meeting minutes of March 2025 were approved. Motion by Jennifer Yates to approve minutes and seconded by Mikey Olbes .
Indigenous Mindfulness Exercise	Jessica Mosher read a poem from <i>Yaqui Deer Songs</i> book.
Report Outs	CPT Meeting Updates – Dr. Alquijay Rosario – provided information for CPT meetings. Tuesday (hybrid) and last Friday of the month (virtual) No longer named MHSA, it is now officially being called BHSA. No community updates.
Presentation – Dr. Alquijay AI-AN Workgroup All Hands Mtg.	Dr. Alquijay – computer access issues. AI-AN workgroup after board motion. Quarterly AI-AN All Hands Mtg – Housing providers. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Presented a new housing project – prioritizing AI/AN community – in Venice. - Just getting started with building the housing – about 3 years out. - Harms Report - LAHSA – Training for Native American Culture and issues *Need to send out*
PATH CITED Tribal Home Key, BHCIP	Traditional Healers and Natural Helpers – Final Policy has been approved as of March 21 st . No CAP Funding – Path Cited – As long as you represent a budget that makes sense and caters to the AI/AN community, you will have an advantage. Last round – Deadline May 2 nd .

Jessica Mosher	What resources would you want to know about? Feel free to voice in meeting or email AIANUsCC@dmh.lacounty.gov
Project Updates – SSSP MMIWG2-S Cooking for Wellness Elder Gathering	Cooking for Wellness – Wildflower Ontiveros <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - All 6 classes have been completed - Writing Final Report – plan to be wrapped on that by end of April - Will be presenting next month Rooted in Resilience (Decreasing Negativity) – Wildflower Ontiveros <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Cohort Series - 11 Native Families - Provide access and resources to mental health throughout LA County - Impact on intergenerational trauma as well as intergenerational joys and coping skills - All spots have been filled – opened another spot which is why its 11 families MMIWG2-S Awareness Campaign – Eva Powless <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - In the recording stage - Working on Final Report - Final Engaging Numbers: 84,625 total engagements (as of March 24) - Still running the stories on all social media platforms Elder Gathering – Eva Powless <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Working on Final Report
New CBP Status Updates	Tight Deadline Reached out to Co-Chairs – Last 3 that need to be awarded. Moving forward with projects. Will talk to vendors and discuss the tight deadline to complete projects by June 30 th , 2025 AI/AN Outreach Native Excellence – Initial Vendor Meeting this week. Food Sustainability Encouraged community to sign up to be County Vendors.
DMH Updates/Follow-Ups	Dr. Alquijay shared the CBP Guidelines and Proposal Form. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Broke down the guidelines and explained the form and what needs to be completed. - Reminded folks that projects become property of DMH. Vendor meetings – for vendors to connect and mentor each other.
CBP Brainstorming for FY25-26	Ad hoc meeting Wednesday, April 9 th , 2025, from 2pm – 4pm to guide anyone who has ideas Language implemented in CBP Policy/Proposals for AI-AN preference. AI-AN Preference - Public Law
Community Announcements/	Dr. Alquijay – Gave a heads up that co-chairs prefer to meet with vendors to make sure the projects being implemented are AI/AN community oriented.

Resources	
Community Comments	No comments
Closing Prayer	Jessica Mosher ended the meeting with a closing prayer.
<p style="text-align: center;">Upcoming Meeting: Wednesday, May 7th, 2025 (2:00 pm-4:00 pm)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">For more information about the AI-AN UsCC, please see its website: https://dmh.lacounty.gov/about/mhsa/uscc/american-indian-alaska-native-ai-an-uscc/</p>	