

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

Present: Carla Jaramillo (DMH), Carol DeLilly, Christina Barnes-Matthews(DMH),Ebony Lewis, Elena Nourrie, Erik Escareno, Erika Corral, Farrah Ferris, Gustavo Martinez-Pelcastre, Harrelson Notah, Jennifer Yates, Jessica Mosher, Kristina Padilla, Laura Tejada, Lesley Hunt, Mikey Olbes, Nicole Estrella, Nicole Ferris, Olina Bishop, Rae Lopes, riKu Matsuda (DMH), Rosario Ribleza (BHSA), Stephanie Mushrush, Wildflower Ontiveros, Yue Hua Xu	
CART Captioner: Richard DMH Admin: Jennifer Alquijay / Yailin Noriega	
Agenda Items	Comments/Discussion/Recommendations/Conclusions
Welcome, Introductions, & Opening Prayer	Welcome by UsCC Liaison Jennifer Alquijay – Ice breaker: Something fun you did over the holiday weekend? Opening Prayer – Jennifer opened the floor for any elders – no volunteers. Dr. Carol DeLilly shared a poem as we awaited co-chair(s) to join Meeting facilitated by Dr. Carol DeLilly followed by Lesley Hunt for the 2 nd half of meeting
Land Acknowledgement	Farrah Farris read the LA County Land Acknowledgement.
Review of Meeting Minutes	The meeting minutes of May 2025 were approved. Motion by Farrah to approve minutes and seconded by Wildflower Ontiveros
Indigenous Mindfulness Exercise	Kristina Padilla lead mindfulness and relaxation exercise
Report Outs	CPT Meeting Updates – Dr. Alquijay Dr Alquijay provided information for CPT meetings. Tuesday (hybrid) and last Friday of the month (virtual) Reviewed discussion of inclusion of Labor Acknowledgement Lesley Hunt- discussed concerns/thoughts with Labor Acknowledgement Sylvia Gonzalez also shared regarding Native people’s history and Labor Acknowledgement No community updates.
Presentation – Kristina Padilla CCAPP Academy Barriers Scholarship	Kristina Padilla- presented on CCAPP Academy Barriers Scholarship programs and opportunities -Had some technical issues -links to program shared in chat -Shared information regarding program classes, enrollment and costs

Tribal Affiliation Employee Announcement	Jenée Robin Ornelas <i>FIRST Tribal Liaison in the County's History – LA County Parks and Recreation</i> Stephanie Weldon <i>Deputy Director of the Office of Health Equity at the California Department of Public Health</i>
Project Presentations MMIWG2-S	MMIWG2-S Awareness Campaign – Elena -Shared information and slides regarding campaign - completion of campaign and feedback from the community regarding campaign -Feedback from subcommittee on presentation/information provided -Link shared in chat regarding Feather Alert
Elder Gathering	Elder Gathering – Elena -Shared information about Elder Gathering project -shared feedback from the project and challenges as provided in the project questionnaires
Suicide in Native Communities: Sacred Path	Suicide in Native Communities: Sacred Path –Nicole Estrella -provided project information -Shared video link in chat due to time constraints
New CBP Status Updates	Moving forward with projects Urban 411, Playgroup 0-5, Navigating Adulthood Projected timelines and wrapping up of FY 24-25 projects
DMH Updates/Follow- Ups	Dr. Alquijay extended invite to attend BAH meeting on July 3 rd to listen to Dr. Lomeli presentation related to hate based incident report. Shared some details regarding Dr. Lomeli. Rosario Ribleza- reminder of BHSA CPT meeting at St. Anne's on June 10 th 930a to 12p
Community Announcements/ Resources	None announced
Community Comments	No comments
Closing Prayer	Jessica Mosher ended the meeting with a closing prayer.
Upcoming Meeting: Wednesday, July 2nd 2025 (2:00 pm-4:00 pm)	
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/	