

Meeting Minutes

Latino UsCC Subcommittee Meeting

Date: August 19, 2025

Time: 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM

Location: Virtual Meeting (Microsoft Teams)

Co-Chairs: Dr. Eric Hernandez and Maria Elena Aruaco



Participants: Alicia Morales, Angelina Mendoza, April Bernabe; Augusto Huerta-Minakata; Betty Mendoza; Carlos Velasco, Coach Afi G; Deborah Rocha ; Dr. Eric Hernandez; Erasmo Vargas, Dr. Luis Guzman; Elsy A. Molina; Gabriela Gonzalez; Gabriela Velasquez; Gustavo Loera; Irma Velasquez Flores; Irene Ratliff; Jennyfer Ibarra-McMahon; Jorge (Healing & Justice Ctr) ; Lilia Moralez Perez; Lissette Ramirez; Maria Elena Arauco; Mercedes Moreno; Riley Kwong; ; Stephanie Castillo; Susana Ascencion; Vianney Bernabe; Yolanda Becerra-Jones; Zuleima Molgado: 15627619615 ; 16263538304

DMH/Interpreters/Captioners: *Alex, Interpreter; Claudia, Interpreter; Claudia Fierro; Dr. Carla Jaramillo; Dr. Christina Barnes-Matthews ; Dewayne Hervey; Dr. Evelyn E. Espinoza; Kara Noble , Eugenia Cervantes; Maria Guerra; Mirtala Parada Ward; riKu Matsuda; Sara Hill, CART services, Yue Hua*

1. Welcome & Opening

Delayed start due to new meeting link changes

- **Dr. Evy** - Participants were reminded to check their forms and verify attendance eligibility.
- **Land acknowledgment by Dr. Carla Jaramillo**
- **Community Agreements for Stakeholders summary by Dr. Carla Jaramillo.**

2. Welcome – Family Wellness for the 25/26 School Year –co-chairs Dr. Erik Hernandez & Maria Elena

- **Maria Elena:** reviewed thoughts and reflections for the new school year, shared statistics
- **Dr. Hernandez:** Shared questions for reflection and opened the floor to stakeholders to share thoughts
 - Participants shared thoughts and concerns related to community need for mental health resources during the on going political climate challenges and fears
 - Liaisons agreed to follow up with resources/presentations

3. July Meeting Minutes

- Motion to approve by Irma Velasquez.
- Seconded for approval by Coach Afi.

4. BHSA CPT Meeting updates by Dr. Hernandez & Maria Elena

- **Dr. Hernandez provided updates of BHSA CPT meeting related to foster care as presented in meeting**
- **Maria Elena provided additional information obtained to mental health resources utilized by Latino groups as presented in BHSA CPT meeting**
 - Participants shared thoughts related to material and information shared and resource area needs
 - Mirtala Parada Ward shared updates on DMH and BHSA changes and state guided 5 priorities and transitions
 - Disussed resources available in underserved areas especially new services in Service Area 1

5. 5 Priorities Updates – Dr. Hernandez & Maria Elena

•Summary of Survey

•Moving Forward – Evolving the Priorities from 5 to 3 which includes combing some priorities into one as they are similar

- Participants expressed concerns related to reduction and voting challenges
- Reviewed past voting in June (in person) and July (online) and both voting platforms majority was to reduce from 5 to 3 with emphasis that priorities were also combined to meeting community needs
- Encouraged more active participation from stakeholders in community meetings
- How will priorities be guiding subcommittee (i.e. CBP projects, presentations, etc)

6. DMH Updates – Dr. Evelyn Espinoza

- **Community Resources** request to share flyers, events, etc
- **CBP project updates:** solicitation requests have begun, reminder to check solicitation site and emails
- **Reminder of upcoming presentations**
- **DMH staff updates:** Dr. Alquijay no longer with DMH and Dr. Espinoza moving departments, official changes of Latino UsCC Liaison to Dr. Carla Jaramillo moving forward

7. Labor Acknowledgement: Dr. Evelyn Espinoza

Next Meeting:

Date: September 16, 2025

Time: 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM

Location: Virtual (Microsoft Teams)