

**Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health
API Underserved Cultural Communities (UsCC)
Subcommittee Meeting Minutes
Monday, June 23rd, 2025, 2:00 pm-4:00 pm**

Present: Belinda Rabano (DMH), Carla Jaramillo (DMH), Chanthy Yi, Christina Barnes-Matthews (DMH), Gerladine White (DMH), Grace Florentine, Gustavo Martinez, Jennifer Norman, JR Kuo, Kerry Chhay, Linda Yoon, Maria Tan, Mariko Kahn, Michelle Wong, Mikey Obles, Norio Iwahori, Onyou Kim, Richer San, Rocco Cheng, Rosario Ribleza, Sithea San, Soo Jin Lee, Susana Asencion Tuan D. Nguyen, Usha Narasimhan, Violeta Leones, Yue Hua Xu/Vicky (DMH), Jefferey, Korean Interpreters: Samantha Yu, Sun Lim CART Captioner: Ross DMH Admin: Jennifer Alquijay, Yailin Noriega	
Agenda Items	Comments/Discussion/Recommendations/Conclusions
Welcome & Introductions	Co-Chairs and Subcommittee Members
Land Acknowledgment	Co-Chairs, Jennifer Alquijay LA County Land Acknowledgment: https://lacounty.gov/government/about-la-county/land-acknowledgment/
Review of Meeting Minutes	The meeting minutes of May 2025 were approved. Motion by Richer to approve minutes and seconded by Sithea San.
DMH Updates	Jennifer Alquijay provided some updates. - Requested again nominations for new co-chairs. Both Richer and Norio's terms are up. - Addressed thoughts and concerns regarding co-chairs and CBP and conflict of interests related to co-chairs bidding on projects. - Community Planning Team meetings are held at St. Anne's every month to engage and collect inputs from individuals in all communities....need more people with lived experience, consumers of mental health. - Capacity-building proposals submission, Statement of Work (SOW) turning those proposals elected by eligible UsCC voting members into projects, and ISD's bidding process for rewarded vendors. - All SOWs are completed for Fiscal Year 25-26: Community Resilience 101, Korean Senior Mental Health, Laughter is the Best Laughter, and Oral History Project for the Cambodian Americans.

Capacity Building Project Update & Discussion	API Stress Management Workshops – The Human Beauty Movement – Jennifer Norman - Conducting workshops for Chinese, Japanese, and Korean communities in LA County. - A total of thirty (30) workshops. - 95 Chinese. 80 Japanese and 60 to our Korean attendees. - An overall rating of 4.7 out of five stars. Likelihood of someone recommended the workshops was strong at 9.4 out of ten. A net score of 73. - Suggested bilingual sessions to be held as well as modified rates for the stipends (Dr. Alquijay replied “feel free to change the stipend amount for your consultants... we are not sure how much time things will take) API Outreach Program – The Human Beauty Movement – Jennifer Norman - Hosted seven mental health resource tables. - Over 120,000 paid media impressions. - 277 names that signed up for the API UsCC. - Workshops were attended by 65 community members versus a 50 goal. Significant improvements. - 23 online signups versus a ten goal on the UsCC. - We had four LA County vendor submissions. - Our events received 4.8 stars out of five and a 9.5 out of ten referral on the question “Would you refer to a friend.” - Suggested duration of events to be one hour and a half.
Community Announcements & Open Discussion on Non- Agenda Items	Dr. Alquijay: July 3rd Black and African Heritage Meeting
Labor Acknowledgement	Dr. Alquijay read the Labor Acknowledgement
Upcoming Meeting: July 28rd, 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/	