

Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health
API Underserved Cultural Communities (UsCC)
Subcommittee Meeting Minutes
Monday, August 25, 2025, 2:00 pm-4:00 pm

Present: Keith Wells, Richer San, Christina Barnes-Mathews, Evelyn Espinaza, Carla Jaramillo, Kerry Chhay, Dewayne Hervey, Riku Masuda, Korean Interpreter Sun, Rhoda Leier, Rosario Ribleza, Tuan D. Nguyen, Sam Tith, Violeta Leones, Mikey Olbes, Sithea San, Richer San, Traci Higa, Maria N Tan, Sheila Wu, Ashley Lanuza, Mariko Kahn, Sanghak Kahn, Grace L, Rocco Cheng, Ph.D., Onyou Kim_YouStar Foundation, Susana Ascencion, Kerry Chhay, Jennifer Norman, Chanthi Yi, Sophia Yeung, Vicky Sche, Dharni Patel, Bea Leung, Michelle Wong, Gustavo Martinez-Pelcastre, Yue Hua Xu, Wanyu Chang. CART Captioner: Rhonda Leier DMH Admin: Mirtala Parada Ward, Dr. Anna Yaralyan, Yailin Noriega	
Agenda Items	Comments/Discussion/Recommendations/Conclusions
Welcome & Introductions	Co-Chairs and Subcommittee Members
Land Acknowledgment & Community Agreement	Co-Chairs, Anna Yaralyan LA County Land Acknowledgment: https://lacounty.gov/government/about-la-county/land-acknowledgment/
Review of Meeting Minutes	The meeting minutes of July 28, 2025, were approved. Motion by Tuan D. Nguyen to approve minutes and seconded by Sithea San.
DMH Updates	Mirtala Parada Ward & Rosario Ribleza provided some updates. - API USCC Subcommittee has two new co-chairs, congratulations to them! As part of their co-chair responsibly, they will have to attend the Community Planning Team (CPT) Meetings at St. Anne's Conference Center (155 N Occidental Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 90026. - Community Planning Team (CPT) Meetings are held twice a month with one in-person meeting at St Anne's and the other one conducted virtually. And the next one at St Anne's will be held in-person, on September 7, 2025, 9:30am – 12:30pm to continue planning of the Behavioral Health Services Act (BHSA). The second meeting is on last Fridays of each month, 9:30am – 12:30pm, online. - Information was provided with reasons for creating and implementing the Community Agreement protocols for all the USCCs.

	- DMH administrative staff & API USCC Subcommittee members bid farewell to caring and hardworking API USCC Co-Co-chair Richer San, who's last meeting facilitation was at this meeting.
New API USCC meeting schedule discussions & suggestions!	A few API USCC Subcommittee meeting times were suggested to accommodate members' work hours: 1. 3:30pm – 5pm 2. 1pm – 3pm.
Labor Acknowledgement	Dr. Anna Yaralyan read the Labor Acknowledgement
Upcoming Meeting: September 22, 2025 (2:00 pm-4:00 pm) more information about the API UsCC, please see its website: ://dmh.lacounty.gov/about/mhsa/uscc/asian-pacific-islander-api-	

