

LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH

Access for All UsCC Minutes

June 11, 2025

10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Microsoft Teams Meeting

Attendees: Héctor Manuel Ramírez (co-chair), Carlos Benavides, Cody Hanable, Olina Rose Bishop, Maria Elena Arauco, Tendaji, Wendy Cabil, Daneta Calderon-Vital, Carter Dallian, Isabella Rodriguez, Rosy Tellez, Po, Racquel Decipeda, Amy Kay, Guillermo Medina Jr., Maria Tan, MargaretAnn Mendenhall, Fran Sereseres, Cynde Soto, Gabriela Velasquez, Irma Velasquez, Addison Rose Vincent, Junko Nagamatsu

DMH staff: Jamie Walker, Keianna Crenshaw, Alex Elliott, riKu Matsuda, Martha Ortiz, John Palacio, Dewayne Hervey, Tracy Tisino, Andrea Grimes, Yailin Noriega, Cintia Huitzil, Nyja Meadows

Interpreters and captioner: Alex (Spanish), Losha (Spanish), Darcy (ASL), Sharon (ASL), Cindy (CART)

Agenda Items	Discussion and Recommendations
Welcome and Disability Etiquette	Co-chair Héctor Manuel Ramírez welcomed participants, provided a visual description, and shared the disability etiquette. They shared the importance of visual descriptions, pronoun usage, and encouraged participants to use the raise hand function for questions and comments. They shared that turning on cameras can help with visual communication. Héctor shared a change in the agenda to shift the capacity-building project presentation to the following month to create space for community to process recent events.
Land Acknowledgment	Héctor Manuel Ramírez read the land acknowledgment .
Labor Acknowledgment	riKu Matsuda read the labor acknowledgement .
Community Care Conversation	An open space for community to process feelings and share any resources to assist community members in need.
Approve May Meeting Minutes	Amy Kay made an amendment to include her comment regarding the capacity-building projects. Corrected minutes will be presented in July for approval.
DMH Updates	Jamie Walker shared updates on the CAF orientation (July 15) and the next BHSA CPT

	meeting will be virtual on July 8. The CAF stipend is up to \$150 per month. Jamie will send out materials and offered to conduct a tailored presentation for Access for All members if needed. riKu shared the results from the Capacity Building Project vote: -Disaster response and preparedness project -Expanding mental wellness for blind and visually-impaired through art expression -Leadership project (carried over from previous year)
Co-chair Updates	Héctor shared the Mental Health Commission is having a stakeholder meeting and encouraged people to attend. They encouraged self-care and for folks to get out and attend community events.
Community Updates	Tendaji and Olina shared positive experiences with the Disability Culture Lab. Commissioner Sereseres shared a story about the LAX Metro opening and a project manager immediately addressing her concern about ADA compliance and accessibility. Junko shared GLAD's mental health resource event on June 14 is open to everyone. Cynde shared recent PASC wins at the state level. Racquel shared the Hearts for Sight hike is on June 21.
Closing	Héctor thanked everyone for attending and announced the next meeting on July 9, 2025