

Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health
API Underserved Cultural Communities (UsCC)
Subcommittee Meeting Minutes
Monday, 9/22/2025, 2:00 pm-4:00 pm

Present: Dr. Tuan D. Nguyen, John Palacio, Rhonda Leier, Sun Lim, Patricia Kusaba, Maria N. Tan, Sanghak Kan, Winnie Hsieh, Khathy Hoang, Geraldine White, Grace Leung, Belinda Rabano, Kerry Chhay, Richer San, Dr. Christina Barnes-Matthews, Dr. Chiyah Lawrence, Dr. Carla Jaramillo, Kerry Chhay, Dewayne Hervey, Riku Matsuda, Korean Int Samantha, Rosario Ribleza, Sam Tith, JR Kuo, Sithea San, Traci Higa, Sheila Wu, Mariko Kahn, Onyou Kim_YouStar Foundation, Jennifer Norman, Bea Leung, Yue Hua Xu. 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 8/25/2025, were approved. Motion by Richer San to approve minutes and seconded by Mariko Kahn.
DMH Updates	Mirtala Parada Ward & Rosario Ribleza provided some updates. - During the last BHSA meeting on September 9, at the Community Planning Team Meeting, the focus was on the MHSA & BHSA budget. - Under the new BHSA which will take effect on July 2026, there are budget changes. The Full Service Partnership Program, FSP budget under MHSA was 39%, and under BHSA it will be 35%. As indicated, this budget is less. - Services for homeless population and substance abuse will increase. An added component will be rental assistance for those in need. - Prevention funds will be taken out, however, there are funds for early intervention. This includes early intervention services workforce, education and training, housing, capital technology and innovation projects.

	- Funds will be provided for outpatient recovery and wellness-oriented services, and outreach & engagement. - Funds will also be provided for treatment services in institutional settings, including probation halls and camps. Also, for youth services and locked mental health treatment beds for adults. - Funds will also be given for outpatient & intensive outpatient services, and crisis stabilization. - Please attend the Community Planning Team Meetings to hear the latest on BHSA and share your community's needs. 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.
New API USCC meeting schedule discussions & suggestions!	New API USCC Subcommittee meeting time discussions continued. This is to accommodate members' work hours: 1. 3:30pm – 5pm 2. 1pm – 3pm.
Labor Acknowledgement	Dr. Anna Yaralyan read the Labor Acknowledgement
Upcoming Meeting: Monday, October 27, 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-	

