National Cybersecurity Awareness Month

National Cybersecurity Awareness Month (NCSAM) is observed in October annually. The County of Los Angeles presented our very own NCSAM Events. In 2021 we hosted weekly Cybersecurity Awareness presentations that were held using Microsoft Teams, in a safe virtual Covid free environment online. Jeffrey Aguilar, Acting CISO kicked off our month with opening comments.

Several County Information Security professionals rounded off weekly presentations with key partners about telework security, ransomware, and general awareness for the workplace and in our personal environments. The County Privacy Officer provided an insightful presentation on awareness. Closing comments were given by Peter Loo, Acting CIO with a wrap up of key themes and concepts.

LAC|WIT Data Science Series with Fei Wu

LAC|WIT started its first lunch seminar series on Data Science in mid-September. Fei Wu from the Office of the Chief Information Officer, has finished three hour-long presentations together with Data Engineers. They have introduced what cloud computing platforms are, how they differ from on-premise servers, and how advanced data engineering and analytical tools can provide insight for government operations.

More than 120 individuals have registered for the series and participated in various sessions. The lunch series also attracted an audience with diverse training backgrounds. We are very happy to see colleagues from Department of Health Services, Department of Mental Health, Department of Public Health, Department of Social Services, Chief Executive Office, A-C, Information System Advisory Board, and Registrar-Records County Clerk. On October 6th, we launched our first hands-on lab session for participants to run analysis in real cloud computing platform. Approximately 20

Irene Vidyanti Panelist at Webinar Asset Mapping

Irene Vidyanti from the Office of the Chief Information Officer, participated as a panelist for the "Asset-Mapping: A Strategy for Housing and Workforce Systems Collaboration." The panelists provided on-the-ground perspectives on implementing asset-mapping strategies in their communities and discussed how asset-mapping helped strengthen connections between workforce and homeless service systems.

Dara Papel Weinger, Senior Program Manager at the Corporation for Supportive Housing (CSH) and Irene Vidyanti, Senior Data Scientist at the County of Los Angeles Chief Information Office shared their experiences with asset-mapping in Los Angeles County, undertaken to coordinate housing and employment service delivery in two cluster communities. They detailed the steps taken to develop process and network maps, as well as to design streamlined referral network models. They also discussed takeaways, lessons learned, and next steps to reach their systems integration goals.