LA County
Office of Diversion & Reentry

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KEY PARTNERS
**Mission** - To develop and implement county wide criminal justice diversion for persons with mental and/or substance use disorders, including persons who are homeless.

ODR’s diversion and reentry goals will be focused on providing and coordinating services for at least 5000 people over a 3 year period.
ODR STRATEGIC GOALS

- **Goal 1** Develop and expand appropriate institutional and community-based clinical services for ODR target populations
- **Goal 2** Develop and expand supportive housing capacity to meet ODR client needs
- **Goal 3** Foster and develop collaborative relationships with justice partners to effectively use resources to meet ODR client needs
- **Goal 4** Develop an iterative community engagement strategy that promotes effective use of ODR services
- **Goal 5** Develop data and assessment tool initiatives to evaluate program effectiveness, and identify service gaps for ODR target population
- **Goal 6** Advocate for administrative and legislate change at the local, state, and federal level to improve diversion capabilities
Who are the people in MIST?

- Persons with serious mental disorders
- Often the most impaired persons in the jail population
- Often the most impaired persons in the community
MIST Community-Based Restoration Program

Collaborative ODR program that includes the following partners:

- Countywide Resource Management
- Jail Mental Health
- Jail Linkage
- Court Linkage
- Assisted Outpatient Treatment
- LAC Sheriff
- Defense Bar
- District Attorney
- The Court (Dept. 95)
- Court Clerk/Administration
- LA DHS Substance Abuse Prevention and Control
- DMH contacted providers
1. Defendant is declared incompetent to stand trial on a misdemeanor
2. Defendant is placed into MIST by Court, given treatment/competency training in jail
3. Case Referred to CRM, HFH or hospital interviews/accepts, placement secured
4. Conditional release requested from court, hearing calendared
5. Conditional release granted, Sheriff receives the order
6. Release is granted from Sheriff of the inmate and agency (provider) picks-up
7. Treatment, competency training, progress reports, court dates done in community.
Total MIST’s in custody: 210

Total released from jail into treatment since 10/2015: 202
1. 1000 units of ODR Supportive Housing
2. 300 units funded through Pay for Success-Just In Reach (JIR)

- Supportive services will be provided under DHS’ existing Intensive Case Management Services work orders and rental subsides will be provided through the FHSP.
- The housing plan provides interim housing as a bridge to permanent housing with maximum flexibility in terms of housing type (Project-based, Scattered-site, Board and Care).
REFERRAL SOURCES

Flexible and nimble referral process
Central District Court

Defendant identified by ODR as appropriate referral

Placement referral transmitted to court

Court reviews referral and schedules hearing

Hearing

Defendant not accepted, returned to filing court

Defendant Accepted
Case Settled

Conditional Release

Jail Linkage

Referral entered into Diversion Database

Triggers communication between providers, LASD, ODR, HFH

Evaluation completed

Coordinated Release
ODR HOUSING NUMBERS

Referrals since 8/1/16: 106

Total released from jail into housing and treatment since 8/1/16: 33
Questions?

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