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PSYCHIATRIC EMERGENCY TEAM

Psychiatric Emergency Teams (PET) are mobile response teams based in and operated by psychiatric hospitals approved by the Department of Mental Health to provide 5150 and 5585 evaluations. Team members are licensed mental health clinicians. PET operates similar to the Department of Mental Health Psychiatric Mobile Response Teams (PMRT) and provides additional resources in specific geographical regions.

Psychiatric Emergency Teams provide life saving services that increases the likelihood of effective outcomes for the homeless mentally ill person in situations when he or she encounters law enforcement personnel. Furthermore, these teams provide field responses to critical incidents such as school violence, earthquakes, or acts of terror. Despite these critical services the PET team provides, there is still a shortage of this significant mental health component.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors direct the Chief Executive Officer and the Director of the Department of Mental Health to report back to the Board in 30 days on the feasibility of expanding the Psychiatric Emergency Team to additional hospitals throughout the County of Los Angeles and the Department of Mental Health's Psychiatric Mobile Response Teams.

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