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***** MEDIA ADVISORY FOR WEDNESDAY, MAY 31, 2017 *****
GRAND OPENING OF LONG BEACH MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAMS

WHAT: Grand opening of the new Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health’s (LACDMH) Long Beach Mental Health offices on **May 31, 2017 at 11 a.m.**

The new location houses administrative offices and mental health programs, including **Specialized Foster Care and Service Area 8 Administrations, the Long Beach Child and Adolescent Program, the Long Beach Mental Health Center** and the **SB-82 Mobile Triage Team**.

The new location centralizes adult, child and specialty mental health services, including homeless and foster youth programs, and allows for a continuum of care critical to the mental health needs of the community. The expanded space will provide a welcoming environment for additional and enhanced client services, trainings and community meetings.

Speakers at the ceremony will include:

- **Janice Hahn**, Los Angeles County Supervisor, 4th District
- **Jonathan E. Sherin, M.D., Ph.D.**, LACDMH Director
- **Robin Kay, Ph.D.**, LACDMH Chief Deputy Director
- **Jeannine Pearce**, City of Long Beach Councilmember, District 2
- **Ronette Malibiran-Fajardo**, Long Beach Child and Adolescent Program
- **Evelyn Moran**, Long Beach Mental Health Center
- **Youngsook Kim-Sasaki, R.N., M.S.N.**, Mental Health Clinical Program Manager III

Al Austin, City of Long Beach Councilmember, District 8, and **Justin Ramirez**, Legislative Director for Long Beach Mayor Robert Garcia, will also join for the ribbon-cutting ceremony.

WHERE: Healthcare Partners Building
2600 Redondo Ave., Sixth Floor
Long Beach, CA 90806

WHEN: Wednesday, May 31, 2017, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. (**Media suggested arrival time:** 10:45 a.m.)
On-site media contact: H. Chung So, mobile: (213) 247-8027

- AUDIO/VIDEO OPPS:**
- Ribbon cutting ceremony with LACDMH leadership and local government officials
 - Leadership and staff talking about the mental health needs of the Long Beach community
 - Tours of the new location and programs.

About the Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health

Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health is the largest county-operated mental health department in the United States, directly operating 75 program sites and more than 100 co-located sites. Each year, it contracts with approximately 1,000 agencies and individual practitioners to provide a spectrum of mental health services to more than 250,000 residents of all ages. The Department’s mission – enriching lives through partnership to strengthen our community’s capacity to support recovery and resiliency – is accomplished by working with stakeholders and community partners to provide clinically competent, culturally sensitive and

linguistically appropriate mental health services to clients in the least restrictive manner possible. For more information, visit <http://dmh.lacounty.gov>.