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LACDMH CELEBRATES GRAND RE-OPENING OF LONG BEACH MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAMS

New building will help meet the growing need for mental health services in Long Beach.

Los Angeles, CA – The Department of Mental Health (LACDMH) is pleased to announce the grand re-opening of Long Beach Mental Health services, located at 2600 Redondo Avenue, 3rd and 6th floors, on **Wednesday, May 31, 2017 from 11:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M.**

“Located in the heart of Long Beach, this new facility will connect residents to a continuum of psychiatric services,” Supervisor Janice Hahn said. “This mental health center will serve as a critical access point for comprehensive, holistic and customized services to individuals, families and the community who need continued assistance.”

Serving the Long Beach area, Long Beach Mental Health Center has just completed a \$10 million renovation, financed through the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Capital Projects Fund. The new 25,000 square-foot center is designed to improve conditions and alleviate overcrowding. Using MHSA funding, LACDMH has implemented new programs to address the growing number of homeless persons with mental health needs. This much-needed renovation, which included demolition of the existing interiors, seismic upgrades of the structure, and replacement of the electrical, heating, ventilation and air conditioning systems, also includes redesigned space that will permit the hiring of additional outreach and treatment workers.

The newly built DMHC will retain Crisis Resolution and Wellness Services, and will now serve 3,000 clients through 75 staff. Other programs and services previously available at the main clinic will be provided at multiple sites throughout downtown to create greater service access to persons who need care.

“This new facility should be seen as the next step in the County’s total commitment for finding the combination of housing, addiction, mental health and other services that aim at providing comprehensive services for the Long Beach community,” stated LACDMH Director Jonathan E. Sherin,

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The Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health is the largest county-operated mental health department in the United States, directly operating programs in more than 85 sites, and providing services via contract program and DMH staff at approximately 300 sites co-located with other County departments, schools, courts and other organizations. Each year, the County contracts with more than 1,000 organizations and individual practitioners to provide a variety of mental health-related services. On average, more than 250,000 County residents of all ages are served every year. 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 setting.

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