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SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH JOINS LACDMH & DPW FOR DEDICATION & RIBBON-CUTTING OF NEW ARCADIA MENTAL HEALTH CENTER

New mental health center will help more families and individuals in the San Gabriel Valley.

Los Angeles, CA – Los Angeles County Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich joined the Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health (LACDMH) and the Department of Public Works (DPW) for a dedication and ribbon-cutting ceremony on **Friday, October 30, 2015** at the location of the new Arcadia Mental Health Center (330 East Live Oak Avenue, Arcadia).

Funded by the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA), the brand-new, 12,000 square-foot Arcadia Mental Health Center will accommodate more clients and services; up to 2,800 people annually in the surrounding community. The new facility has a waiting area, reception, business offices, a training/conference room, staff lounge and patio, therapy rooms, group room, exam room, private sound-proof offices for all clinicians and psychiatrists, and an outdoor patio, allowing integrated care treatment for clients as well as providing an environment conducive to *Hope, Wellness and Recovery*.

Also present at the ribbon-cutting ceremony were Kathryn Barger, Chief of Staff for Supervisor Antonovich; LACDMH Director, Marvin J. Southard, D.S.W.; LADPW Director, Gail Farber; and LA County Arts Commission Executive Director, Laura Zucker.

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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