



# Service Area leadership Team 7 (SALT 7)

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### ***Virtual Platforms: TEAMS & Call-In Conference***

- I. **Welcome/Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order on July 10, 2020 at 10:07am by Alicia Llamas, Department of Mental Health, SALT 7 Liaison and Jaime Gomez, DMH Community Health Worker.
  
- II. **Attendance**
  - Due to COVID19 meeting was conducted via virtual platform (TEAMS and call in) 43 participants attended the meeting.
  
- III. **June Minutes Review and Approval**
  - July 12, 2020
  
- IV. **SALT 7 Co-Chair Meeting Update**

Rick Pulido, SALT 7 Co-Chair

  - Reminded everyone that SALT 7 is seeking additional co-chair and encouraged members to apply. Also reminded non-members to complete membership application.
  - All in agreement, that August meeting would be cancelled; however, DMH would continue to filter pertinent information to SALT members.
  - Mr. Pulido reported possible collaboration with the Office of Hilda Solis for a Grab-N-Go community event to distribute non-perishable foods and other necessities such as diapers, baby wipes and other essentials.
  - Update on the MHSA 3year Plan. Encouraged participants to review as Dr. Sherin would like community feedback. All comments and suggestions could be mailed to the Board of Supervisors, Commissioners Office or SALT co-chairs.
  - Updates on the One Stop Shop centers in all Services Areas would provide mental health services focusing on Whole Person Care model
  - Update on Stairview Urgent Care Center in the City of Industry to open soon.
  - Update on Whittier Wellness Core Center which will be providing workshops to all community residents
  - Reported working with the USCC's, Carmen Acevedo and Dr. Orozco on Latin X support groups.



- Reported consensus between the Board of Supervisors and Dr. Sherin on the need to open opportunities within DMH for Latino clinicians in all capacities.
- Reported that in the coming months SALT bylaws would be reviewed.
- Reported on the need to re-establish AdHoc Committees post COVID.

#### **V. Office of Hilda Solis**

Antonio Chapa, District Director/Veterans & Homeless Liaison/East Los Angeles Region

- Reported on the motion by Hilda Solis to institute Restorative Villages which would improve bridge housing at LACUSC investing in underserved Latino communities, providing access to both health and mental health services. Plan is to provide:
  - 160 Bridge Housing beds
  - 96 Recuperative beds
  - 64 crisis resident care beds
- Reported on AB1185 which authorizes counties to establish sheriff oversight boards, either by action of the board of supervisors or through a vote of county residents.
- Reported motion by Hilda Solis to secure 21 million in funding for back to work youth programs. Currently 54% of all unemployment claims are from people between the ages of 16 to 25.

#### **VI. LACDMH Updates**

Manuel Rosas, LCSW - MHCPHIII

- Thanked all providers and DMH for attending and their service to the community.
- Service Area 7 Directly operated clinics continue providing services via telehealth, face-to-face and phone. 96% of all existing clients have been contact by staff.
- Intensive services, FSP accepting referrals.
- **Q&A for Mr. Rosas**
  - **Question: Homeless Team** – Home team across 2 service areas and who covers each geographical area, what are the cities in each area and who are the contact persons for each team?
  - **Answer:** SA 3 working the northern part and SA 7 the southern. Follow-up information would be provided at next SALT meeting regarding cities and contact personnel. If questions arise please contact supervisor Norma Salazar. Directly Operated staff are volunteering with HOME team conducting homeless outreach.
  - **Question:** Can you provide update on move to SA 7?
  - **Answer:** Building has been identified; no date has been established for the move.



- **Question:** Can you provide update on Roomkey Project?
- **Answer:** Home team continues to conduct outreach, connecting people Roomkey and permanent supportive housing. DMH working closely with LAHSA, DHS and law enforcement.
- **Question:** Do you anticipate Mental Health staff will be back to LAUSD schools?
- **Answer:** Discussions are fluid whether it is a mix between virtual and back to the classroom. School based programs are still providing summer virtual classes. Some providers are offering in-home services as requested by parents and taking the necessary precautions.

## **VII. Los Angeles County Mental Health Commission**

Susan Friedman, LACDMH Service Area 7 Commissioner

- Updates on MHSA 3year Plan provided. A one-year extension was provided due to COVID thus giving people an opportunity to review and submit comments, changes and or concerns to the Commissioners office in preparation to send revisions to the Board of Supervisors office. Some of the concerns shared was that the verbiage was difficult to understand and it was not translated into Spanish.
- **Q&A for Ms. Friedman**
  - **Question:** Where are we with the County Budget?
  - **Answer:** County and state do not really have an answer. Unemployment is high. Jerry Brown set-up a “Rainy Day” budget which is being used and it is projected that funds will run out by 2023.

## **VIII. DMH Office of the Director**

Pinki Mehta, Executive Assistant Office of the Director

- Provided SALT 7 budget updates. Allocated funds of \$50,000 are still available, however there is a purchasing freeze and service areas would need to complete a spending down plan which does not violate County Health Order or County purchasing policy.
- All spending plans need to be sent to Pinki Mehta for review and approval.

## **IX. Department of Public Health**

Alicia Martinez-Vargas, SA 7 Health Educator

- Reported on current COVID numbers.
  - Over 130,000 confirmed cases, reporting over 3000 deaths.
  - Shared the DPH Dashboard which provides up to date data.
  - 40% of cases are between the ages of 18-40.



- Reported that the Whittier Wellness Core Center will be providing virtual workshops starting July 13, 2020. Have been working with Rio Hondo and DMH Promotoras to provide mental health workshops. Encouraged providers to complete the “Interest Form” if they are interested in presenting on an area of expertise.
- Encouraged providers who are currently not informed on the Census 2020 or Public Charge to download toolkits to share with clients served.
- **Q&A for Ms. Martinez**
  - **Question:** Are there currently any focus groups to address the are group impacted by COVID?
  - **Answer:** We have established a Youth Advisory Council, 2 per service area to address messaging. Responses have been:
    - Confusion over mixed messaging coming from the government.
    - They are not afraid of getting sick because they do not feel they would require hospitalization.
    - They are just tired and really do not care.
  - **Comments:** Latinos are affected more with COVID due to families living in close quarters, they are frontline workers, they work in restaurants, they are cooks.
  - **Question:** Anything new on children symptoms?
  - **Answer:** On Kawasaki disease, nothing alarming to report.

#### **X. Department of Mental Health**

Alicia Ibarra, MHSCII, SA 7 Adult FSP Navigator

- FSP Adult, FSP, TAY Child and Older adult accepting referrals.
- Providers providing emergency face-to-face services as needed.
- Family members can refer to FSP and are able to complete applications.

#### **XI. Department of Mental Health**

Dr. Lori Arnold, Training Coordinator

- School Based Liaison meeting held on June 18, 2020. Next meeting scheduled for July 16, 2020 from 10am-12pm.
  - Attorney Galindo will present on Parent-To-Parent trainings for special needs children on IEP’s.
  - New format for Year end School logs have been implemented and are due on July 30, 2020.
  - School mental health referrals are down. Liaisons informed that providers are accepting referrals. Crisis intervention is available and parents have full school support.



**XII. Southeast Los Angeles(SELA) Health Neighborhood**

Alicia Llamas, MHSCII, SA 7 Outreach and Engagement Coordinator

- Invited attendees to join the Health Neighborhood virtual meeting scheduled for 7/14/20. Flyer and agenda to be sent out to all participants.
- Clergy Breakfast scheduled for 7/15/20.
- Clergy Roundtable scheduled for 7/28/20.

**XIII. Provider Announcements**

- American Indian Counseling Center
  - Telehealth services provided.
  - Will see client face-to-face on emergency basis.

**XIV. General Announcements**

- **Rick Pulido, SALT 7 Co-Chair** - Still accepting co-chair applications and SALT 7 membership applications.
- **Jaime Gomez, DMH** – Reminders flyers and agenda are attached for each SALT meeting.
- **Ruth Tiscareno, DMH** – Rent assistance applications will be available for LA City residents starting July 13, 2020. Those affected by COVID are encouraged to apply. Immigration status does not affect qualification.

**Adjournment:** Meeting ended on 7/10/20 at 11:37am