



# ▶▶ MENTAL HEALTH COMMISSION MEETING

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DMH CMO Updates

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▶▶ **Happy Holidays from DMH!**



## ▶▶ Key Initiatives

SB 317

New Legislation (effective 1/1/2022)

Repealed prior legislation that allowed restoration as an option for people identified as Misdemeanor Incompetent to Stand Trial (MIST).

Instead, they must be referred to diversion, collaborative justice, or community- based treatment.

The individual must accept the referral, services are provided only to the extent that resources are available, and the defendant is eligible for MH services

## ▶▶ SB 317

- DMH is working with courts to identify treatment options and to dedicate resources to meeting needs
- Treatment Options:
  - Outpatient Services
  - Enhanced Residential Services
  - Inpatient Hospitalization/IMD
  - AOT
  - Conservatorship



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Alternatives to Incarceration

*"Care First, Jails Last"*

## **ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION OFFICE**

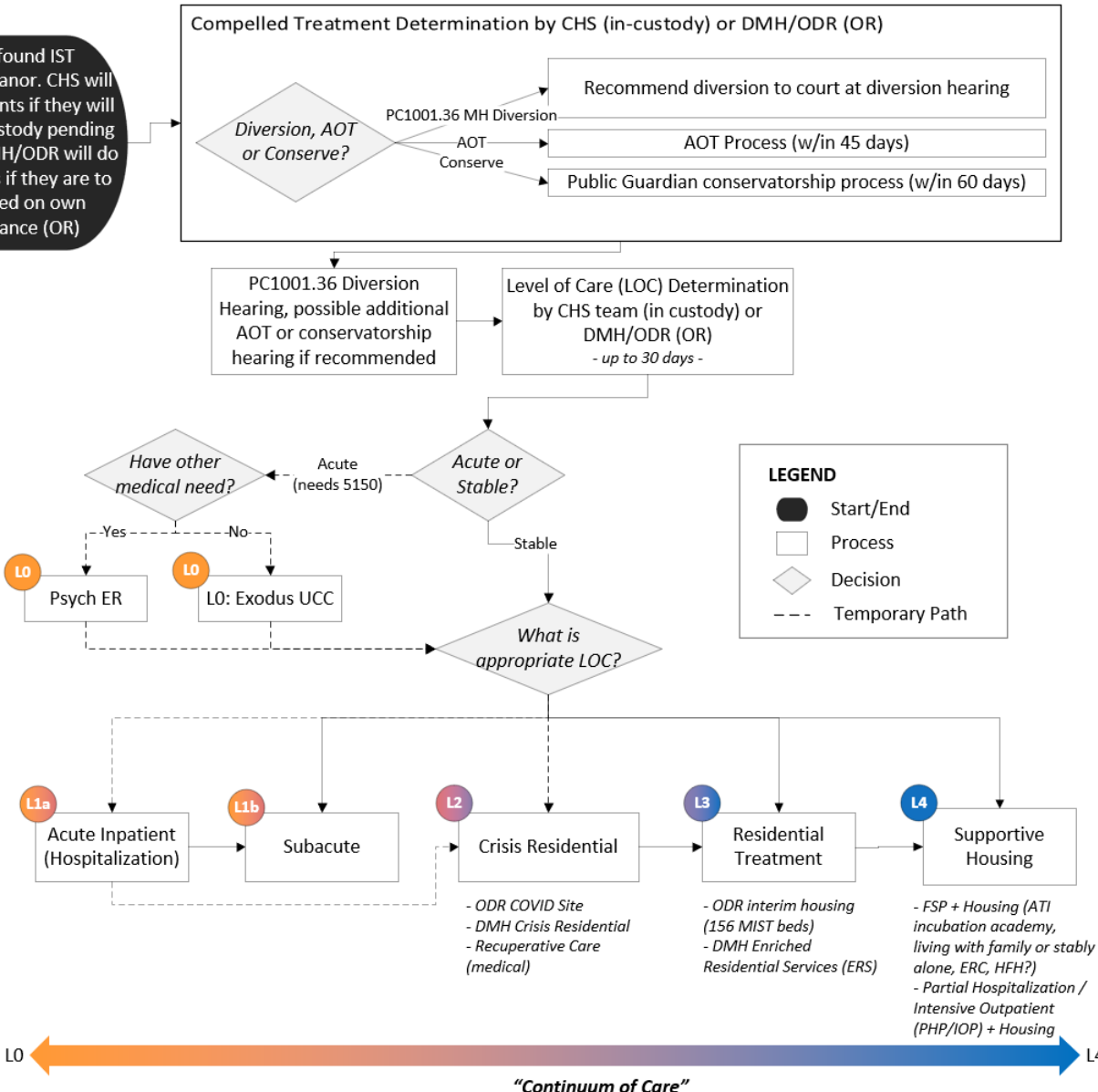
*Judge Songhai Armstead (Ret.) | Executive Director*

# SB317 MIST Proposed Process Flow

November 22, 2021

# County Proposed SB317 Process

Person found IST on misdemeanor. CHS will do assessments if they will remain in custody pending hearings; DMH/ODR will do assessments if they are to be released on own recognizance (OR)



## Notes

- Assumes CHS (for in-custody) or DMH/ODR (for released on own recognizance) will assess for compelled treatment to inform diversion hearing and begin AOT or conservatorship assessment processes, if recommended
- For L2 Crisis Residential:
  - ODR has 20 COVID-19 beds that will be repurposed as an unlocked stabilization spot for SB317 MIST population
  - Currently assumes average 1 week turnover at this site
  - Is recuperative care an option for those with medical needs but not at level of inpatient?
  - DMH has crisis residential beds in this LOC
- For L3 Residential Treatment:
  - ODR has 156 interim beds for the MIST population, with expected turnover of 20 beds/month
  - As a backup, DMH is making available ERS inventory, which would be comparable to ODR's beds
- For L4, DMH identified 2 additional FSP teams who could serve an additional 100-120 patients each, while the ATI Office expects to make available 400 beds over the next 2 years through the ATI Incubation Academy
  - Partial Hospitalization Program/Intensive Outpatient Program (PHP/IOP) will be available after July 2022
- Is Housing for Health (HFH) placements an option? DMH could add FSP services, which could increase housing options.
- Decanting: Ongoing assessments to move clients to lower levels of care and to create beds for new MISTs.

## ▶▶ General Updates

- Telework Continues (~72% of Department)
- # of clients served and # of visits has been steady over time
- % of in person vs telephone/video appointments increased slightly

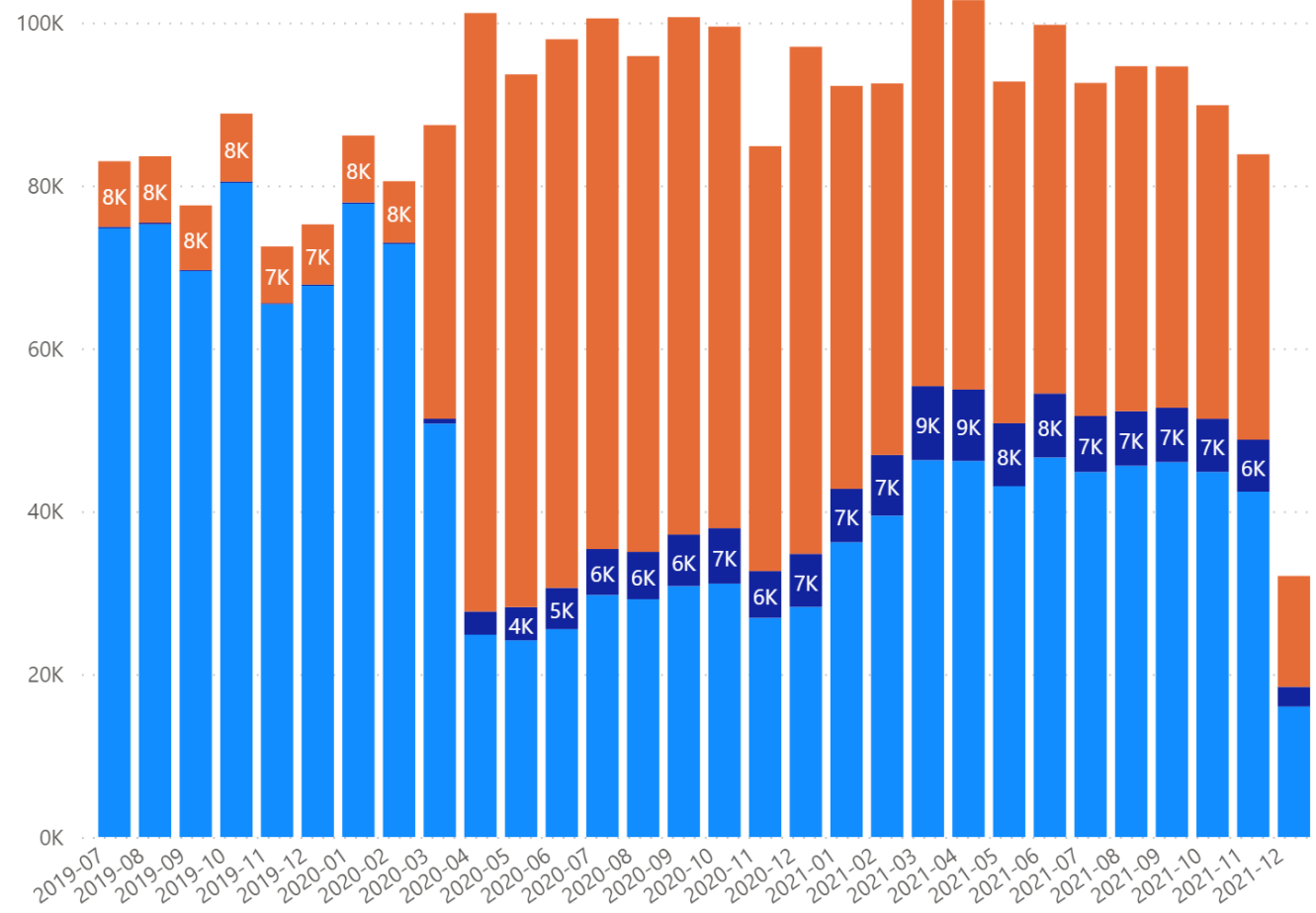


# Mental Health Services (DO)

Data as of 12/11/20...

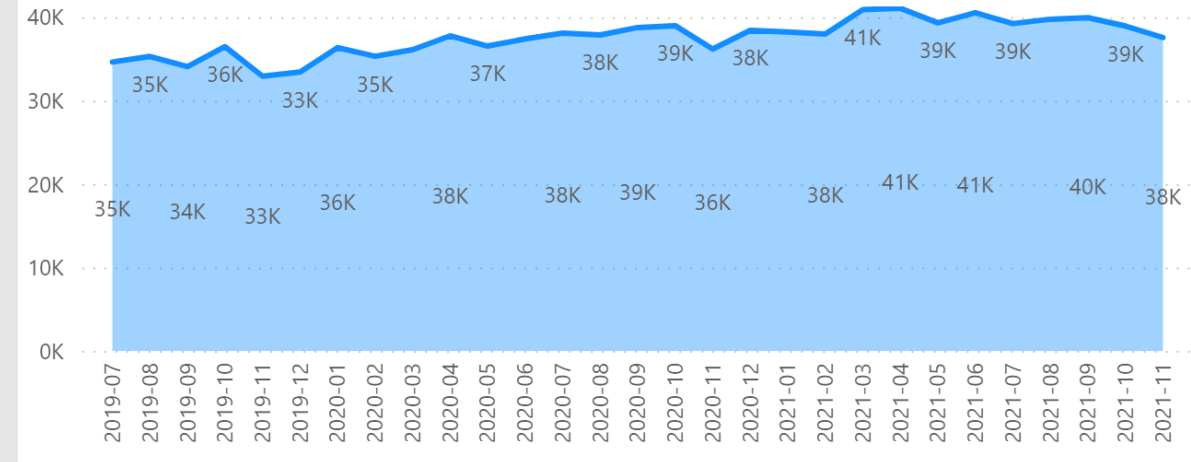
## MH Sessions over time

Session Type ● Other ● TeleMH/Video ● Telephone



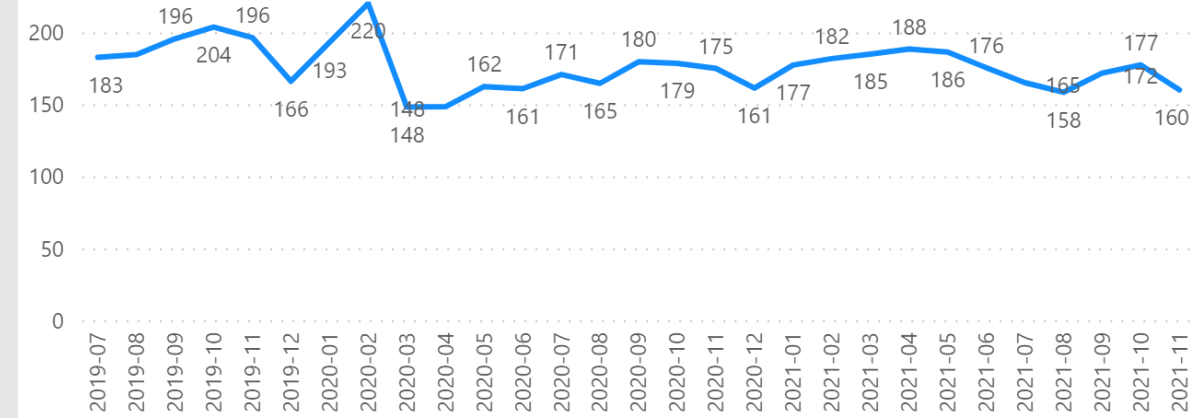
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## Distinct DO Clients Served



Based on posted services and unposted (excluding cancelled/missed) appointments. Includes Mental Health Services, Targeted Case Management, Med Support, Crisis Intervention

## DO Assessments per Business Day



Based on posted services and unposted (excluding cancelled/missed) appointments with Psychodiagnostic Assessment service codes



## ▶▶ Employee Wellness

**Workforce Wellness Workshops:** DHR is partnering with DMH and the DMH-UCLA Prevention Center of Excellence to expand the mental health and employee wellness resources available to employees and supervisors. Employees have access to [www.wellbeing4la.org](http://www.wellbeing4la.org), which has a large library of wellness and mental health resources

**iPrevail:** DMH, in partnership with iPrevail, offers LA community members free access to a customized support program through self-guided lessons, one-on-one chats, and support groups. Visit <https://lacounty.iprevail.com> for more.

# ▶▶ Help Line Reminder



**HOLIDAYS CAN  
BE STRESSFUL**

It's OK to ask for help

**24/7 Help Line 800-854-7771**

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# Questions?



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