



DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH

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Service Area 7 (SA7)
Service Area Leadership Team 7 (SALT7)



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I. **Welcome/Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order on April 8th, 2022, at 10:05am by co-chair Rick Pulido and Erica Corral and the Department of Mental Health (DMH), Service Area Leadership Team 7 (SALT 7).

II. **Attendance**

- Due to COVID19, meeting was conducted via virtual platform. Total of 58 participants. All participants encouraged to continue inviting friends and family.

III.

IV. **SALT 7 Co-Chair Meeting Updates**

V. **Rick Pulido and Erica Corral, SALT 7 Co-Chairs**

- Welcomed all participants and greeted new participants.
- Encouraged participants to consider becoming a co-chair.
- Acknowledged the accomplishments of Service Area 7, the opening of the Peer Resource Center, Pod Cast, and the Peer Leadership Committee.
- Encouraged participants to join the Board of Commissioner meetings and provide feedback on MHSAs priorities of our communities within Service Area 7.
 - Participant noted that at the last meeting that there were no breakout sessions for stakeholders as required and funds are not being distributed evenly throughout Service Areas.
 - Cuts on Outpatient and Outreach and Engagement services were mentioned.
- NAMI is working with colleges and high schools to bring “Ending the Silence” and assist students who are struggling with emotional, financial, and academic issues due to the pandemic.
- Thanked all Directly Operated and Legal Entity providers for their ability to streamline services to those in need of mental health.
- Homelessness has entered departmental discussions regarding disparities and resources to eliminate working in silos.
- Community Leadership Team meeting conducted an open forum in which the following items were discussed:
 - Psychiatric Emergency Response Teams and Crisis Intervention Teams
 - Law Enforcement response to psychiatric emergencies
- Peer Resource Center to open soon. Staff has been hired. More information to follow.
- Updated on co-chair service terms. Introduced the 2 applicants who have decided to become co-chairs. The 2 candidates each gave a brief biography to SALT 7 participants. Both were voted in as co-chairs by participants.
- Asked participants to complete survey on ways the SALT 7 could execute a





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May is Mental Health Awareness either in-person or hybrid. Suggestions were provided by participants.

VI. DMH-Service Area 7 Updates

Manuel Rosas, L.C.S.W, District Chief

- Introduced Ms. Matilde Gonzalez, Community Worker at the Service Area7 Peer Resource Center.
- Acknowledged the hard work of Directly Operated and Legal Entity clinics ability to step up and work through full capacity issues affecting all providers.
- Interviews are ongoing to fill positions within the Directly Operated clinics.
- Working with partner agencies in coordinating outdoor activities as requests for participation are increasing.
- May is Mental Health Awareness Month-Directly Operated are planning both in-person and outdoor events.
- Working on expansion of the Peer Resource Center. Programming development is ongoing.
- Increase in referrals. Directly Operated clinics are increasing their caseloads by 30% to 40% to ensure the community is getting served.

VII.

VIII. Peer Leadership Committee Report

Jaime Gomez, Peer Leadership Committee Liaison

- Ms. Johana Lozano was elected as the official “minute taker.”
- Peer Leadership Committee occurs the third Wednesday of the month from 10:00am-12:00pm.
- The Committee will elect a co-chair to organize and moderate the meeting.
- The Committee will develop a “Comfort Agreement” or guideline that will structure comportment of all members.
- The Committee will provide feedback on what activities they would like to see at the Peer Resource Center.

IX.

X. Announcements

- NAMI walks will happen May 21st at Grant Park.

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XI.

- Adjournment: Meeting ended on 4/08/22 at 11:53pm

For recorded meeting, please visit:

