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## What is Service Area Advisory Committee (SAAC)?

Service Area Advisory Committee 7 (SAAC) functions as a local forum of consumers, families, service providers and community representatives to provide the Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health (DMH) with information, advice and recommendations regarding:

- ◆ The functioning of local service systems
- ◆ The mental health service needs of their geographic area
- ◆ The most effective/efficient use of available resources
- ◆ The maintenance of two-way communication between the DMH and various groups and geographic communities

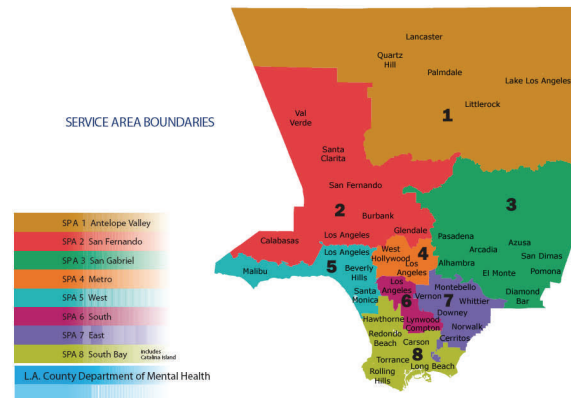
## You Can Help?

SAAC members reflect the rich diversity of their community. SAAC members represent:

- ◆ Different age groups; adults, adolescents and children
- ◆ Different ethnic groups
- ◆ Diverse neighborhoods and communities
- ◆ The homeless mentally ill
- ◆ Those diagnosed with both mental illness and substance abuse
- ◆ Families of consumers

## Community Groups Need Your Support?

You can help the Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health (DMH) address the needs of persons diagnosed with mental illness and their families by participating in the Service Area Advisory Committee (SAAC). Los Angeles County is divided into eight geographic service areas; each area has a Service Area Advisory Committee comprised of:



- ◆ Consumers
- ◆ Family members
- ◆ Community service providers
- ◆ Local management staff of DMH
- ◆ Community representatives

The SAAC advises the Department on mental health issues. It is their responsibility to:

- ◆ Provide feedback to the DMH on the quality of its programs and services
- ◆ Participate in the DMH planning efforts
- ◆ Educate its community on mental health issues
- ◆ Determine a community's mental health needs

## Become an Advocate for Mental Health in Your Community

### What Does Service Area Advisory Committee (SAAC)?

You can assist your community by becoming a SAAC member today and:

- ◆ Sharing your unique perspective on mental health issues
- ◆ Attending monthly meetings and learning about mental health issues
- ◆ Work to address special needs that encourage the development of meaningful, responsive services

### Who Can Join a Service Area Advisory Committee (SAAC)?

Consumers, family members of consumers, community organizations, mental health service providers, interested community members and representatives of local governments

### SAAC General Meetings are Open to the Public

Meetings are usually held on the fourth Friday of each month from 10:30 a.m.-12 noon at Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health Rio Hondo Mental Health Clinic located at 17707 Studebaker Road, Cerritos 90703.

It is advised to please call to confirm time, date and room location.