



Board of Supervisors Health and Mental Health Cluster Agenda Review Meeting

DATE: May 29, 2024

TIME: 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

MEETING CHAIR: Angelica Ayala, 3rd Supervisorial District

CEO MEETING FACILITATOR: Atineh Seganian

This meeting will be held in hybrid format which allows the public to participate virtually, or in-person, as permitted under the Board of Supervisors' March 19, 2024, order.

To participate in the meeting in-person, the meeting location is:

Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, California 90012
Room 140

To participate in the meeting virtually, please call teleconference number:

1 (323) 776-6996 and enter the following: 403 234 317# or [Click here to join the meeting](#)

For Spanish Interpretation, the Public should send emails within 48 hours in advance of the meeting to ClusterAccommodationRequest@bos.lacounty.gov

Members of the Public may address the Health and Mental Health Services Meeting on any agenda item. Two (2) minutes are allowed for each item.

THIS TELECONFERENCE WILL BE MUTED FOR ALL CALLERS. PLEASE DIAL *6 TO UNMUTE YOUR PHONE WHEN IT IS YOUR TIME TO SPEAK.

12:30 P.M. NOTICE OF CLOSED SESSION

CS-1 CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – POTENTIAL LITIGATION

Government Code Section 54956.9(a)

Department of Health Services

I. Call to order

II. **Discussion Item(s):**

- a. **DMH:** Community Assistance, Recovery, and Empowerment Act (CARE) Program Update

- III. Items Continued from a Previous Meeting of the Board of Supervisors or from the Previous Agenda Review Meeting
- IV. Items not on the posted agenda for matters requiring immediate action because of an emergency situation, or where the need to take immediate action came to the attention of the Department subsequent to the posting of the agenda.
- V. Public Comment
- VI. Adjournment



LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH

Community Assistance Recovery Empowerment Program (CARE): **UPDATE**

Martin Jones, Jr., LCSW, Countywide Chief
Department of Mental Health CARE Program
Wednesday May 29, 2024, 11:30am-1:30pm
Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration

CARE Summary

- CARE was successfully implemented in Los Angeles County on December 1, 2023.
- Regional offices were established in each of the eight (8) Service Areas.
- All Service Areas have the capacity to provide the full spectrum of CARE services.
- The CARE process is a voluntary Civil Court proceeding which is collaborative and supportive in its approach.
- The court proceedings are held at the Norwalk Courthouse, which also includes a legal self-help center.

CARE Data: Petitions

as of 05/20/2024

- Family Initiated Petitions: 137
- Non-Family Initiated Petitions: 4
 - Prototypes – 1
 - Hope the Mission – 2
 - Tarzana Treatment Center - 1
- DMH Initiated Petitions: 4

Total Petitions: 145

Hearings Scheduled to Date: 97

CARE Data: Reasons for Dismissal

as of 5/20/2024

- Incarcerated: 3
- Moved Out of County: 1
- Does not Meet CARE Criteria: 6
- Unable to Locate Client: 1
- Client Already in Treatment: 19

Total Dismissed: 30

CARE Data: Housing Status

as of 5/20/2024

- Housed: 94
- Not Housed: 44
- Justice System: 6
- Hospital: 1

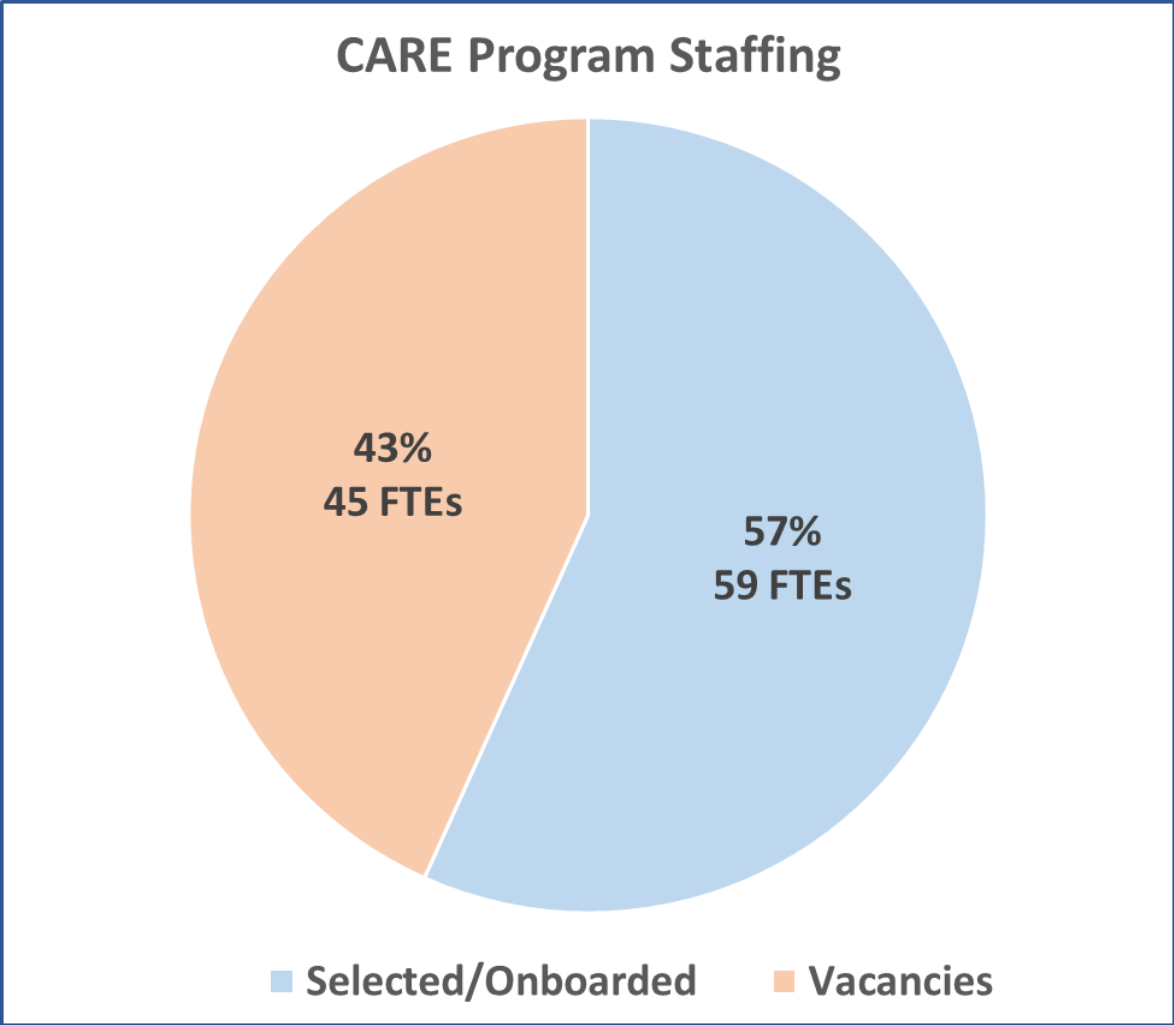
CARE Data: Non-Petition DMH Referrals

as of 5/20/2024

- SB317/Suitability Requests: 74
- PMRT/START/MET: 45
- Self-help Hub: 8
- Family: 10
- FSP: 3
- DHS: 4
- Public Guardian: 9
- AOT: 3
- Promoting Health Preventing Homelessness: 4
- DMH Outpatient Clinics: 9

Total Non-Petition DMH Referrals: 169

CARE Staffing Update



Positive Outcomes

- Ten (10) CARE Agreements
- One (1) CARE Plan
- Outreach & Linkage (as of 5/20/2024):
 - Self-help Calls – 61
 - Face to Face Consults at Court – 95
 - Community Contacts - 535

Opportunities

- Staff recruitment and retention
- Strengthening existing partnerships and building new ones
- Redefining what 'success' means
- The program continues to gain momentum

CARE in Action

Success must be defined one individual at a time:

- **Selected Vignettes**

CARE Resources and Links



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hope. recovery. wellbeing.

ABOUT DMH ▾ OUR SERVICES ▾ FOR PROVIDERS ▾ EVENT CALENDAR GET HELP NOW!

CARE COURT INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

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CARECourt

LA County Caring Together

The **Community Assistance, Recovery, and Empowerment (CARE) Court** is a [new state law](#) meant to address and treat those with severe mental health disorders, such as schizophrenia or other psychotic disorders, by allowing a court to order behavioral health treatment in community-based settings.

Web: <https://dmh.lacounty.gov/court-programs/care-court/>

Email: CARECourt@dmh.lacounty.gov

By focusing on a holistic, person-centered approach, CARE Court aims to break the cycle of homelessness and incarceration for individuals and promote long-term recovery through a civil court process. This holistic approach seeks to create a safe, supportive, and healthier community for all residents.

CARE Court is intended to be a path towards recovery for a very specific population of adults.

The goal of the program is to divert individuals with schizophrenia or other psychotic disorders from more restrictive settings (such as conservatorships or incarceration) into the community with a supportive Care Agreement or plan to meet their individual needs.

Voluntary treatment is always available and preferred to court involved/ordered treatment.

While the County of Los Angeles is part of the second legislative group/cohort, early implementation will allow us to optimize the resources and services offered across our departments during this state of emergency on homelessness and early CARE implementation.

CARE Court will begin accepting petitions on **December 1, 2023**, but help for community members does NOT have to wait. Residents and family members can access other LACDMH programs, services, and resources today through our website, calling our 24/7 Help Line at (800) 854-7771, or calling/texting the [988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline](#).

Explore the below sections for more information about CARE Court; program details will also be posted on [L.A. Court's website](#) soon. If you have additional questions about CARE Court, email CARECourt@dmh.lacounty.gov.

HOW CARE COURT WORKS

WHO IS INVOLVED IN CARE COURT

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS



Q & A