

ODR Permanent Steering Committee (PSC)

Quarterly Meeting
September 18, 2024

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

A Land Acknowledgement is a formal statement that recognizes and respects Indigenous Peoples as traditional stewards of this land and the enduring relationship that exists between Indigenous Peoples and their traditional territories. Developed over many months of collaboration with leaders from local tribes, on November 1, 2022 the Board of Supervisors unanimously voted to adopt a Land Acknowledgement for the County of Los Angeles.

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The County of Los Angeles recognizes that we occupy land originally and still inhabited and cared for by the Tongva, Tataviam, Serrano, Kizh, and Chumash Peoples. We honor and pay respect to their elders and descendants past, present, and emerging as they continue their stewardship of these lands and waters. We acknowledge that settler colonization resulted in land seizure, disease, subjugation, slavery, relocation, broken promises, genocide, and multigenerational trauma. This acknowledgement demonstrates our responsibility and commitment to truth, healing and reconciliation and to elevating the stories, culture, and community of the original inhabitants of Los Angeles County. We are grateful to have the opportunity to live and work on these ancestral lands. We are dedicated to growing and sustaining relationships with Native peoples and local tribal governments, including (in no particular order):

- Fernandeno Tataviam Band of Mission Indians
- Gabrielino Tongva Indians of California Tribal Council
- Gabrieleno/Tongva San Gabriel Band of Mission Indians
- Gabrieleno Band of Mission Indians Kizh Nation
- San Manuel Band of Mission Indians
- San Fernando Band of Mission Indians

PSC Agenda / September 18, 2024

1. Welcome and Introductions of PSC membership (including new representatives)
2. Substance Use Disorder Workgroup
3. Updates from Spring ODR Board Presentation (including ODR Site Visits by Judicial and Elected Officers)
4. ODR Lived Experiences Council/Committee and standing representative at PSC
5. Public Comments

PSC Standing Representatives

The PSC has participation and standing representation from:

- Partners in various County roles [Chief Executive Office, Superior Court, Offices/Departments of the Public Defender, Alternative Public Defender, District Attorney, Sheriff, Probation, Fire, Justice Care and Opportunities, Mental Health, Public Health, and Health Services]
- Community Members [Mental Health Service Providers, Mental Health Advocacy Organizations, Community Based Organizations, Peer Services, and those nominated by each Board office]

All of whom gather quarterly to advise ODR leadership on current and future prospective clinical programs and supportive services

ODR Mission

ODR implements and expands programs to divert individuals with serious mental, physical and/or substance use needs away from the criminal legal system and into tailored/long-term community-based care, housing and support services.

Office of Diversion and Reentry (ODR)

Created in 2015, the Office of Diversion and Reentry (ODR) within the Los Angeles County Department of Health Services, has launched many successful innovative programs, helping to safely remove thousands of individuals from the jail system and supporting thousands more who have been released from incarceration or are on probation supervision in the community. Through a harm reduction and public health approach, ODR has also run successful community-based diversion programs to keep both adults and youth from being arrested and incarcerated. ODR programs include ODR Housing, FIST, MIST, Maternal Health and LEAD.

ODR Housing

ODR Housing program is a permanent supportive housing program serving individuals who are homeless, who have a serious mental health disorder, and who are incarcerated in the Los Angeles County Jail. Created in 2015, the program is offered to pretrial individuals who are charged with felony offenses through a partnership with the Los Angeles County Superior Court. The program works to resolve cases early and bring clients out of jail and into ODR Housing with either a grant of PC 1001.36 diversion or a grant of probation.

FIST (Felony Incompetent to Stand Trial)

The FIST program diverts individuals who are facing felony charges, and who are found incompetent to stand trial, out of jail and into community-based settings. The community-based settings, ranging from acute inpatient to open residential placements, are tailored to meet the needs and clinical acuity of the clients. This program reduces the wait list and wait time of those waiting in jail for State Hospital placement.

MIST (Misdemeanor Incompetent to Stand Trial)

The MIST program diverts individuals facing misdemeanor charges, who are found incompetent to stand trial, out of jail and into community-based settings where they receive housing and clinical care. The community-based settings, ranging from acute inpatient to open residential placements, are tailored to meet the needs and clinical acuity of the clients.

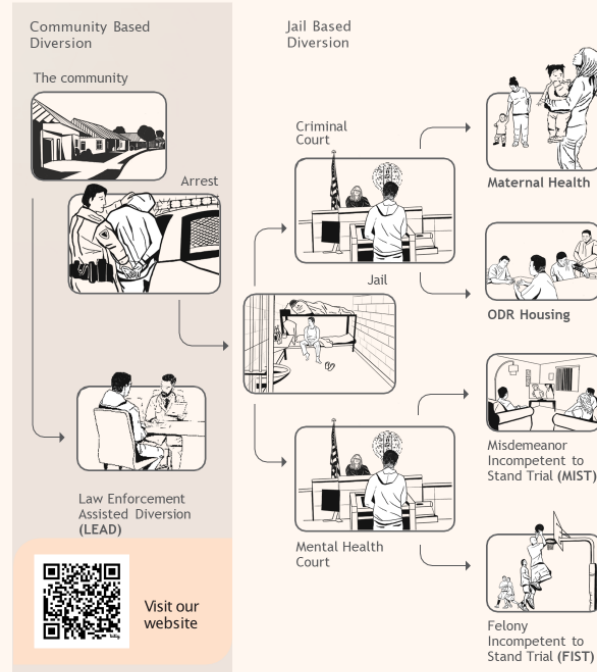
Maternal Health

The Maternal Health program diverts pregnant women out of jail and into the community with supportive services and housing. The program works to meet the unique needs of women through a harm reduction approach that ensures that participants receive prenatal care and specialized services. The majority of women reside in specialized interim housing settings that allow them to remain with their children until they can move into permanent supportive housing and care.

LEAD (Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion)

LEAD is a non-punitive, community-based system of response and care to better address root causes of frequent contact with law enforcement that is related to substance use, unmet mental health needs, and/or extreme poverty. It is centered at the intersection of public health, public safety and racial justice. ODR started the LA County LEAD program in 2017 to serve individuals who have multiple contacts with the criminal legal system and who are at high risk for recidivism. LEAD serves persons who are typically excluded from or underserved by existing programs (including people who are transgender, people experiencing homelessness, immigrants, people living with HIV), and persons who are disproportionately impacted by racial disparities in policing, arrests, and sentencing. LEAD accepts referrals from both community members and law enforcement, whether or not a crime has occurred, and offers individualized services and care.

Office of Diversion and Reentry



ODR was established in 2015...in less than a decade, it has received national attention for its innovative programs, informed by evidence based practices, and has grown to 150+ personnel with an operating annual budget of \$433.68M



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ODR Housing

- Began August 2016
- Permanent supportive housing, intensive case management, formal probation

Persons currently active: 2,370
Persons in permanent supportive housing: 1,401

Total Released:
5,247



MIST-CBR & Diversion

- Began October 2015
- Misdemeanor Incompetent to Stand Trial Community-Based Restoration

Persons being restored in community on active court order: 136

Total Released:
3,579



FIST-CBR & Off-Ramp

- Began July 2018
- Felony Incompetent to Stand Trial Community-Based Restoration
- Off-Ramp, competency findings & services under PC 1370 (a)(1)(g)

Persons being restored in community with active court order: 641
Persons found competent while in jail and avoiding State Hospital: 586

Total Released:
2,956



Maternal Health

- Began March 2018
- Diversion of pregnant women from custody

Persons currently active: 72

Total Released:
295



DSH Diversion

- Began March 2019
- Ended October 2022
- Specialized use of PC 1001.36

Total people diverted: 595

Total Released:
595

**Oct. 2015 –
July 2024**

**Total Clients
Released from
Jail into
Community
Services:**

12,672

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ODR SUD Workgroup

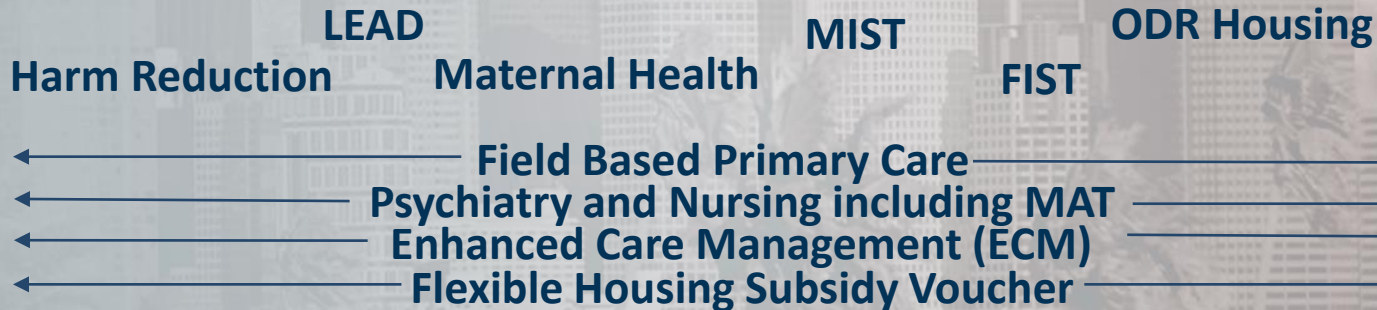
Status Update:

- Group began in April, meeting every other week for 1 hour.
 - Representatives from: ODR, DPH-SAPC, DMH, PSC, Harm Reduction, and CBOs from ODR (IH & PSH) DMH, SAPC.
- 5 Key Priorities:
 - Reducing overdose deaths
 - Training and capacity building for provider staff on working with people who use drugs/alcohol
 - Initiating and continuing medication assisted treatment (MAT), and access to contingency management
 - Housing to meet individuals' SUD needs
 - Establishing uniform policies/practices across ODR providers as it relates working with people with SUD
- Each meeting has focused on one key priority area
- In parallel to the workgroup, there was a short justice partner series with information from Brian Hurley, MD, Medical Director for Substance Abuse Prevention and Control

ODR SUD Work with County Justice Partners

- County Justice Partner Information Sharing:
 - Completed a 4-week justice partner series hosted by ODR about Substance Use Disorders and Treatment options.
 - Each week information was shared by, Dr. Viet Nguyen, Medical Director for ODR, and Dr. Brian Hurley, Medical Director for Substance Abuse Prevention and Control.
 - Drs. Nguyen and Hurley participated in data informed psychoeducation conversations with county justice partners about ODR and SAPC partnerships, the public health model of Harm Reduction, substance use treatment levels within a continuum of care, Contingency Management (CM) programs, and Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT).
- ODR shared existing practices available to ODR Participants and those under consideration as prioritized by the Workgroup priority areas.

ODR supports individuals across the entire Sequential Intercept Model (SIM). By addressing the holistic needs of individuals (including their complex underlying physical and behavioral health and social concerns), we create a lifelong continuum of health focused care, housing, and social connections to support ODR members in their community with the help of the community...



ODR Programs

Current Services/Spaces:

MIST

FIST

LEAD

Maternal Health

ODR Housing

Psychiatry

Harm Reduction

Substance Use/MAT

Nursing

Primary Care

Thoughts on future spaces for ODR growth?
[ex: Funding/Resources, Populations, Programs]

ODR Lived Experiences Council

As discussed in the June PSC meeting, the establishment of Community Programs Lived Experiences Council/Committee is a priority for leadership:

- Create systems and conversations which stomp out stigma
- Engage with one another with authentic communications and transparency
- Work to build trust among county and community partners
- Provide leadership with recommendations to incorporate lived experience into job exam language and pathway to employment
- Collaborate and co-create: conceptual design, authorship, implementation and outcomes

ODR Lived Experiences Council/Committee

Anticipated timeline:

- Philanthropic funding is expected to support a DHS project manager to assist with administrative activities of the Council/Committee
- The LE Council/Committee will work with ODR leadership and providers to design, refine, promote, evaluate and improve programs
- LE Council/Committee members will be eligible for financial recognitions (ex: gift cards/prepaid debit cards) for their input and participants with subject matter expertise
- Recruitment for membership anticipated to begin in the Fall 2024

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ODR Public Discussion

A place and space for conversation and dialogue

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ODR Website / QR

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Thank you for being here today AND being a member of the ODR PSC!
Next meeting: December 2024