

HOMELESS POLICY DEPUTIES MEETING AGENDA

MEETING WILL TAKE PLACE IN PERSON WITH A VIRTUAL OPTION

Date: Thursday, October 10th, 2024
Time: 3:00 – 4:00 PM
Location: Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple St.,
Room 374-A
Los Angeles, CA 90012

For members of the public who wish to join virtually or over the phone, please see below:

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	AGENDA ITEM	LEAD
I.	Welcome and Introductions	Amy Perkins, Third District
II	Behavioral Health Bridge Housing Status Updates	Maria Funk, Ph.D., Deputy Director, Housing and Job Development Division, Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health Tyler Fong, Senior Director of Program Initiatives, Brilliant Corners Gary Tsai, M.D., Director, Substance Abuse Prevention and Control Department of Public Health
III.	Items Recommended for Future Discussion	
IV.	Public Comment*	

* Public Comment is limited to one minute. Those joining virtually interested in speaking should raise their hand on Microsoft Teams and unmute once called upon by the Chair. Those on their phones should press *5 to raise their hand and *6 to unmute.

NEXT MEETING: October 24, 2024

▶▶ Homeless Policy Deputies Meeting: Behavioral Health Bridge Housing Status Update

Maria Funk, Ph.D.
Deputy Director
Housing and Job Development Division



October 2024

▶▶ BHBH Program Overview



- Grants \$1.5 Billion in State funds to implement Bridge Housing for people experiencing homelessness and living with serious behavioral health conditions (Serious Mental Illness/Substance Use Disorder) through June 30, 2027.
- Provides operational funds (at least 75% of funds must be used for operations) and Start-up Infrastructure (no more than \$75,000 per bed and no major construction).



- DMH awarded a total of \$316 million through Round 1 and Round 3.
- 2023 Board Motion granted authority to accept the funding, enter into an agreement with Advocates for Human Potential and accept additional funding.
- Used **delegated authorities under the homeless emergency** to enter into a sole source contract with Brilliant Corners and to hire several DMH BHBH staff to support implementation and oversight efforts.



- Department of Public Health Substance Abuse Prevention & Control awarded \$61.9 million from Round 1.

▶▶ DMH's BHBH Program Overview (Rounds 1 & 3)



Start-up Infrastructure (Rounds 1 & 3):

- Contributions to the purchase of property
- Initial purchase of furniture, equipment, and appliances
- Minor renovations to make necessary accessibility modifications
- Costs related to facility renovations, including allowable adaptive reuse.



Rental Assistance (Rounds 1 & 3):

- Funding for rental assistance subsidies
- Prioritized for CARE Court participants in need of immediate housing, who do not qualify for other housing resources.
- These funds may also support shared housing arrangements such as those with friends and family.



Interim Housing Operations (Rounds 1 & 3):

- Funds to expand and enhance non-congregate Interim Housing settings (no dorm-like settings) for individuals with Serious Mental Illness.
- Funds will support facility operating costs, housing navigation, supportive services and the opportunity to fund enhanced clinical services.
- Updated DMH IHP Statement of Work (SOW) and Interim Housing Minimum Service and Operations Practice Standards.



Auxiliary Funding in Assisted Living Facilities (Round 3 Only):

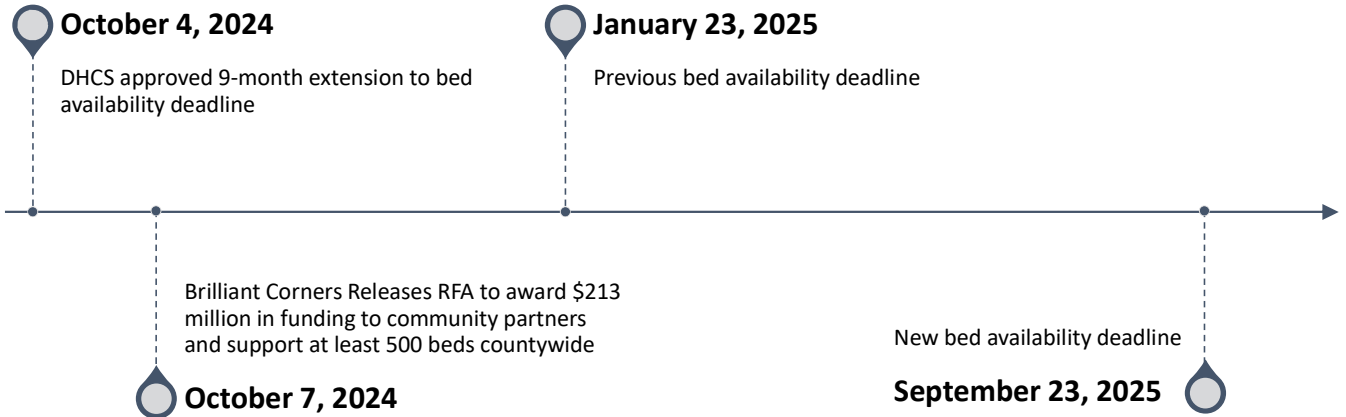
- Funds for enhanced licensed residential care facilities (aka board and cares)
- Supports the successful placement of people who need enhanced licensed residential care.
- Similar model to Enriched Residential Care program.

▶▶ Brilliant Corners (BC) Contract

- Selected to be third party administrator
- Executed contract on July 1, 2024
- Entered into agreements with current DMH Interim Housing Program (IHP) providers and issuing on-going payments
- Administering the interim housing solicitation
- Overseeing BHBH funded start-up infrastructure projects
- Administering rental assistance payments to landlords, and will administer auxiliary funds payments to licensed residential care facilities
- DMH will continue to provide direct oversight of the overall implementation and administration of the IHP, including providing ongoing contract monitoring, technical and administrative support to its network of operators.



DMH BHBH Program Updates: Round 1 funding



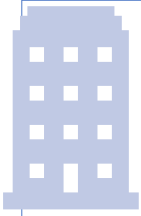
Request for Applications: IHP

Applicant Opportunities



Request for Applications: IHP (Cont.)

Funding Priorities



Project Readiness: Projects that create new, non-congregate interim housing beds and are "turnkey ready," will receive the highest priority.



Enhanced Clinical Services: Applicants proposing to add Enhanced Clinical Services to their interim housing sites will be prioritized to the extent that a realistic plan is presented for recruiting, retaining and providing appropriate clinical supervision to the Mental Health Clinician, LVN or similar staff hired to implement the services. This will be reimbursed at a supplemental rate.

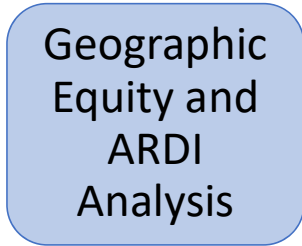


All applicants awarded Interim Housing Operations Funding will receive a Standardized Base Rate per participant per night, calculated with one formula used for single adult beds and another formula used for family units.



The Standardized Base Rate formulas are currently being finalized based on information and findings from the August 2023 Abt Associates Cost Study.

Request for Applications: IHP (Cont.)



Current distribution of interim housing beds across the County was analyzed in consultation with the County's Office of Racial Equity, which leads the County's Anti-Racism, Diversity, and Inclusion (ARDI) Initiative.



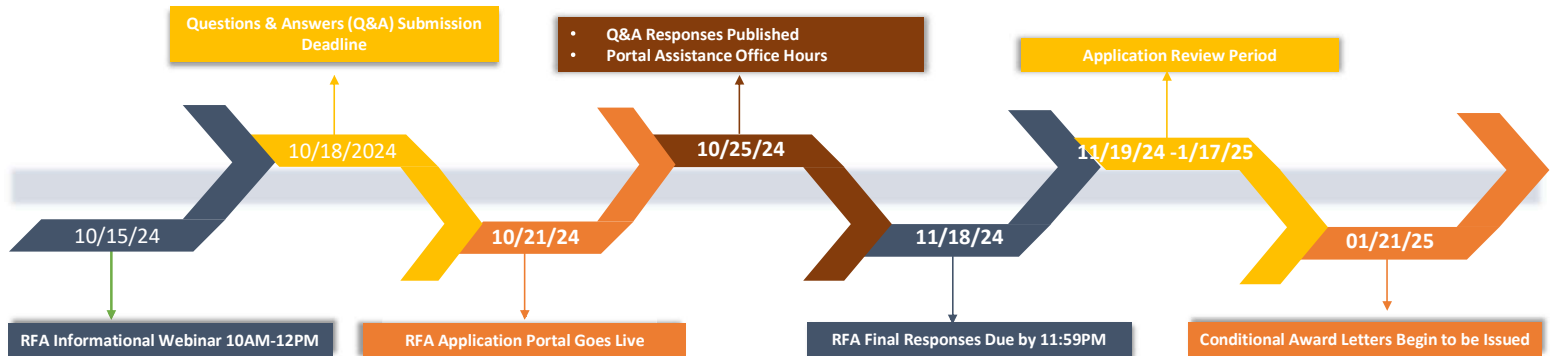
Took into consideration the current geographic distribution of DMH IHP beds, the geographic distribution of interim housing beds in the County funded by other public entities and the geographic distribution of people experiencing homelessness in the County as reported by LAHSA in its 2023 Point-in-Time Count.



Based on the analysis, proposals will be selected within each SPA group in accordance with the estimated geographic need for the SPA.

SPAs 4 and 6 have a higher concentration of interim housing beds and RFA will prioritize all other SPAs. Proposals for SPAs 4 and 6 will still be considered.

Request for Applications: IHP - Key Dates and Events



Additional Updates

➤ Round 1

- Rental Assistance Program protocols and forms being finalized and rollout/training for CARE court teams anticipated in next month
- Crocker Phase 2 – 50 Triage beds still in negotiations with the owner of the building

➤ Round 3

- Original BHBH agreement between AHP and DMH will be replaced by an Amended and Restated agreement
- Draft sent by AHP and currently under review by DMH CDAD and County Counsel
- Auxiliary funds for assisted living – determining process for allocation
- Metropolitan State Hospital – 70 interim housing beds
 - Collaborating with Department of Public Works who will release a solicitation
 - Part of a larger campus that will include subacute beds and permanent supportive housing

THANK YOU

QUESTIONS/COMMENTS



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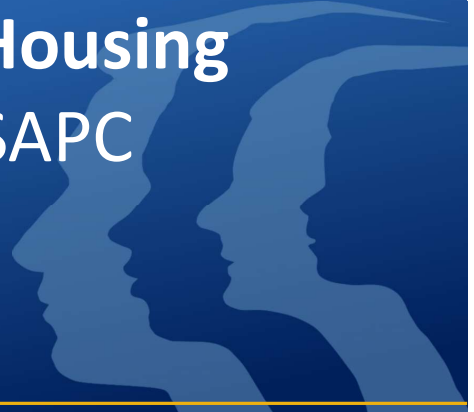
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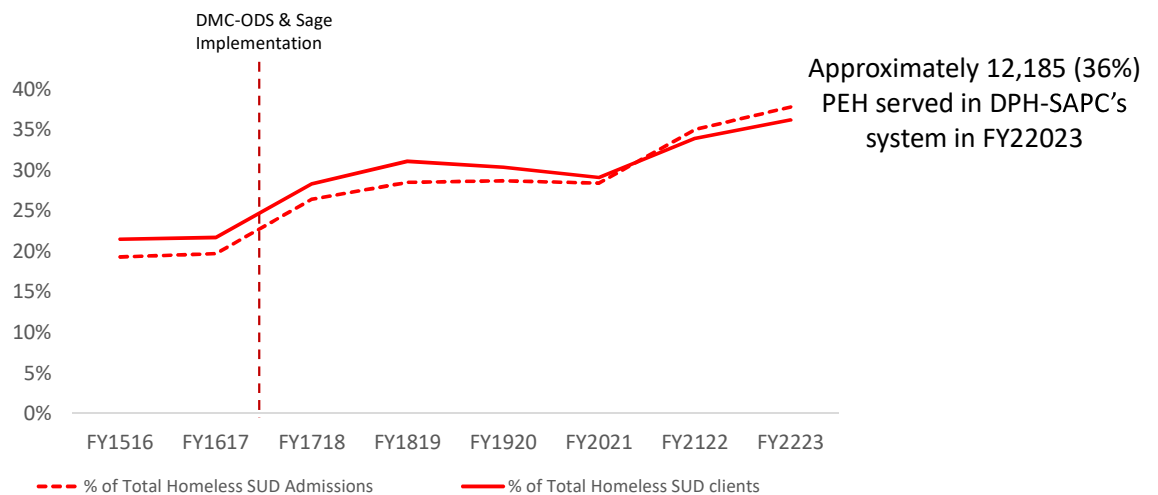


Behavioral Health Bridge Housing (BHBH) Update – DPH-SAPC

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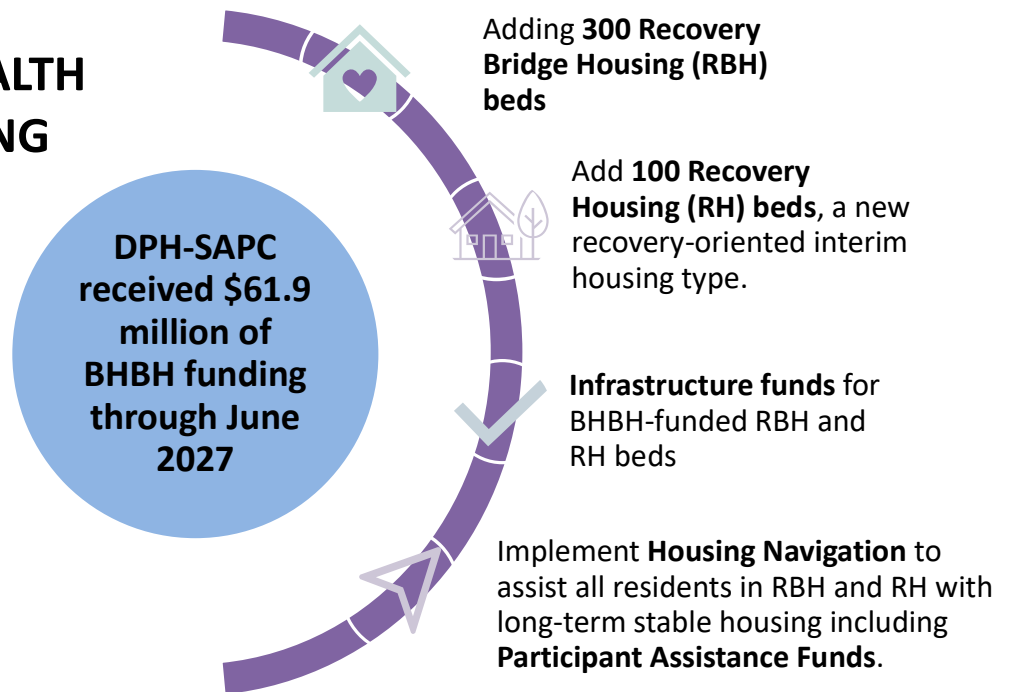
% Homeless Clients (Admissions) Served, FY2015-16 – FY2022-23



Note: Provided trends of the proportion of homeless population against the overall SUD clients (admissions).

Source:
California Outcome Measurement System (CalOMS)/Los Angeles County Participant Reporting System (LACPRS) data; Substance Abuse Prevention and Control, Los Angeles County Department of Public Health; Medi-Cal Eligible Data System data;

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Recovery-Oriented Housing Options in Los Angeles County

Recovery Bridge Housing

Recovery-oriented, peer supportive interim housing that provides a safe living environment for patients who are homeless or unstably housed **while receiving some form of concurrent outpatient SUD treatment**.

- ☑ **Stays of up to 180 days**
- ☑ Funded through Measure H, opioid settlement, BHBH, SUBG

Recovery Housing

This is a **NEW** option that will be available later this FY. It is the same as RBH except:

- ☑ **Longer lengths of stay** – up to 365 days.
- ☑ **Will not require concurrent enrollment in outpatient SUD treatment**, though participation in SUD treatment will be encouraged.
- ☑ Will be funded through BHBH and Opioid Settlement funds

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BHBH Program Implementation Status

Recovery Bridge Housing (300 BHBH funded)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Contracts have been executed for 266 beds The remaining 34 beds are pending contract execution
Recovery Housing (100 BHBH funded)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 57 beds are pending contract execution The remaining 43 beds are pending
Start-up Infrastructure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Informational Notice was provided to eligible RBH and RH providers in September 2024 Providers were informed that all infrastructure activities and projects must be completed by January 31, 2025
Housing Navigation (covering a total of 1750 beds)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Contracting has started for 1 provider agency A survey has been released to identify additional agencies The goal is to identify one Housing Navigation provider per SPA

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Rollover Request of BHBH Funds

- Funds that were unspent in FY2023-2024 were due to delays in the contract execution between DPH-SAPC and the State (DHCS/AHP).
- SAPC will request to rollover unspent funds from FY2023-2024 to add the following for the next 3 years (FY2024-25 – FY2026-2027):

Original Request	Rollover Request from Unspent Year 1 BHBH Dollars	Total if Approved
100 Recovery Housing beds	45 additional Recovery Housing beds	145 Recovery Housing beds
38 Housing Navigators	2 Housing Navigators	40 Housing Navigators
None requested in Round 1 application	Stipends for a Lived Experience Advisory Group	N/A

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