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## Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health



## Service Area Advisory Committee 6 (South Los Angeles)

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

Service Area Advisory Committee (SAAC) 6 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 DMH and various groups and geographic communities

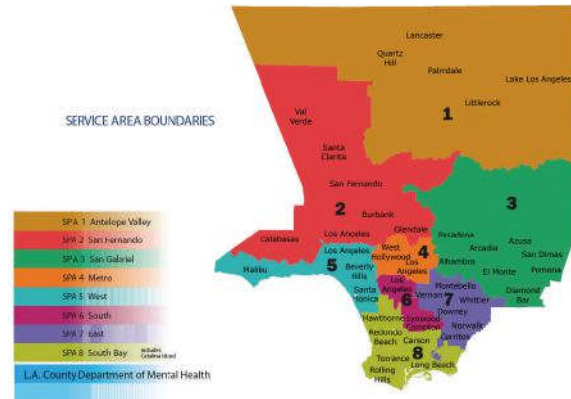
## You Can Help?

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 DMH on the quality of its programs and services
- ◆ Participate in DMH planning efforts
- ◆ Educate its community on mental health issues
- ◆ Determine community mental health needs

## Become an Advocate for Mental Health in Your Community

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

- ◆ Sharing your unique perspective on mental health issues
- ◆ Attending monthly meetings and learning about mental health issues
- ◆ Working 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 held on the third Thursday of each month from 10:00am - 12:00noon in two different locations to accommodate participants that reside or work in different areas of South Los Angeles. From January through June, SAAC meets at West Central Family Mental Health Center, 3751 Stocker Street, Los Angeles, CA 90008 and from July through December at Claude Hudson Auditorium, 12021 S. Wilmington Ave., Los Angeles 90059.

It is advised to please call (213) 738-3779 to confirm date, time, and meeting location.