



ANGELES COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH

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*** MEDIA ADVISORY FOR MONDAY, JULY 30, 2018 ***

LONG BEACH BEHAVIORAL HEALTH URGENT CARE CENTER GRAND OPENING

WHAT:

Clinicians, community leaders and mental health advocates will gather to celebrate the opening of the Long Beach Behavioral Health Urgent Care Center (BHUCC), a 24/7 psychiatric urgent care facility that will serve the greater Long Beach community with a comprehensive range of mental health services for adult and adolescent populations, including:

- 24-hour psychiatric urgent care facility
- Staffed with doctors, nurses and mental health therapists
- Walk-in crisis center component
- Individual and group therapy rooms
- Linkage to housing, social services and other resources

These services are designed to reduce the need for psychiatric hospitalization, ease the burden on hospital emergency rooms, assist law enforcement teams in mental health-related calls, prevent unnecessary incarceration, and help people with mental health challenges get appropriate help.

Tours of the facility will be given after the official ceremony.

WHO:

Speakers at the ceremony include:

- Kent Dunlap, President and CEO, Stars Behavioral Health Group
- Supervisor Janice Hahn, Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors, 4th District
- Jonathan E. Sherin, M.D., Ph.D., Director, Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health
- Robert Uranga, Long Beach City Councilman, 7th District
- Kelly Colopy, Director, Long Beach Department of Health and Human Services
- Steve Albrecht, Star View Regional Administrator
- Yvonne Lozano, Long Beach BHUCC Administrator

WHERE:

Long Beach BHUCC Parking Lot
3200 Long Beach Blvd.
Long Beach, CA 90807

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WHEN:

Monday, July 30, 2018
10 a.m. to noon

Media Suggested Arrival Time: 9:45 a.m.

About the Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health

The Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health is the largest public mental health system in the United States. Consistent with the mission of Los Angeles County, the department provides services to the County's most vulnerable residents. For more information, visit <http://dmh.lacounty.gov> or follow @LACDMH on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#) or [YouTube](#).

About Long Beach Department of Health and Human Services

The mission of the Long Beach Department of Health and Human Services is to improve quality of life by promoting a safe and healthy community in which to live, work and play. Long Beach Health is one of only three city-run health departments in California, allowing for better engagement with its people, neighborhoods, businesses and community partners, and a greater understanding of the City's strengths and needs. For more information, visit us at www.longbeach.gov/health, "Like" us on [Facebook](#) and follow us on [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#).

About Stars Behavioral Health Group

In operation since 1988, Stars Behavioral Health Group (SBHG) serves more than 20,000 children, adolescents, adults, and families annually. With headquarters in Long Beach, the company has 41 different locations statewide in nine California counties and employs more than 1,500 behavioral health professionals, paraprofessionals, and support staff. Star View Behavioral Health is a subsidiary of SBHG.

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