

APPROVED:

Motion made Commissioner by second by Commissioner

DISCUSSION

1. Call to Order / Roll Call /Acknowledgements: ASL Interpreters, Spanish interpreters, CART captioner, technology and multimedia team, and staff support

Commissioner Root (P), Commissioner Padilla-Frausto (AE), Commissioner Friedman (P), Commissioner Stevens (P), Commissioner Barbour (P), Commissioner Austria (P), Commissioner Dalglish (P), Commissioner Banko (AE), Commissioner Okonji (P), Commissioner Molina (P), Commissioner Acebo (P), Commissioner Sanabria (P), Commissioner Cooperberg (P), Commissioner Weissman (P), Commissioner Schallert (P), Lily Sofiani (P) – **QUORUM PRESENT**

Administrative Matters

2. Approval of July 28, 2022, minutes - Motion to approve July minutes including April minutes corrections moved by Commissioner Sanabria second by Commissioner Schallert

Ayes (10) Commissioner Root, Commissioner Barbour, Commissioner Stevens, Commissioner Austria, Commissioner Okonji, Commissioner Molina, Commissioner Acebo, Commissioner Sanabria, Commissioner Cooperberg, Commissioner Schallert

Abstain (1) Commissioner Friedman

Presentations

3. DMH Financial Update - Kim Nall, DMH Financial Manager - *see supporting documentation*

Ms. Nall spoke about FY 2022-23 Adopted Budget, Supplemental Budget Request, and Supplemental Budget Changes:

Adopted Budget \$3.107 billion - Primary funding sources

- 45% State and Federal Medi-Cal – \$1.4 billion
- 28% MHSA – \$872 million
- 18% Sales tax realignment – \$551 million

Supplemental budget request–\$118.1 million

- Salaries and Employee Benefits–\$8.9
- Services and Supplies–\$99.5
- Other Charges–\$5.4
- Capital Assets–\$4.3

Supplemental budget changes

- Alternative Crisis Services (ARC)—\$38.2 million
- Mental Health Services—\$13.3 million
- Operations—\$15.8 million
- One-time Funds—\$50.7 million

Commission Discussion

Commissioners inquired about the locations for the new ACR expansion, list of the positions being hired, time schedule and location for the expanded PMRT teams, what therapeutic transport vans are 24/7, would like continued updates on equitable resources across the county and recognizing workforce challenges trying to serve the county.

4. DMH Administration and ODR Update - Dr. Lisa Wong, Acting Director, Mental Health Administration Update

Dr. Wong presented updates on staffing stats issues, shortage of mental health professionals nationwide, student loan repayment, academic outreach to recruit UCLA students.

Department staffing—6,484 budgeted full-time items, 4,695 filled

Teleworking—71% are teleworking varies number of days per week

FSP Teams—2,032 positions

Student Loan Repayment— FY 2022-23 \$400,000 grant. Recruitment incentive is \$75,000

Field Bonus—Working with CEO on enhancing field bonuses, signing and retention bonus

Commission Q&A on Administration Update

Commissioners inquired about helping nonprofits with staffing; spoke about a report suggesting if doctors ask every patient about their mental health, it may increase mental health visits; creating equity among continuum of care in LA County; staffing community ambassadors within organizations; oppressive caseload issues.

ODR Update

MHSA funds to DHS Office of Diversion of Reentry to serve people who experiencing homelessness with mental health, serious mental health issues, and being diverted from incarceration in county jails. The program is offered to pretrial and post-convection defendants with criminal felony cases:

- 395 clients to be served
- 198 interim beds
- 197 permanent supportive housing subsidies
- Service component will be 395 DHS, ICMS and 395 mental health service leverage

Proposed Budget Structure

Estimated \$25 million funding for 395 clients over three years, with optical expansion years of funding. Possible leveraging (20%) could bring in additional funding.

Staffing

- DHS administrative staff (6)
- Monthly joint meeting with DHS and DMH to discuss program structure, services, and budget,
- Met with CEO to explore funding opportunities and challenges.

Next Step Implementation

- DHS will be finalizing the budget and confirm the recommended leveraging from Medi-Cal eligible clients with DMH
- DMH and DHS together will finalize the required MHSa outcomes to be collected. Subsequently, DMH will meet with CEO to confirm the finalized structure.
- Engage in the required MHSa stakeholder review, public posting, and go forward with a board letter for approval

Commissioner Q&A

Commissioner inquired about what will the \$25 million accomplish if not been allocated. (*Response*-it allows care for this group of clients who are high risk, have lot of disadvantages, able to provide services and give them a place to stay.)

5. Legislative Analysis - Cynthia Wheaton, DMH Legislative Analyst - *see supporting documentation for details*

Ms. Wheaton highlighted the adopted 2022-23 state budget, several state and federal bills, and grants.

Adopted 2022-23 State Budget

- \$1.5 billion healthcare workforce package
- \$1.4 billion for 5 years added to Medi-Cal community based mobile crisis intervention services,
- \$8 million one-time to support 988 launch, Medi-Cal coverage for undocumented adults,
- \$290 million for behavioral children's health and youth mental health implementation.

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SB 154 aka Budget Act of 2022

- Main budget bill signed on June 27, 2022

AB 179 Budget Junior Bill

- Signed June 30, 2022. Care Court provisions:
Includes \$57 million one-time commitment, \$31 million to all counties for planning and implementation, \$26 million for counties in the first cohort, \$3 million judicial council to implement care, the Care Act, and \$250,000 distributed to legal aid community-based organizations to train, support and coordinate the Care Act.

Federal Level

Bipartisan Safer Community Act signed by Present Biden on June 25, 2022

\$8 million SAMHSA funding implements changes to the mental health care system, school safety programs, and gun safety laws

Grant Opportunities

- \$47.5 million for school based mental health and \$37.6 million for the project Advancing Wellness and Resiliency in Education (AWARE) \$10 million for RECAST (Resiliency in Community After Stress and Trauma) to help high risk youth, families, communities facing civil unrest, violence, and trauma. and families.

SB 1338 Care Court - signed on September 14, 2022

- First cohort includes Glen, Orange, Riverside, San Diego, Stanislaus, Tuolumne counties, and San Francisco city and county. LA County is part of cohort 2 will represent the remaining population of the state to begin December 1, 2024.
- DMH assembled an internal work group to prepare for its role in the Care Court process and focus on developing and implementing timeline, implementation plan, and gather best practices.

Commission Q&A

Commissioners inquired about who can apply for funding sources for schools? (*Response*-new federal grant opportunities are available now.)

6. Stakeholder Community Planning Process – Darlesh D. Horn and Robert Byrd, Mental Health Program Managers

The presentation provided information about the DMH stakeholder community planning process. The process will be like the SLT model and engage stakeholders around the MHSa plan and 3-year annual updates. The process will begin with a 2-day retreat to seek feedback from stakeholders, DMH developed trainings, and go over the process for MHSa resolution. **See supporting documentation for details.**

Commissioner’s Comments

Commissioner spoke about incorporating the PAC committee and establish a subcommittee to look at stakeholder groups to fulfill our obligations.

7. Incubation Academy – Darlesh D. Horn and Robert Byrd, Mental Health Program Managers, *see supporting documentation*

Mental Health Incubation Academy Transforming LA Extension Year, 29 agencies are participating. The purpose of the extension year is to provide:

- Trainings by DMH subject matter experts to aid in the development of the CBOs service delivery efforts
- Additional technical assistance to CBOs required terms and conditions for the County’s contracting process to prepare them to compete for future solicitations
- Community Partners will continue to serve as the fiscal intermediary and primary point of contact for the CBOs

8. Update on SB 803 (Certification of Peer Support Specialists) DMH Implementation Updates

Scott Hanada, Mental Health Program Manager III presented information on DMH implementation updates

Quality Assurance

- Guidelines and training for billing utilizing new Procedure Codes

Human Resources

- Recognition for certification; tracking certified staff; union relations

Training

- Initial training; continuing education

Contract Development and Administration

- Statement of Work for Legal Entity (LE) contracts; contract amendments

Contract Management and Monitoring

- Support for adding services to programs

Budget / Finance

- Allocation/reallocation of funding

Directly Operated Programs

- Integration of Peer Services
- Certification of staff

CALMHSA

- Scholarships; applications; examination; certification

Legal Entities

- Recruitment for scholarships; application technical support; trainings

Directly Operated

- Recruitment for scholarships; application technical support, trainings; examination support

Staff

- Communication; consultation; support

9. 988 Program Update - Jennifer Hallman, Mental Health Program Manager - *see supporting documentation*

The 988 Call Center is for anyone experiencing a behavioral health crisis at anytime and anywhere in LA County.

Updates

- Contract with Sycamores mobile crisis outreach team to provide services to SA 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6
- Expanding mental health field response teams to be 24/7
- Received proposal for a program in SA 5, negotiating for SA 7 and 8
- Coordinating with key stakeholders including various cities interested in mobile crisis response
- Data – 30% increase in calls, 20% increase in chats, and 173% increase in texts since July 16; data reflects a 27% increase in overall volume

10. Community Stakeholder Quarterly Reports (2 min) SALT, UsCC, CCC, Faith Based, PAC (Peer Advisory Committee)

Pastor Nah - The last SALT 4 meeting for 2022 on November 17th, Thursday. And that's the Celebration for Heroes. That's the title of the meeting, Celebration for Heroes. So, the purpose of the meeting is to encourage clients, providers, family members, as well as DMH staff. We would like to encourage each other, and we would like to comfort each other. One of the biggest purposes of this meeting, Celebration for Heroes, is to expand SALT 4 so that, I mean, the people could bring, you know, the candidates for SALT 4, and we prepare the Korean barbecue and gifts, small gifts. That's all.

Sade Richardson - Co-chair for the Black and African Heritage subcommittee. The subcommittee has received a DMH update regarding the preparation for the community planning process. We also continue to discuss at the monthly meetings the update to expand the Lifelinks book to include the SPA Area 8 and the Antelope Valley, which many of the African Americans reside, and the Africans also.

We, last month, had a presentation from ARDI about the state of Black LA; however, there in the presentation we did not see the concept and the approach. It wasn't fully in the report -- well, in the presentation for us to provide feedback, enough feedback to give them the feedback. So, they'll be returning with the report so we can give them more detailed information.

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For the two of the '21-'22 capacity building projects have been awarded, and one is still pending until DMH determines the vendor. And that is the Seekers Project. And the capacity building project for '22-'23 will go out in January.

The subcommittee has also assessed the flyers that was created for the outreach on behalf of the Black and African Heritage Subcommittee for marketing purposes. We also have made changes to the agenda to involve the public and those who would like to present on as volunteers. Those we would like to involve the public and those who would like to volunteer to present on community engagement efforts and/or mental health or social support concerns. And we're not sure how well this is going to go, but we're hoping that it's going to be a good turnout to involve the public in our meeting.

And I believe that that is the report that we have for the month of September

Johana Lozano - Co-chair for the Cultural Competency Committee, which belongs to the Cultural Competency Unit. From updates on us is that we are currently doing a lot of work with the blog, which is called the Cultural Competency Cultural Connections -- sorry, Cultural Connections Newsletter. And we have gotten a lot of input from the community that they want to hear more voices from the youth. So, we're currently coordinating with different schools and getting the flyer to get submissions for this newsletter translated into different languages using the Promotores.

We're also currently advocating because of the community's need that the Promotores be paid a livable wage. We've also have been working a lot with the ARDI Division. We've been invited to participate with at the recent retreat. However, from my experience, just going to the ad hoc meetings that are for planning the retreat, they were quite hostile. So, I don't feel safe going to those. However, I believe other co-chairs will be attending. So that is -- it's good for --You know, that's the word getting there. And that's it. So, thank you so much. And, again, my name is Johanna, the co-chair of the Cultural Competency.

ANNOUNCEMENT:

Commissioners and County Council recommended to cancel the remainder of the MHC meeting at 1:44 pm due to an unexpected ASL Interpreters exit.

Updates

11. Board of Supervisors Update – Lily Sofiani, Second District Representative
12. MHC Retreat - Friday, October 14, 2022, Venue: Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels
Agenda Item: Review FY 2021-22 Accomplishments & Develop FY 2022-23 Strategic Goals
13. DMH Workforce and Vacancy Update – Ad Hoc Committee

14. Commissioner Updates

Public Comment

15. Public Comment: Agenda & Non-Agenda Items (2 min)

Opportunity for members of the public to address the MHC on items of interest that are within the jurisdiction of the Commission. You may submit public comment by email to MHCCommission@dmh.lacounty.gov, by mail or in person: 510 South Vermont Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90020.

Adjournment