



# ▶▶ Highlights from the DMH Update February 2023

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# ▶▶ HIGHLIGHTS: ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATES

- DMH Leadership Position Promotions include:
  - Program Manager I (San Fernando Child and Family Services)
- DMH Hiring Efforts to Date:
  - FY 2021-22: 519 new hires/promotions
  - From July 2022-January 2023: 505 new hires/promotions
  - Clinic Programs: (Adult Outpatient, Child/Family Outpatient, Full-Service Partnership)
    - For the month of January 2023:
      - 28 positions filled
      - 80 positions pending hiring transactions (candidates selected/pending/start dates pending)
      - 183 positions currently in stages of recruitment (actively interviewing)
- MH Commission Referrals Update:
  - 3 Constituent referrals between January 26, 2023, to date.
  - 2 Confirmed contacts
  - 1 Contact information not available

# HIGHLIGHTS: TOPICS TO CONSIDER FOR FULL ▶▶ COMMISSION PRESENTATIONS

- **Legislation:**

- Newly introduced State legislation

- **MHSA Update:**

- Update on Stakeholder process for Mid-Year Adjustment and Annual Update
- Mid-Year Adjustment programs
- Innovation (INN) proposals:
  - Interim Housing Multidisciplinary Teams
  - Care Court Advocate
  - Peer Support Team
- Next Steps:
  - Annual Update presentation to Commission in March 2023
  - Transition to full community planning process

## ▶▶ HIGHLIGHTS: MOTIONS

**January Board Motions:** In January 2023, the motions below was approved by the Board that are to be **submitted by** DMH.

- **Housing and Homelessness Incentive Program (HHIP) Agreements with L.A. Care and Health Net (Revised Item 13, Agenda of January 24, 2023)**

**Purpose:** To move forward with accepting and spending the HHIP funding which aims to address the social determinants of health and health disparities.

- **Establishing a Roadmap to Address the Mental Health Bed Shortage (Item 41D, Agenda of January 24, 2023)**

**Purpose:** To evaluate the current and forecasted bed capacity needs and build a roadmap to fund and sustain these beds.

# ▶▶ HIGHLIGHTS: REPORT RESPONSES

## January Report Responses:

- **Student Mental Health Trainees (Item No. 15, Agenda of October 18, 2022)**
  - Expand and enhance the number of directly operated program that serve as training sites
  - DMH identified 6 additional sites
  - Increase of 125 training slots
  - Regular meetings with the Department of Human Resources to increase education and outreach to graduate programs
- **9-8-8 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline Rollout Update (Item 28, Agenda of December 20, 2022)**
  - Dr. Wong presented an update to the Board at the January 24, 2023, Board meeting
  - Highlights:
    - Approx. 5,000 calls per month
    - 95% resolved over the phone
    - Included metrics and demographics for October 2022 and November 2022

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- **High Desert Crisis Residential Treatment Programs (Item 91-A, Agenda of December 6, 2022)**
  - Assessed the utilization and disposition of clients at the High Desert Behavioral Health Urgent Care Center
  - Analysis showed a need for Crisis Residential Treatment Program (CRTP) in Service Area 1
  - DMH Recommendation:
    - Potential location for a CRTP at the High Desert Restorative Care Village Campus
    - Application submitted for a Behavioral Health Community Infrastructure Program (BHCIP) grant for capital programs



# QUESTIONS



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