

## **7DMH Updates for the MHC Executive Committee Meeting July 2023**

### **1) MH Commission Referrals Update:**

- DMH received four (4) constituent referrals from the MH Commission during the month of June. All four constituents were contacted. Three of the referrals were for mental health services, and one referral related to partnering with DMH in future May as Mental Health Month events.

### **2) Report Response:**

- **Report Back on Collection of Standardized Urgent Care Center (Item No. 34, Agenda of April 28, 2015).** [Link](#)
  - The report provides an update on the ten currently open mental health Urgent Care Centers (UCCs) from July 2022-December 2022, including, but not limited to, data on services delivered, client demographics, number of clients, number of visits, and average length of stay for each facility. A few of the overall data points are highlighted below.
    - ◁ 20,261 individuals served overall
    - ◁ 19, 216 total unique visits
    - ◁ 45.7% overall utilization rate
- **Addressing the Ongoing Board and Care Crisis (Item No. 2, Agenda of November 12, 2019).** [Link](#)
  - **Mental Health Resource Location Navigator (MHRLN):** DMH is in the final stages of transitioning the tool to be available on the DMH Website which will provide easier access to providers searching for available beds. Estimated launch summer 2023.
  - **Licensed Adult Residential Care Association (LARCA):** At the time of the report, LARCA membership included 235 members. The members elected a Board of Directors in August 2022, as part of the requirements to obtain a non-profit organization status. The 501c3 application was submitted to the State. LARCA has also developed several membership committees and is in the process of developing a marketing campaign, an insurance program to offer liability, property, and workers compensation insurance at a discounted rate for facility owners and providing free continued education trainings. One of the main focuses is to advocate for an increase to the State Non-Medical Out-of-Home Care (NMOHC) Rate.
  - **Capital Improvement Projects:** The Capital Improvements program will now be integrated into the larger Community Care Expansion (CCE) Program supporting adult residential facilities.
  - **CCE Program:** There are currently five awardees in Los Angeles County (County), totaling \$41.1 million and 276 new beds. Of the five, three have Participation Agreements (PA) with the County.

DMH has been awarded just under \$42 million in Operating Subsidy Payments (OSP) funds and approximately \$55.5 million in Capital Projects (CP) funds. DMH will partner with the Los Angeles County Development Authority (LACDA) to implement and oversee the CP portion.

- Closures: Between July 2022 and March 2023, a total of 19 new Adult Residential Facility (ARF) closures for a loss of 157 ARF beds and a total of 27 new Residential Care Facilities for the Elderly (RCFE) closures for a loss of 355 RCFE beds. Of those, none served DMH or DHS-Enhanced Residential Care (ERC) clients.
- **Quarterly Update on Initiating the Hollywood 2.0 Pilot Project (Item 6, Agenda of November 2, 2021).** [Link](#)
  - The report provides updates for March 2023 through May 2023.
  - Updates include: hiring and recruitment status, selection status of an academic partner, continued engagement with the Hollywood community through specific workgroups, and the continued work to identify and secure properties for various components of the project.

**3) Motions:** In June 2023, the below motions were approved by the Board with reports to be submitted by DMH:

- **Moving Forward with Steps to Implement CARE Court in LA County (Item 16, Agenda of June 6, 2023)** [Motion 1](#), [Motion 2](#)  
**Purpose:** Provides necessary authorities to move forward with the CARE Court implementation plans (staffing, contracting, etc.).
- **Care with Pride: Supporting Gender Affirming Health Care, Mental Health Services, and Care Management for LGBTQ+ Residents, Including Transgender, Gender Nonconforming, and Intersex (TGI) People (Item 28, Agenda of June 6, 2023)** [Revised Motion](#)  
**Purpose:** To receive an update on the progress of the Gender Health Program.
- **Protecting Los Angeles County Youth from Negative Impacts of Social Media (Item 31, Agenda of June 6, 2023)** [Motion](#)  
**Purpose:** Taking action according to the US Surgeon General’s March 23, 2023, Advisory regarding growing concerns about the negative impacts of social media on youth mental health.

- **Amendment to Item 67 regarding Veteran Peer Access Network [Motion](#)**  
**Purpose:** To provide an update on the Veteran Peer Access Network, including successes and recommendations regarding aligning with the County’s veteran implementation actions.
- **Implementing Further Countywide Expansion of Mentorship Programs Serving Black Girls and Other At-Risk Children (Item 16, Agenda of June 27, 2023) [Motion](#)**  
**Purpose:** Expanding the mentorship program for at-risk youth.