



▶▶ **DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH  
DIRECTOR'S UPDATE:  
MENTAL HEALTH COMMISSION  
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# ▶▶ DMH OVERALL HIRING EFFORTS TO DATE

- Overall New Hires/Promotions in July/August 2023:

SD1: 30

SD4: 17

SD2: 92

SD5: 10

SD3: 17

- Clinic Programs: (Adult Outpatient, Child / Family Outpatient, Full Service Partnership)

- For the month of July/August 2023:

- 60 positions filled (new hires and promotions)
- 149 positions pending hiring transactions (candidates selected/pending/start dates pending)
- 221 positions currently in stages of recruitment (actively interviewing)

# ▶▶ DMH HIRING EFFORTS: LEADERSHIP POSITIONS

## July/August 2023

- Service Area 8 Administration District Chief
- Program Manager III, Long Beach Child and Adolescent Program
- Program Manager III, Emergency Outreach & Triage Division
- Program Manager III, Countywide Full Service Partnership, MHSA Program Review Unit
- Program Manager II, Emergency Outreach & Triage Division
- Program Manager II, Intensive Care Division
- Program Manager II, Alternative Crisis Response, Quality Assurance – Policy & Technical Development Team
- Program Manager II, Compton Family Mental Health Center
- Program Manager II, Housing and Job Development Division
- Program Manager II, Antelope Valley Child and Adolescent Program
- Program Manager I, Quality, Outcomes and Training Division

# ▶▶ CalAIM UPDATES

- **CalAIM's Enhanced Care Management (ECM) update**
  - The ECM program provides comprehensive care coordination to vulnerable individuals in managed care plans to improve access to care and prevent frequent utilization of emergency room visits and other crises care
  - DMH's ECM program is currently serving adults with serious mental illness, most of whom are experiencing homelessness
  - **Update:** DMH submitted an application for over \$6M in funding to strengthen and potentially expand this program
- **CalAIM Reentry Initiative**
  - All counties must have 90-day pre-release services in place no sooner than April 2024 and no later than June 2026
  - These services include the assessment of incarcerated individuals for behavioral health needs, the development of reentry care plan, and a "warm hand-off" to connect individuals to a post-release care manager and to post-release agencies that will provide behavioral health treatment
  - DMH is collaborating with DHS, DPH, DYD and other County departments to put these 90-day pre-release processes in place
  - **Update:** DMH submitted an application to DHCS on July 31, 2023 for funding to build capacity in the jails and youth correctional facilities for behavioral health warm handoffs that will take place 90 days pre-release

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- **Initiatives In Process**

- **Bi-directional Screening Tool**

We are currently developing closed loop referral reports with the health plans

- **Behavioral Health Quality Improvement Program (BHQIP)**

A batch of key deliverables and milestones are due to DHCS by September 29, 2023

- **Behavioral Health Administrative Integration**

In advance of this initiative's next major milestone, which is execution of a single State-County contract, departments have already initiated work on four of the 11 deliverables including 24/7 Access Line, cultural competence, data sharing and privacy and screening, assessment and treatment planning

- **Behavioral Health Continuum Infrastructure State Funding**

DHCS recently increased the County's Round 5 award by \$20M. This brings the total County award portfolio for Rounds 1 through 5 to \$165M.



Thank you



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