

DMH Updates for the MHC Executive Committee Meeting October 2023

1) MH Commission Referrals Update:

- DMH received two (2) constituent referrals from the MH Commission during the month of September. Both constituents were contacted. One referral was for mental health services. The other referral involved billing/claiming services.

2) Report Response: The following reports were submitted by DMH in September 2023.

- **Implementing the Further Countywide Expansion of Mentorship Programs Serving Black Girls and Other At-Risk Children (Item 16, Agenda of June 27, 2023).** [Link](#)
 - This report provides an update on the progress of expanding the mentorship program that services black girls and other at-risk children.
 - Collaboration with the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) and Friends of the Children-Los Angeles (FOTC-LA).
 - On August 10, 2023, the contract with FOTC-LA was extended to June 30, 2026, for the provision of professional mentorship services to 176 children (at least 100 young Black girls) countywide.
 - Expanded services will be implemented in a phased expansion strategy to cover all 8 service planning areas (SPAs):
 - Year 1: SPAs 4, 6 and 8;
 - Year 2: SPAs 3,7; and
 - Year 3: SPAs 1,2,5.
 - Order determined using multiple factors including:
 - DCFS data regarding Emergency Response or Family Maintenance cases; existing partnerships; and sustainability (which considers a balance of higher/lower level of need).
 - Next update March 2024.
- **Quarterly Update on Initiating the Hollywood 2.0 Pilot Project (Item 6, Agenda of November 2, 2021)** [Link](#)
 - The report provides updates for June 2023 through August 2023.
 - Updates include hiring and recruitment status, collaboration with other County Departments, selection status of an academic partner, community engagement for mentorship, employment, and housing opportunities, and the continued work to identify and secure properties for various components of the project.

3) Motions: In September 2023, there were no motions approved by the Board with reports to be **submitted by** DMH.