



▶▶ **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 September 2023 by Supervisorial District
 - SD1: 35
 - SD2: 52
 - SD3: 11
 - SD4: 32
 - SD5: 7
- Clinic Programs: (Adult Outpatient, Child / Family Outpatient, Full Service Partnership)
 - For the month of September 2023:
 - 27 positions filled (new hires and promotions)
 - 82 positions pending hiring transactions (candidates selected / pending / start dates pending)
 - 242 positions currently in stages of recruitment (actively interviewing)

▶▶ NEW HIRES/PROMOTIONS BY CLASSIFICATION SEPTEMBER 2023

Title Description	# Hired
Accountant II	1
Admin Services Manager I	2
Admin Services Manager II	3
Admin Services Manager III	3
Asst. Mental Health Counselor	2
Chief Mental Health Program Eval	1
Clinical Psych I	4
Community Health Worker	30
Finance Specialist III	1
Fiscal Officer I	1
General Maintenance Worker	1
HP Analyst II	1
Int Clerk	1
Int Typist/Clerk	9
Medical Case Worker II	6
Medical Case Worker I	1
Mental Health Clinician II	2
Mental Health Clinical Supervisor	7
Mental Health Counselor, RN	1
Mental Health Program Manager II	2

Title Description	# Hired
Mental Health Program Manager III	2
Nurse Practitioner	5
Pat Fin Worker	3
Pat Resrc Worker	1
PR Dep PB Guardian	1
Psychiatric Social Worker II	6
Psychiatric Social Worker I	18
Safety Officer II	1
Secretary III	1
Supervising Community Health Worker	4
Supervising Mental Health Psych	2
Senior Information System Analyst	1
Senior Mental Health Counselor, RN	2
Senior Typist Clerk	4
Staff Assistant I	1
Staff Assistant II	1
Staff Assistant III	1
Student Worker	1
Substance Abuse Counselor	3

▶▶ DMH HIRING EFFORTS: LEADERSHIP POSITIONS SEPTEMBER 2023

- Program Manager III, Countywide Engagement Division
- Compliance Officer, Quality, Outcomes and Training Division
- Consultant (120 retiree), Provider Relations Unit

▶▶ MEDI-CAL MANAGED CARE PLANS AND SCREENING AND TRANSITION OF CARE TOOLS

LA County DMH works closely with a total of 6 LA County Medi-Cal Managed Care Plans to adhere to new State guidelines around transition of care for shared members between specialty and non-specialty mental health systems.

Topic	Details
Health Systems	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Medi-Cal Managed Care Plans are responsible for providing mild/moderate mental health services as the Medi-Cal Health Plan while DMH provides specialty mental health services to Medi-Cal beneficiaries as the Mental Health Plan. Coordinating care and expanding partnerships with MCPs is critical as enrollment as the State is enrolling 90% of Medi-Cal beneficiaries into an MCP by EOY.
State Requirements	<p>In January 2023, the State standardized, state-wide adult and youth screening and transition of care tools to ensure timely coordination between behavioral health systems under the CalAIM initiative.</p>
New Screening and Transition of Care Tools	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adult and Youth Screening Tool: This tool determines the appropriate mental health delivery system referrals for beneficiaries who are not currently receiving care in one of the mental health systems. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Through a standardized scoring tool, the score determines which system the beneficiary should receive an assessment. Transition of Care Tool: A standard tool that leverages existing clinical information to document a beneficiary's mental health needs and facilitates a referral for a transition of care from the beneficiary's MCP or MHP, as needed.
Partnerships with Medi-Cal Managed Care Plans	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DMH has developed a direct referrals email inbox for our MCP partners to refer beneficiaries to our system via the screening and transition of care tools. DMH will set-up the appointment for an assessment at a DMH clinic. MCPs are also receiving the screening and transition of care tools that DMH sends to them. Processes vary among the plans on how appointments are made – some patients are given #s and must make the outreach and appointment themselves.

▶▶ FOLLOW-UP FROM SEPTEMBER 2023 MEETING: BHCIP

Question 1: Does the Behavioral Health Continuum Infrastructure (BHCIP) process exist in Service Area 6?

Response: Yes.

- Below are the SA-6 awards that are decided by the State’s fiscal intermediary Advocates for Human Potential.
- BHCIP is a competitive statewide grant program that DHCS is rolling out in six rounds.
- Round 6 will be released in January 2024. For more information: [BHCIP Award Dashboard](#) and [BHCIP website](#).

Rounds	Service Area 6 BHCIP Awardees
5	SCHARP 10513 S. Vermont Clinic & Crisis Stabilization Center
4	Kedren INC - Psychiatric Acute Care Hospital
4	Los Angeles Centers for Alcohol and Drug Abuse - Adult Residential Treatment Facility for SUD
4	St. John's Well Child & Family Center - Community Wellness/Youth Prevention Center
4	Wellnest Emotional Health & Wellness - Community Wellness/Youth Prevention Center
3	Los Angeles Centers for Alcohol and Drug Abuse (LACADA) – Lynwood
3	MLK Jacqueline Avant Children and Family Center (CFWC) PedOPS & PedCSU

Grant amounts are issued by AHP and are not publicly available on the DHCS website.



▶▶ LA ALLIANCE UPDATE

- LA Alliance/County Settlement-Judge Carter signed and accepted the settlement agreement on September 28, 2023
- 3000 new (starting from June 2022) mental health/substance use disorder beds (various types)
- 450 new enhanced rate subsidies for licensed Adult Residential Facilities (ARFs) and Residential Care Facilities for the Elderly (RCFEs)
- Dedicated to homeless population with high acuity mental health and/or substance use needs



▶▶ LA ALLIANCE UPDATE

- DMH's Current/Planned Inventory (June 2022-December 2024): 1695
 - Planned Inventory is contingent on completing construction or rehabilitation
- Various Funding Streams including, but not limited to:
 - Community Care Expansion (CCE)
 - Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA)
 - Behavioral Health Continuum Infrastructure Program (BHCIP)

Thank you



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