

## **DMH Updates for the MHC Executive Committee Meeting November 2023**

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

- The Department of Mental Health (DMH) did not receive any constituent referrals from the MH Commission during the month of October.

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

- **Bi-Annual Update on Alternative Crisis Response (Item 18, Agenda of September 29, 2020).** [Link](#)
  - Provides an overview of the Alternative Crisis Response (ACR) data regularly monitored by DMH for 988 calls, ACCESS Crisis Calls, Field Intervention Team (FIT) dispatches and Crisis Stabilization Services;
  - Provides an update on Medi-Cal Mobile Crisis Benefit Implementation:
    - The FITs and Therapeutic Transport Teams will qualify; and
    - The implementation plan is scheduled to be submitted on October 31, 2023;
  - Provides an update on the expansion of FIT, including, but not limited to:
    - Implementation of Mobile Crisis Response Teams (MCOTs) in Service Planning Areas 5, 7, and 8;
    - ACR Hiring Fair efforts (50 hires/conditional offers of various classifications);
    - Additional Crisis Residential Treatment Programs (48 additional beds); and
  - Lists future key priorities, including, but not limited to:
    - Lowering response time through FIT expansion;
    - Strengthening law enforcement partnerships (911-988 diversion); and
    - Implement a standardized crisis screener tool.

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

- **Proclaiming October 2023 as “Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Month” and October 15, 2023, as “Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Day of Remembrance” (Item 20, Agenda of October 3, 2023)**  
**Purpose:** To proclaim October as Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Month.
- **Revised Item 22 Updating the County's Implementation of the Proclamation of a Local Emergency for Homelessness in the County of Los Angeles (Revised Item 22, Agenda of October 3, 2023)**  
**Purpose:** Updates the County’s implementation of the Proclamation above by adding a fourth mission, “Eviction Protection”; expediting the lease of properties that support the mission; monthly meetings, monthly verbal updates to the

Board; and various other updates for County departments to provide relevant metrics/outcomes to CEO-HI for reporting purposes.

- **Better Reaching the 95% (Revised Item 15, Agenda of October 17, 2023)**  
**Purpose:** To expand DPH-SAPC's R95 Initiative "Reaching the 95%" of individuals with serious substance use disorders who are not engaged in the SUD system.
- **Item 66A Implementing Lanterman-Petris-Short Act Reform (Item 66A, Agenda of October 17, 2023)**  
**Purpose:** To assess the needs required and the timeline to implement SB43 which reforms the LPS Act.