



# DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH

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The Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health, as required under the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA), is opening a Public Review and Comment period for the MHSA – Mid-Year Adjustment, Fiscal Year (FY) 2023-24, regarding changes made to the MHSA Annual Update, FY 2023-24 adopted by the Los Angeles County Board on December 5, 2023.

#	MHSA Component	MHSA Component/Program Name	Actions
1.	Capital Facilities and Technological Needs (CFTN)	-----	<p><b>Proposed Action:</b> Include documentation to indicate the transfer of Community Services and Supports (CSS) funding to fund the following CFTN projects:</p> <p><b>Technological projects:</b> Integrated Behavioral Health Information System (IBHIS) – Netsmart, IBHIS – Microsoft Agreement, Data Warehouse restructuring, purchasing of hardware, hiring application developers, redesigning the Department’s website and new technology projects.</p> <p><b>Capital Facilities projects:</b> Tenant Improvement/New Facilities, Exodus Eastside Urgent Care Center, Support the award received from the Behavioral Health Continuum Infrastructure Program award to build a Children &amp; Youth Crisis Stabilization Unit (CSUs), Mental Health Hub for Department of Children and Family Service involved children and youth, as well as an Adult Crisis Residential Treatment Program on the High Desert Restorative Care Village campus, the designing of a fence for the Los Angeles and Olive View Restorative Care Village to help keep the campus from trespassers entering and causing destruction to property and potential harm those on the campus, and the purchasing of furniture for the CSUs and Hubs at the Martin Luther King, Jacqueline Avant Center and</p>

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			<p>the Olive View Children and Youth Center. In addition, the amount will be utilized to increase and improve existing capital facilities infrastructure to accommodate the needs of current and expanded MHSA programs.</p> <p><b>Fiscal Action:</b> \$49,000,000 for FY 2023-24</p>
2.	Workforce Education and Training (WET)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Training and Technical Assistance</li> <li>• Residency and Internship</li> <li>• Financial Incentive</li> <li>• Mental Health Career Pathway</li> </ul>	<p><b>Proposed Action:</b> Include documentation to indicate the transfer of CSS funds to fund new WET projects and the existing WET projects: Training and Technical Assistance, Residency and Internship, Financial Incentive, and Mental Health Career Pathway. In addition, the amount will be used to purchase certification training and associated fees related to the new State Mental Health Peer Specialist Certification (SB 803). Once certified, select peer delivered services will be reimbursable by Medi-Cal. CalMHSA has been designated by the State as the sole entity to implement these certification efforts.</p> <p><b>Fiscal Action:</b> \$42,000,000 for FY 2023-24</p>
5.	Community Services and Supports (CSS)	Housing	<p><b>Proposed Action:</b> Increasing interim housing funding for participants enrolled in the Homeless Outreach and Mobile Engagement (HOME) program. This action will 1) to increase bed availability in some areas where there are few interim housing beds available; 2) to support clients with needs that are higher acuity and who, as a result, have not been able to successfully remain at traditional DMH interim housing sites; and 3) to ensure there are interim housing options without exclusionary criteria for those that cannot access the current interim housing beds. In addition, HOME staff are already needing to see clients on a daily basis, so being able to have HOME-specific sites allows HOME to set up programming for clients that meets their specialized needs.</p> <p><b>Fiscal Action:</b> \$3,106,099 for FY 2023-24</p>
6.	CSS	Housing	<p><b>Proposed Action:</b> Increasing interim housing funding for participants enrolled in the Women’s Community Re-Entry Program (WCRP). The WCRP is seeking hotel/motel rooms with no exclusionary criteria for clients served by WCRP that have specific needs related to their treatment and</p>

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			<p>housing that impact their ability to successfully remain at traditional DMH interim housing sites. Having clients housed together eases service delivery, which impacts the ability of the program to serve more individuals.</p> <p><b>Fiscal Action:</b> \$2,013,212 for FY 2023-24</p>
7.	CSS	Prudent Reserve	<p><b>Proposed Action:</b> Transfer funds from CSS into Prudent Reserve (PR). Per WIC 5847(b)(7), counties are required to establish and maintain a prudent reserve to ensure children, adults, and seniors can continue receiving services at current levels in the event of an economic downturn. The Prudent Reserve is funded with monies allocated to the Community Services and Supports component and cannot exceed 33% of a county's average distribution for the previous five years.</p> <p><b>Fiscal Action:</b> \$40,000,000 for FY 2023-24</p>
8.	Prevention and Early Intervention	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prevention</li> <li>• Stigma and Discrimination Reduction</li> </ul>	<p><b>Proposed Action:</b> Include documentation to reflect previously approved programming in the MHSA Annual Update, FY 2023-24: Anti-Racism, Diversity and Inclusion (ARDI) training, Power of the Pack Program: DBA Wolf Connection, Take Action, Peer, Family and Community Supports Towards Stigma and Discrimination Reduction: NAMI Urban LA and NAMI Greater LA and iPrevail.</p> <p><b>Fiscal Action:</b> No fiscal impact. Amount for programming is currently included in the Prevention budget in the MHSA Annual Update, FY 2023-24.</p>

30-Day Public Comment Period: February 1, 2024 through March 1, 2024  
Use this link to submit your comments during the public comment period  
<https://forms.office.com/g/NYiBBeh8f9> or scan the QR code:

