

Department of Mental Health (DMH) Updates for the MHC Executive Committee
Meeting January 2024

1) **Report Response**: The following reports were submitted by DMH in January 2024.

- **Moving Forward: Expansion of Secure MH Beds and Development of Secure MH Facilities to Depopulate LA County Jails (Item No. 24, Agenda of April 4, 2023) [Link](#)**
 - This report provides an update on the plan to develop an initial 500 secure mental health beds over 5 years to care for P3/P4 individuals that are LPS conserved/conservable, Felony Incompetent to Stand Trial (FIST), non-LPS conserved/conservable and non-traditionally divertible populations.
 - DMH added 57 acute beds (for jail population and field intervention teams), 12 Enriched Residential Services (ERS) beds, and used single case agreements for 10 Skilled Nursing Facility-Special Treatment Program (SNF-STP) beds with a new provider.
 - DMH is currently reviewing the proposals submitted for the three 16 beds Mental Health Rehabilitation Center (MHRC) beds at the Martin Luther King, Jr. Behavioral Health Center.
 - Department of Health Services-Office of Diversion and Reentry (DHS ODR) added 5 acute beds for FIST clients and is finalizing contracting for the beds to come online in February 2024.
 - Barriers/Challenges: Difficulty finding placements for Murphy conservatees and permanent placements for LPS conservatees, increased procurement rates and workforce challenges.

- **Biannual Progress Update on the LAC Community School Initiative (Item 7, Agenda of April 9, 2019) [Link](#)**
 - The report provides an update from July 2023 through December 2023.
 - Provides highlights of outreach and awareness activities facilitated during this time period for the DMH SBCAP Programs, LAUSD Trauma and Resilience Informed Early Enrichment (TRiEE), and LACOE CSI.
 - The outreach and awareness activities included collaborations with the School Based Mental Health providers, , Hazel Health, Service Area school coordinators, Los Angeles Trust, Wolf Connection, and local community agencies.

2) **Motions**: In January 2024, no motions were approved by the Board with reports to be submitted by DMH.