

**[LA COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH COMMISSION]
AD HOC PROPOSAL**

AD HOC CHAIR: Commissioners Reba Stevens and Stacy Dalglish

DATE: February 22, 2024

NAME OF AD HOC: Outreach and Engagement

PURPOSE/GOALS/OBJECTIVES AD HOC WILL CONTRIBUTE TOWARD ([5604.2](#))

1. “Ensure community involvement at all stages of the process leading to the formation and adoption of the County alcohol and drug program plans,” per California WIC 5604.2

AD HOC PLAN:

1. Increase accessibility to treatment services: One of the main goals of the alcohol and drug program plan in Los Angeles County is to increase accessibility to treatment services for individuals struggling with substance abuse. This will involve expanding treatment options, reducing wait times for treatment, and increasing funding for substance abuse treatment programs.
2. Enhance prevention and education efforts: Another key component of the program plan is to enhance prevention and education efforts to raise awareness about the dangers of substance abuse and reduce the stigma surrounding addiction. This will involve implementing prevention programs in schools, community centers, and other public spaces, as well as offering education and counseling services to individuals and families affected by substance abuse.
3. Improve coordination of care: The program plan also aims to improve coordination of care for individuals seeking treatment for substance abuse. This will involve better communication and collaboration among treatment providers, as well as linking individuals to other support services such as mental health treatment, housing assistance, and employment services.
4. Expand support services: In addition, the program plan calls for expanding support services for individuals in recovery from substance abuse. This may include peer support groups, sober living facilities, employment training programs, and other services to help individuals maintain their sobriety and rebuild their lives after treatment.
5. Increase funding and resources: Finally, the program plan will involve advocating for increased funding and resources to support the implementation of these goals. This may involve seeking grants and other funding sources, as well as working with local government agencies and community partners to secure additional resources for substance abuse treatment and prevention programs in Los Angeles County.

THE WAY THIS AD HOC WILL ACCOMPLISH ITS PURPOSE WILL BE:

This AD HOC will:

1. Collaboration with community stakeholders to advance community relations and mental health education.
2. Attend stakeholder's meetings (i.e., UsCC(s), SALT(s), CCC and other community events) in reference to mental health education & support.

NUMBER OF PEOPLE NEEDED FOR AD HOC: 2-3 maximum.

SCHEDULE OF TASKS AND TARGET DATE FOR COMPLETION:

APPROVED BY: _____

DATE: _____

COMMENTS: _____
