

Department of Mental Health (DMH) Updates for the MHC Executive Committee Meeting (May 9, 2024)

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

- **Moving Forward: Expansion of Secure Mental Health Beds and Development of Secure Mental Health 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 84 beds in year one.
 - DMH is currently reviewing the proposals for Mental Health Rehabilitation Center (MHRC) beds at the Martin Luther King, Jr. Behavioral Health Center.
 - In Year One, the 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 April 2024.
 - Barriers/Challenges: Difficulty finding placements for Murphy conservatees and permanent placements for LPS conservatees.

- **Implementing Further Countywide Expansion of Mentorship Programs Serving Black Girls and Other At-Risk Children (Item 16, Agenda of June 27, 2023) ([link](#))**
 - This report provides an update on the progress of expanding the mentorship program that services black girls and other at-risk children.
 - Continued collaboration with the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) and Friends of the Children-Los Angeles (FOTC-LA).
 - FOTC-LA successfully onboarded all programmatic infrastructure positions essential for supporting expansion efforts.
 - Successfully engaged and met with all Year One DCFS offices resulting in referral submissions.
 - Providing technical assistance to help achieve expansion goals
 - FOTC-LA has engaged with multiple community-based organizations in Service Area 8 and partnering with Long Beach Unified School District to ensure academic support for children in the program

- **Solidifying the Role of Promotoras De Salud in County Services (Item No. 7, Agenda of February 15, 2022) ([link](#))**
 - The program has continued to diligently utilize the approved conversion of 200 part-time CHW/Promotores de Salud Mental positions to 200 permanent full-time positions to offer a pathway to full-time employment: 49 are on full-time status, 4 are in the process of transitioning from part-time to full-time status, 41 are retaining their part-time status, one (1) new full-time staff is

being onboarded, and 105 items are vacant. We also have 100 part-time CHW positions: 21 are filled, 14 are in the onboarding process, 65 are vacant.

- A new solicitation, funded with both ARPA and MHSA Prevention dollars, was released on July 14, 2023, to expand the Promotores de Salud Mental/United Mental Health Promoters (UMHP) to contracted providers. 16 project contracts have been executed to date and 5 more are pending final signatures, which together will result in contractors hiring 126 CHWs, 21 Senior CHWs, and 21 Supervising CHWs.
- The Promotores / UMHP Programs are working together to coordinate cross-training and service coordination in the Service Areas.
- Common Barriers between Health Departments: Recruitment and retention.
- Opportunities:
 - Continued implementation of the County-approved critical shortage recruitment rate for the CHW position effective March 1, 2023 , through June 30, 2024.
 - Working with the Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) to present the open positions to the American Job Career Centers resulting in interviews to hire 6 Supervising CHW positions and 2 Senior CHW positions.

2) Motions: In April 2024, the motions below were approved by the Board with reports to be submitted by DMH.

- **Implementing Proposition 1 in Los Angeles County (Item 26, Agenda of April 9, 2024) ([link](#))**
Purpose: To update the Board on the status of the implementation of Prop 1.
- **Implementing the Mental Health Resources Report (Revised Item 35, Agenda of April 9, 2024) ([link](#))**
Purpose: Implement the recommendations from the Health Management Associates (HMA) report