



DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH

►► Housing & Homelessness (PEH-SMI) Update

MENTAL HEALTH COMMISSION
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Agenda

Enriched Residential Care

Presented by Maria Funk, Ph.D.

Deputy Director, Housing and Job Development Division

Bed Shortage Reporting

Presented by Jaclyn Baucum

Deputy Director, Health Access and Integration

State of Emergency Impact

Presented by La Tina Jackson, LCSW

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▶▶ Enriched Residential Care Program (ERC) Background

- Established in 2019 to support clients residing in Licensed Residential Facilities
 - ◀ Includes Adult Residential Facilities (ARFs) aka Board and Care for ages 18-59
 - ◀ Residential Care Facilities for the Elderly (RCFEs) aka Assisted Living Facilities for ages 59+
 - ◀ These facilities are designed to meet the needs of DMH clients who need 24-hour care and supervision to manage basic needs and reside independently in the community
- Facilities include assistance with activities of daily living including meal preparation, laundry, and medication management
- An important housing resource for those vulnerable individuals with higher needs for support to live in the community

►► Funding Solutions to Stop Facility Closures

THE PROBLEM

- Licensed Residential Care Facilities for individuals with Serious Mental Illness with Social Security are only able to be charged the Non-Medical Out of Home Care Rate, which reimburses basic services at \$1,398.07 and \$177 Personal and Incidental for a total of \$1,575.07
- This equates to \$46 per day for all of the services provided by the facilities
- Many facilities are operating in the red with high levels of deferred maintenance
- This low reimbursement rate was causing a high rate of facility closures, which was putting this important housing type at risk

CURRENT SOLUTIONS

- Enhanced Rates through Enriched Residential Care (ERC) Programs: County Run Enhanced Rates
- Assisted Living Waiver Program: State Administered Enhanced Rate Program
- Community Care Expansion (CCE): Funding to preserve and expand the stock of licensed residential care facilities throughout the State



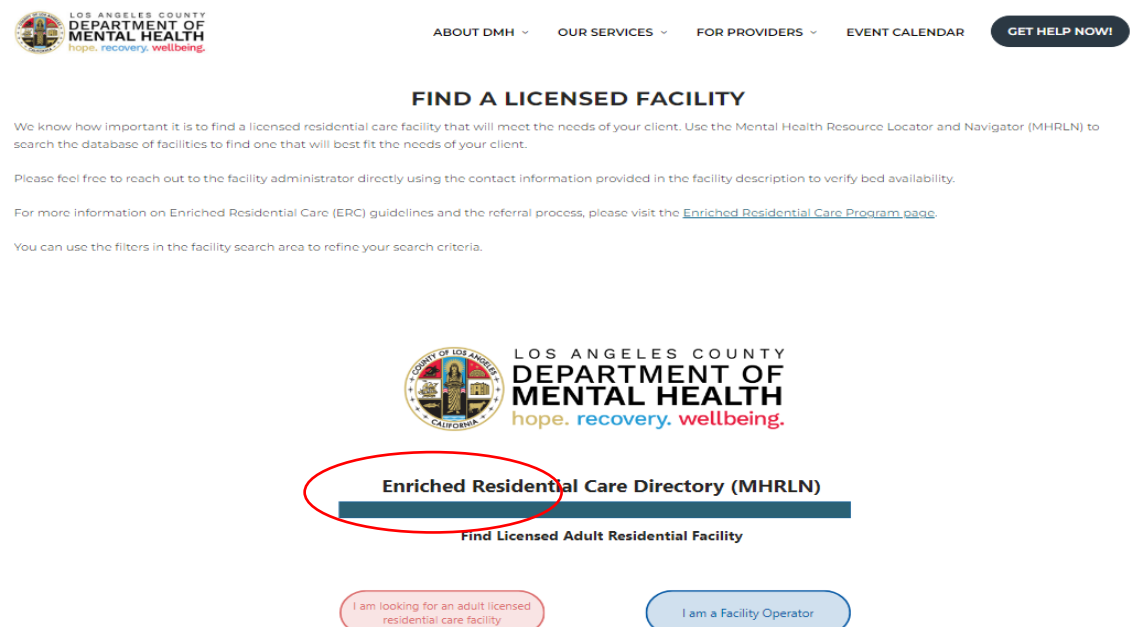
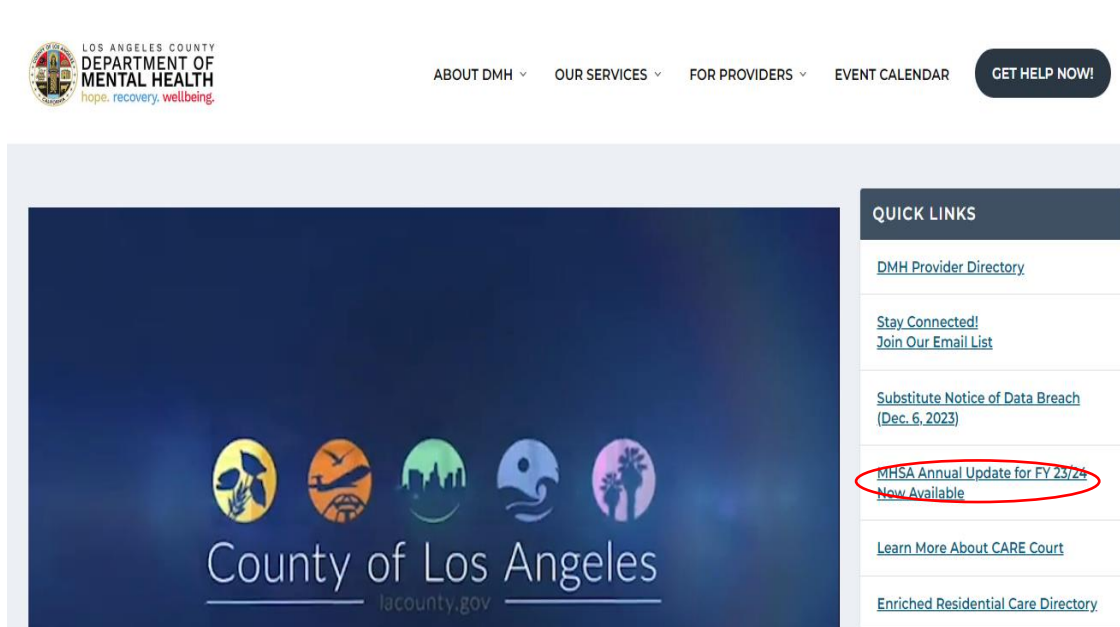
▶▶ Enriched Residential Care Program (ERC)

- ERC pays the SSI rate for individuals without income that need this type of housing including:
 - ◁ Individuals on conservatorship
 - ◁ Individuals leaving higher level of care
 - ◁ Individuals exiting the justice system
 - ◁ People Experiencing Homelessness – HOME and FSP clients
- ERC will pay an Enhanced Services Rate for clients in ARFs and RCFEs who have complex needs
 - ◁ Typically, this rate is \$1,000 per month, but can be adjusted based on clients needs (i.e., memory care)
- Currently DMH-ERC serves approximately 1,100 individuals in 130 facilities across the County

▶▶ Enriched Residential Care Directory

- **Enriched Residential Care Directory** assists with the facility/available bed search
- Transitioned to a public facing portal located on the DMH website under the **Quick Links** section. Choose “I am looking for an adult residential care facility” to search by facility name or using filters.

<https://dmh.lacounty.gov/ercd/>





▶▶ Community Care Expansion

- Community Care Expansion (CCE) was introduced by the State in an effort to address the licensed facility closure crisis
- DMH was awarded:
 - ◀ \$42 million for Operating Subsidy Payments to be used over 5 years
 - DMH will be able to serve an estimated 450 clients daily
 - Funds will be available in July 2024
 - ◀ \$55 million of CCE and \$11.2 million of Mental Health Services Act funds dedicated to Capital Projects for preservation of existing licensed residential care facilities
 - These funds are administered by Los Angeles County Development Authority
 - Application portal was opened on 1/22/2024 and closed on 3/4/2024
 - 112 applications received and are being reviewed



►► Bed Status Reporting to the Board

- REPORTING FOR L.A. ALLIANCE EFFORTS

- ◁ Report out quarterly on the County's commitment to add new mental health and substance use disorder beds that became available on or after June 14, 2022
- ◁ The target is to add 3,000 beds by June 30, 2027 (CY2023=600 beds, CY2024=600, CY2025=600, CY2026=1,200)
- ◁ More than 1,000 new beds have been reported to date. This exceeds the metric of having 600 beds by CY 2023; and we are on track to meet the next metric of having 1,200 new beds total added over CY 2023 and CY 2024.
- ◁ January 30, 2024 Status Report -
https://file.lacounty.gov/SDSInter/ceo/asp/1158644_LAAlliance-County_sFirstStatusReportPursuanttoSettlementAgreement.pdf

►► Bed Status Reporting to the Board

- BED SHORTAGE BOARD MOTION REPORT

- ◀ The report supports a strategic approach to projecting what types of beds are most needed within the County system of care
- ◀ The report highlights the need for subacute and residential levels of care. The primary populations DMH SMI beds typically serve are PEH and those leaving carceral settings.

- OTHER BEHAVIORAL HEALTH EFFORTS

- ◀ Behavioral Health Continuum Infrastructure Program addressing gaps in the County network
- ◀ Bed expansion under P3/P4 500 bed commitment
- ◀ LA County Bed Status Report Quarterly Set Matter – June 18, 2024
- ◀ Coordination across the Health Departments on legislative and regulatory directives (e.g. CARE Court, Prop 1, SB 43, etc.)



►► Impact of the State of Emergency

- INITIATIVES IN PROCESS

- The Emergency Appointments (EA) hiring process has allowed the entire Department to hire more quickly including the Interim Housing Outreach Program (IHOP), Housing and Job Development Division and the Health Access and Integration Division
- The EA allowed for sole source authority to enter into contracts including the following:
 - Behavioral Health Bridge Housing
 - Consultant contracts
 - Third Party Administrator
 - Hollywood 2.0
 - Evaluator
 - Highly Enriched Residential Care Services
 - Fountain Housing for Clubhouse services



Thank you



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