

Department of Mental Health (DMH) Updates for the MHC Executive Committee Meeting (June 6, 2024)

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

- **Report Response on Data for the Behavioral Health Center on the Martin Luther King, Jr., Medical Campus (Item No. 29, Agenda of November 16, 2021).** [\(Link\)](#)
 - This report provides metrics from DMH and the Department of Public Health (DPH) for the programs located on the Martin Luther King Jr. Behavioral Health Center campus. Below are a few of those metrics.
 - **DMH Crisis Residential Treatment Program:**
 - ◁ Received 53 referrals and 39 admissions.
 - ◁ Occupancy rate and average length of stay: 93%/43 days.
 - ◁ No serious incidents (medical emergencies, suicide attempts or aggressive acts) during this period.
 - **DPH Substance Use Disorder (SUD) and Respite and Recovery Center:**
 - ◁ **Respite/Sobering Center:**
 - Received 322 referrals.
 - Occupancy rate and average length of stay: 24% / 13 hours.
 - ◁ **Residential Withdrawal Management (RWM):**
 - Received 158 referrals.
 - Occupancy rate and average length of stay: 63%/6 days.
 - ◁ **Residential:**
 - Received 294 referrals.
 - Occupancy rate and average length of stay: 89% / 70 days.

2) **Motions:**

In May 2024, the motions below were approved by the Board with reports to be **submitted** by DMH.

- **Stabilization Supports for Foster Youth (Item 5, Agenda of May 21, 2024)** [\(Link\)](#)
Purpose: To address the housing, mental health and affordable child-care concerns for transitional age foster youth.
- **Cross Departmental Coordination and Centralization in LA County’s Veteran Initiatives, Programming, and Policies (Revised Item 7, Agenda of May 21, 2024)** [\(Link\)](#)
Purpose: To move veterans programs from DMH and other county departments to DMVA and improve access to resources for veterans.

- **Wolf Therapy - Power of The Pack Program Sole Source Contract (Amendment to Item 48, Agenda of May 21, 2024) ([Link](#))**
Purpose: To explore the feasibility of expanding the Wolf Therapy program.

DMH is a collaborative department on the following motions:

- **Advancing Efforts to Coordinate and Streamline LA County's Veteran Suicide Prevention Efforts and One-Year Extension of the LA County VSRT Pilot (Revised Item 8, Agenda of May 21, 2024) ([Link](#))**
Purpose: To move veterans programs/initiatives to DMVA and improve access to resources for veterans.
- **Establishing a Care First Pretrial Agency: Maximizing the Impact of JCOD (Item 20, Agenda of May 21, 2024) ([Link](#))**
Purpose: To maximize the County's impact of alternatives to incarceration and the efforts of the Care First, Jail Last initiative
- **Next Steps for The Alliance for Health Integration (Item 28, Agenda of May 21, 2024) ([Link](#))**
Purpose: To continue address the effort of the Board to improve collaborative efforts between the health departments by evaluating the best practices and areas of improvement of the Alliance for Health Integration (AHI).