

Department of Mental Health (DMH) Updates for the MHC Executive Committee Meeting (July 11, 2024)

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

- **Quarterly Update on Initiating the Hollywood 2.0 Pilot Project (Item 6, Agenda of November 2, 2021).** [\(Link\)](#)
 - The report provides a description of:
 - Implementation timeline and progress for key components.
 - Services offered: outpatient and field-based treatment, housing supports, and opportunities for meaning/purpose and connection.
 - Developed a program dashboard on the [H2O Website](#) that highlights key indicators.
 - Housing: launched three critical housing assets adding:
 - 76 interim housing units.
 - 94 enriched residential care beds.
 - Hiring:
 - 51 of the 54 full time positions allocated to H2O field-based teams have been hired.
 - Hollywood Mental Health Clinic and Hollywood FSP have hired 74 of the 88 positions.
 - It also includes a list of the status on contracts for H2O, including training and partnerships.
- **Addressing the Ongoing Board and Care Crisis (Item No. 2, Agenda of November 12, 2019).** [\(Link\)](#)
 - Enriched Residential Care (ERC) Directory (formerly, Mental Health Resource Location Navigator (MHRLN)): DMH officially launched the [ERC Directory tool](#), available on the DMH Website, which will provide easier access to providers searching for available beds.
 - Licensed Adult Residential Care Association (LARCA): As of May 2024, LARCA membership included 446 members. LARCA continues education and advocacy efforts. LARCA plans to launch its Members Discount and Resources Directory.
 - New Programs:
 - Crocker Campus: a project-based 48 bed ERC facility in skid row area for individuals over the age of 60.
 - Behavioral Health Bridge Housing: Applied for \$50 million in Round 3 funding (\$43.5 million in operations funding to support the development of an estimated 180 new interim housing beds; and rental subsidies; and \$13.5 million in infrastructure funding). Awards will be announced July 2024.

- Closures: Between October 2023 and December 2023, a total of 3 new Adult Residential Facility (ARF) closures for a loss of 11 ARF beds and a total of seven (7) new Residential Care Facilities for the Elderly (RCFE) closures for a loss of 136 RCFE beds. Of those, none served DMH or DHS-Enhanced Residential Care (ERC) clients.
- **Amendment to Approval To Execute A New Sole Source Contract With Spring Evolutions Inc., Dba Wolf Connection To Implement Wolf Therapy – Power Of The Pack Program” (Item No. 48, Agenda Of May 21, 2024)**
 - This report describes the strategies DMH will use to determine the feasibility of expanding the “Wolf Therapy-Power of the Pack” program. A few of the strategies include, but are not limited to:
 - Evaluating funding availability given the changes with Prop 1.
 - Explore interest of the Department of Children and Family Services and LA County Probation.
 - Discuss the capacity of the program with Wolf Connection.
 - DMH will provide a full report to the Board in October 2024.

2) **Motions:**

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

- **Los Angeles County’s Acceptance of Grant from the California Health Facilities Financing Authority for the Fifth Round of Funding from the Investment in Mental Health Wellness Grant Program for Children and Youth (Item 3, Agenda of June 4, 2024) ([Link](#))**
Purpose: To provide DMH the authority to accept and enter into an agreement for the CHFFA grant award for \$3.97 million to build a nine-bed children and youth CSU on the High Desert Restorative Care Village and expand the MLK and Olive View CSU capacity from six to nine beds.
- **Care with Pride: Affirming and Expanding the Gender Health Program (Revised Item 7, Agenda of June 4, 2024) ([Link](#))**
Purpose: To continue the County’s coordination between relevant departments to create a coordination of care teams to provide seamless transition of LGBTQ+ patients from different systems of care.

DMH is a collaborative department on the following motions:

- **Reimagining the Office of Child Protection ([Item 17, Agenda of June 4, 2024](#))**
Purpose: To evaluate the work of the OCP to determine how it can be reimagined to incorporate the relevant initiatives like Care First, Jail Last.
- **Understanding Methamphetamine in Los Angeles County ([Item 18, Agenda of June 4, 2024](#))**
Purpose: To better understand methamphetamine addiction and prevention efforts.

- **Understanding and Addressing Origin and Obstacles: Ending Intergenerational Homelessness and Housing Insecurity, Incarceration, and Systems Involvement and Ensuring Generational and Life-Long Success for Transition Age Youth ([Item 2, Agenda of June 25, 2024](#))**

Purpose: To continue work toward ending the intergenerational cycle of homelessness, incarceration, and system-involvement to create success for DCFS TAY.

- **Celebrating “Fatherhood Well-Being Month” in LA County ([Item 12, Agenda of June 25, 2024](#))**

Purpose: To support well-being for fathers by streamlining and better utilizing existing resources.