

## **Department of Mental Health (DMH) Updates for the MHC Executive Committee Meeting (September 12, 2024)**

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

- **Stabilization Supports for Foster Youth-Directive 2 (Item 5, Agenda of May 21, 2024)** [Link](#)
  - This report provides information on efforts to raise awareness of appropriate mental health programs and career pathways for transitional age youth, including highlighting trauma informed trainings provided to DMH staff, DCFS, Probation and to the public; maternal mental health support for young mothers, their children and clinicians; expanding mental health career pathways for former foster care youth through pilot programs, and promoting the “Who Do I Call For Help” campaign aimed to clearly define what each County resource can provide (988, 211, 911, and the LA County Help Line for Mental Health and Substance Use Services).
  
- **Biannual Progress Update on the Los Angeles County Community School Initiative (CSI) (Item 7, Agenda of April 9, 2019).** [Link](#)
  - The report provides an update from January 2024 through June 2024.
  - Provides highlights of outreach and awareness activities facilitated during this period for the DMH SBCAP Programs, LAUSD Trauma and Resilience Informed Early Enrichment (TRiEE), and LACOE CSI.
  - The outreach and awareness activities included collaborations with the School Based Mental Health providers, Hazel Health, Service Area school coordinators, Los Angeles County Department of Arts and Culture, Wolf Connection, and local community agencies.
  
- **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 between April 2024-June 2024. Below are a few of those metrics.
    - **DMH Crisis Residential Treatment Program:**
      - ◁ Received 77 referrals and 28 admissions.
      - ◁ Occupancy rate and average length of stay: 94%/35 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 421 referrals.
        - Occupancy rate and average length of stay: 31%/ 13 hours.

- ◁ Residential Withdrawal Management (RWM):
    - Received 193 referrals.
    - Occupancy rate and average length of stay: 71%/ 6 days.
  - ◁ Residential:
    - Received 96 referrals.
    - Occupancy rate and average length of stay: 81%/ 66 days.
- **Report on Educating Youth About the School Threat Assessment Response Team, Bi-Annual Report (Item 24, Agenda of July 26, 2022). [Link](#)**
  - This report provides information on trainings, referrals, interventions, and post interventions by START during the period of January 1, 2024, through June 30, 2024.
  - Highlights:
    - Conducted 48 presentations/trainings to various school districts, private schools, County departments, law enforcement and other entities.
    - Received 542 referrals for early screenings and threat assessments.
    - Types of interventions include crisis intervention, initial screening/assessments, outreach & engagement, monitoring, supportive services, consultations, and linkages.
- **Report Response on Implementing Lanterman-Petris-Short (LPS) Act Reform (Item No. 66A, Agenda of October 17, 2023). [Link](#)**
  - This report provides the biannual update on implementing the LPS Act Reform (Senate Bill 43).
  - Highlights:
    - Held the first stakeholder engagement meeting on June 10, 2024.
    - Launched workgroups identified in the previous reports.
    - Developed a workgroup charter.
    - Workgroups have identified co-leads for several of the work groups which have met regularly; made progress on confirming the definitions of severe substance use, personal safety, and necessary medical care; identified potential examples of grave disability based on new definitions; and participate in the workgroup established by the County Behavioral Health Directors Association (CBHDA) and the California Association of Public Administrators, Public Guardians, and Public Conservators (CAPAGPC).

**2) Motions:**

In August 2024, no motions were approved by the Board with reports to be **submitted by** DMH.