



LA COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH COMMISSION (MHC)

“Advocacy, Accountability, and Oversight in Action”

Michael Molina, Chair, Presiding

MHC 2024 RETREAT MINUTES

MEETING DATE	August 15, 2024		
START TIME	09:30am	ADJOURNMENT TIME: 2:30pm	
LOCATION	South Coast Botanic Garden, 26300 Crenshaw Blvd., Palos Verdes Peninsula, CA 90274		
ATTACHMENTS	MEETING RECORDING LINK	PUBLIC COMMENT DOCUMENT LINK	AGENDA LINK

IN ATTENDANCE		ABSENT
Commissioner Name		
Susan Friedman, Kathleen Austria, Stacy Dalglish, Thomas Roache, Jaqueline Sandoval, Victor Manalo, Michael Molina, Lawrence Schallert, Brittney Weissman		Imelda Padilla-Frausto, Bennett Root Jr. Erica Holmes, Reba Stevens, Marilyn Sanabria, Anders Corey
Quorum Present: YES	APPROVAL: September 26, 2024. Motion made by Commissioner Sanabria, seconded by Commissioner Weissman.	

MEETING MINUTES

AGENDA / ACTION ITEMS	DISCUSSION/DECISION SUMMARIES	FOLLOW-UP ITEMS
CONSENT AGENDA (Item 4)		
a. Approval of a. Approval of minutes of the July 25, 2024, meeting.	Minutes not available for approval. This item was carried to the September 26, 2024, regular commission meeting.	Commission staff will complete 7/25 minutes and submit to the commission for approval.
MHC RETREAT AGENDA (Item 5)		



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<p>a. Welcome and Introductions b. Overview of Retreat Agenda c. Affirming the Commission’s Mission d. Setting Commission Priorities Identifying Strategic Priority Areas</p>	<p>2024 Retreat Presentation Link —————→</p> <p>During this retreat, the commission engaged in several activities that lead to identifying priorities, reviewing commission roles/duties/mission/vision, and developing actionable goals. The consultant’s after-retreat report will include a comprehensive detail of all these activities.</p> <p>Links to retreat handouts for this section: CA WIC 5604 and 5963.03—Behavioral Health Boards: Bylaws, Duties, Expenses, Membership CAL BHB/C Commission Task List MHC Bylaws</p>	<p>Consultant will provide an after-retreat summary prior to the September 26, 2024, meeting.</p>
<p>e. Keynote Speaker and Lunch i. Dr. Lisa Wong, Director of the Department of Mental Health (DMH)</p>	<p>During this discussion, Dr. Wong reviewed the recently approve organizational chart.</p> <p>DMH Organizational Chart Link</p> <p>Org Chart Highlights:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Formal introduction of the newly appointed Chief Deputy Director, Remmi Hundal, M.A. • We have a contact list that accompanies this org chart. • Countywide Engagement – Every service area has an Outreach and Engagement (O&E) team associated with it. • Addressing Artificial Intelligence (AI) – This will default to the Chief Information Office (CIO). <p>SB 43, CARE Court, and Prop 1 Discussion Highlights:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DMH and Substance Abuse Prevention and Control (SAPC) continue to work toward an integrated approach to providing services. However, it will be up to BOS to further dictate how 	<p>Org Chart Contact List is attached.</p>



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	<p>DMH will proceed with SAPC’s integration. We have taken the first few steps toward integration. One is the new integrated call-center, the Los Angeles County Help Line for Mental Health, and Substance Use Services (800) 854-7771, and Co-Op pilot project which is taking a handful of DMH’s contracted legal entities to look at how they do integrated care.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Child and TAY Outpatient Programs – DMH has created a specific division to address Child and TAY programs. DMH has a good number of programs on its legal entities side and is looking to augment the legal entity partners. In addition to that, DMH is trying to add some directly operated programs as a backup. One of the first steps was to implement the new Children and TAY unit that will oversee these programs. The addition of directly operated programs will not take away funding from legal entity partners.• Family Therapy (Specific to adult child) – DMH makes great effort to incorporate family therapy where needed. However, the department does not have the capacity. Its legal entity programs provide family therapy, but these entities continue to suffer from staffing shortages.• It is LA County’s decision to delay implementation of SB 43.• We have had over 900 interact with us and receive resources to help their loved ones.• There is a lot of work happening in preparation for implementation in 2026. In June, we had our first stakeholder meeting and we have established many workgroups.• SB 43 was rolled out without planning for infrastructure	



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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> f. Setting Commission Priorities (continued) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Developing Strategic Objectives ii. Developing Actionable Goals g. Designing an Accountability Mechanism h. Next Steps & Retreat Closing 	<p>needed for SUD only treatment.</p> <p>Links to retreat handouts for this section: <u>Developing Strategic Objectives</u> <u>Developing Actionable Goals</u></p> <p>During this retreat, the commission established the following objectives for FY 2024-2025:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Objective 1: Strengthen the Commission for Greater Impact ➤ Objective 2: Be the Bridge between Stakeholders and County Decision-Makers and Increasing Engagement ➤ Objective 3: Deepen Issue-Specific Knowledge ➤ Objective 4: Use Data to Support Accountability within the Los Angeles County Mental Health Department. <p>Please see attached sheet for a comprehensive detail of goals set to accomplish each objective.</p>	<p>See attached LA MHC 2024 Retreat Objectives and Goals</p>
ANNOUNCEMENTS (Item 6)		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. MHC SA 6 Town Hall 	<p>10/17/24, 10am to 2:30pm, location: Jesse Owens Community Regional Park</p>	