

## **Department of Mental Health (DMH) Updates for the MHC Executive Committee Meeting (November 7, 2024)**

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

**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) [Link](#)**

- DMH explored the feasibility of expanding the Wolf Therapy-Power of the Pack Program with Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Prevention dollars and determined that, due to the upcoming changes with Behavioral Health Services Act (BHSA), DMH is unable to commit additional Prevention funds to new or expanding projects.
- DMH will work with Wolf Connection to consider submitting a proposal in the future.

**Implementing the Further Countywide Expansion of Mentorship Programs Serving Black Girls and Other At Risk Children (Item 16, Agenda of June 27, 2023) [Link](#)**

- This report provides an update on the progress of expanding the mentorship program that services black girls and other at-risk children.
  - Continued collaboration with the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) and Friends of the Children-Los Angeles (FOTC-LA).
  - Successfully engaged and strengthened partnerships with Year 1 offices and Year 2 offices (SPA 3) to support expansion goals.
  - FOTC-LA opened an office in SPA 8 and opened referral pathways to community-based organization partners that meet criteria.
  - Total enrollment numbers as of August 2024: 48 Referrals, 9 enrollments and 11 pending.
  - DMH, FOTC-LA and DCFS are discussing ways to increase referral numbers.

2) **Motions:**

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

**Item 9 (Supervisors Hahn and Horvath). Updating Training for ACCESS Call Center Operators to Reflect Enhanced Alternative Crisis Response Systems and Services**

**Purpose:** To ensure the ACCESS operators are trained on the updated ACCESS systems and procedures and educated on how to triage calls to both internal (FIT, HOME, other) and external (city resources) unarmed/non-law enforcement resources.