

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES-DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH
Service Area leadership Team Monthly Meeting
Service Area 1

Palmdale Mental Health Center
2260 East Palmdale Blvd., ste. J
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November 21, 2024
3:00pm – 5:00pm

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Agenda Items	Discussion	Action Item	Person Responsible	Due Date
Welcome, Land Acknowledgement and Introductions	Natalie Williams called the meeting to order at 6:00. James Coomes led the attendees in the land acknowledgement. Introductions were made in-person and on-line.	Introductions and land acknowledgements done in real time.	Natalie Williams and James Coomes	
Review and Approve September 19, 2024 minutes	September 19, 2024, minutes were reviewed and approved by voting members with requested correction.	Natalie Williams led the members in voting on the presented minutes.	Natalie Williams	
Presenter: None this month				

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Discussion of Bylaws	<p>Jamie Walker shared a summary of the newly revised bylaws:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Actions to be taken should any disrespect during meetings take place. • ADA needs to be accommodated for every meeting. • Voting member restriction to location of their prospective service area. • Bylaws will be reviewed every July. • Voting for special election Cochair will serve out that current term, but not automatically go into another term. • New Cochair eligibility changes and requirements, including attending the mandatory meetings. • Presenters need to be approved by Liaison. • Code of Conduct details shared. • Limitations of stipends. 	<p>Jamie Walker and James Coomes to ensure the Cochairs and members are in alignment with the new changes.</p> <p>Jamie answered community members’ questions in real time.</p>		
Close out Previous Topics from minutes	<p>Budget and spending SALT funds:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gaby provided budget updates of SALT funds to include spending on last events (Suicide Awareness Workshop & Hispanic Heritage Month) as well as updates on voted upcoming events – gave details on the Domestic Violence Coalition event on October 25th as a collaborative effort with Valley Oasis and a reminder of the Day of Giving event. • Need to start looking at ideas for Black History Month. • Details of previous funds spent as well as upcoming funds planned for. 	<p>Planning committee to continue to regularly meet to make progress on the collaborative event efforts.</p>	<p>Natalie Williams and Gaby Muniz</p>	

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Report Out on DMH O&E and other Outreach and Engagement Activities	LaLonda Alex mentioned previous events which took place this month as well as details of upcoming events.			
MHSA Transportation and Feedback	<p>James Coomes spoke on the details of the newly arranged transportation provided by the MHSA team to attend the CPT and O & E monthly meetings.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • James shared challenges to include the pickup taking place in Lake Los Angeles. A tracking system will be utilized for those who participate in the transportation support. • Wendy Cabil shared her experience with utilizing the MHSA transportation service. • Dr. Lisa Pion-Berlin and Michael Dutton shared their ideas on community involvement regarding location of meetings. 	MHSA staff will be emphasizing a protocol and limitations for those reserving the transportation system.		
Committee Member Reports	<p>Co-Chair Report – Skipped for this month due to Jamie already sharing the summary of the revised Bylaws, which were provided in detail during the Co-Chair meeting.</p> <p>Mental Health Commission – Skipped for this month due to not yet having the vacancy filled.</p> <p>Underserved Cultural Committee – Wendy Cabil:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No meeting this month due to the meetings now taking place every other month. 	Update needed on this.	James Coomes	

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	<p>DMH Updates – James Coomes shared information from the extended management meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HOME Team getting an award. • Prisoners getting the medication they need upon release. • Shock therapy equipment now at Palmdale MHC. • Prop. 1 update including substance abuse treatment and funds being reallocated. 			
<p>Consumer and Family/Supporters Time (Public Comments)</p>	<p>A SALT member spoke on her positive experience at the Inaugural Global Appreciation peer support event at St. Anne’s.</p> <p>A community member shared the details of her frustration with not being able to get the help sought after at the Antelope Valley MHC.</p> <p>A SALT member shared his past experiences with being an advocate for older adult services. He requested a specific group meeting to share resources for this population. Other attendees shared their interests in groups as well. This is when another member shared the details of his NAMI groups.</p>	<p>Various DMH staff available to address the needs and concerns expressed after today’s meeting.</p>		
<p>New Topics and Presentations</p>	<p>Agency Updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Health Neighborhood meets on the 1st Thursday of every month. 	<p>None at this time.</p>		

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	New Agenda Items/Presentations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AV Outreach Center and Parents Anonymous expressed wanting to present in a future meeting 			
Questions/Comments	Questions raised about the DMH Peer Resource Center program update for opening. Various agencies shared their updates. Question raised by a community member as to how DMH will be assisting with the upcoming Kaiser strike.	James provided answers in real time. James provided answers in real time to include the qualifications for those meeting specialty mental health services through DMH.		
Closing	Natalie Williams adjourned the meeting at 8:01 pm.			

Attendees: See sign-in sheet