



LA COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH COMMISSION (MHC)

“Advocacy, Accountability, and Oversight in Action”

Michael Molina, Chair, Presiding

**MENTAL HEALTH COMMISSION SA 6 TOWN HALL MINUTES**

<b>MEETING DATE</b>	October 17, 2024		
<b>START TIME</b>	10:00am	<b>ADJOURNMENT TIME:</b>	
<b>LOCATION</b>	Jesse Owens Community Regional Park 9651 S. Western Avenue Los Angeles, CA 90047		
<b>ATTACHMENTS</b>	<a href="#">MEETING RECORDING LINK</a>	<a href="#">PUBLIC COMMENT DOCUMENT LINK</a>	<a href="#">AGENDA LINK</a>

<b>IN ATTENDANCE</b>		<b>ABSENT</b>
<b>COMMISSIONER NAME</b>		
Susan Friedman, Kathleen Austria, Thomas Roache, Michael Molina, Lawrence Schallert, Dr. Erica Holmes, Victor Manalo, Marilyn Sanabria		Imelda Padilla-Frausto, Bennett Root Jr., Supervisor Kathryn Barger’s Representative, Anders Corey, Brittney Weissman, Reba Stevens, Stacy Dalglish, Jacqueline Sandoval
<b>QUORUM PRESENT:</b> Yes	<b>APPROVAL:</b> Approved on 11/21/2024. Motioned made by Commissioner Manalo, seconded by Commissioner Austria. Commissioner Weissman abstained from approval.	
<b>ADJOURNED:</b> 1:14 PM		

**MEETING MINUTES**

<b>AGENDA / ACTION ITEMS</b>	<b>DISCUSSION/DECISION SUMMARIES</b>	<b>FOLLOW-UP ITEMS</b>
3. CONSENT AGENDA		
a. Approval of minutes of the September 26, 2024, meeting	Minutes approved. Motion made by Commissioner Sanabria, seconded by Commissioner Sanabria.	
4. TOWN HALL AGENDA		
a. KEYNOTE SPEAKERS	<b>Dr. Wong’s speech highlights</b>	



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<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Dr. Lisa Wong, DMH Director</li><li>- Michael Molina, MHC Chair</li><li>- Jackie Cox, Area Chief</li></ul>	<p><b><i>988 and CARE Court Outreach</i></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• In terms of Marketing and advertising, we had an Alternative Crisis (ACR) media campaign and are in the process working with a PR firm to create a multimedia campaign to widely market the “who do I call for help” campaign. This marketing campaign aims to clarify crisis contact numbers (988, 911, etc.).</li><li>• Materials in multiple languages are being distributed to the public, law enforcement, and community partners.</li><li>• Ongoing community meetings promote awareness of CARE Court and mental health resources. We are closely working with NAMI, law endowment and other community organization to get the word out about CARE Court.</li><li>• <u>CARE Court website</u></li><li>• <u>CARE Court information and resources.</u></li></ul> <p><b><i>Behavioral Health Services Act (BHSA)</i></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• BHSA replaces the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) and includes substance use disorder services.</li><li>• 30% of MHSA funds are now designated for housing, impacting service allocations.</li><li>• Local and state-level meetings are ongoing to finalize funding guidelines, with full implementation expected by 2026. We are participating CDHDA and DHCS meetings to talk about how Prop 1 will be implemented and come up with guidelines. A small group of us has been invited to provide input to the state in developing guidelines.</li><li>• We are building up our staffing in anticipation of implementation.</li><li>• In preparation for program funding shifts from outpatient to FSP, we have begun transitioning some community support service programs</li></ul>	



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	<p>that serve the FSP eligible populations, and we have started transitioning our Veteran Peer Access Network (VPAN) program to a lower level FSP program specifically for veterans.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We are currently working with SAPC and our DMH Community Partners to develop the planning process. There will be several commissioners added who represent the substance use disorder community.</li> </ul> <p><b><i>Service Area 6 Specific Updates</i></b></p> <p><b><i>Facilities:</i></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We are excited that the Hawkins Children’s Clinic will be moving to the Jacqueline Avant Children and Family Center and that we will have a children</li> <li>• The request for proposals for the children center crisis resolution service is also opening this month.</li> <li>• We are excited that we are going to have a child and youth focus crisis resolution service at this location.</li> <li>• We finally have the West Central Mental Health we will be moving into the new location in 2025.</li> <li>• MLK BHC Campus: We have three pods of the Mental Health Rehabilitation Center (MHRC) that are expected to open by April 2025.</li> <li>• We finally have West Central Mental Health. We will be moving into the new location in spring 2025.</li> </ul> <p><b><i>People Experiencing Homelessness:</i></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We have over 75, 000 people experiencing homelessness in our county.</li> <li>• HOME Team: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ We have added 107 positions countywide</li> <li>○ We have two HOME teams dedicated to SA 6 with 24 staff members.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ SA 6 has a current client case load of 129</li><li>● Interim Housing Outreach Program (IHOP) - This has been implemented. We had Innovations Grant to help fund this implementation. We have started hiring.<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ We have hired 1 supervisor and 30 staff. Additional 30 are in the process of being onboarded for a total of 61.</li><li>○ We have an addition 100 positions we are utilizing the emergency order to fast track hiring.</li></ul></li><li>● The HOME Team won the Silver Eagle County Award from the Quality and Productivity Association for its impactful work.</li><li>● There are other countywide programs which include (PH)2 which is a joint program between the DMH and Health Services Housing for Health, Veteran and Military Families Program formerly VPAN, and Enhanced Care Management (ECM), and the Men’s and Women’s Re-entry Support Program</li></ul>	