

**COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES-DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH
SERVICE AREA ADMINISTRATION**

Service Area 7

SALT 7 Minutes

7/11/25

10am-12pm

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Agenda Items	Discussion	Action Item	Person Responsible	Due Date
Welcome/Land Acknowledgement	Jaime Gomez welcomed participants and reminded participants that transcripts and minutes of the meeting can be viewed on the SA7 microsite. The SALT 7 meeting was held in hybrid mode held in person at the Department of Public Health in the City of Whittier. Jaime Gomez informed participants that minutes to the previous meeting can be found on the Service Area 7 website. Participants were invited to SA7 social pages: Instagram and Facebook.	On-going	Jaime Gomez/Co chairs	9/12/25
Co-Chair Update Yvonne Sandoval Sydney Tabizon	Ms. Sandoval attended the DMH Commissioner meeting, and she states she informed the attendees about the Service Area 7 events and said that the department needs to bring awareness about 988, she states that most people are not aware of 988. There must be advertisement throughout all service areas. Ms. Tabizon also spoke on 211 and said that it is instrumental in having the SALT meetings move to various locations to bring awareness to various targeted populations such as unhoused individuals, university students etc.	On-going	Yvonne Sandoval Sydney Tabizon	9/12/25
DMH Service Area 7 Updates, Manuel Rosas, Chief	Acknowledged all the providers who participated in the June 7 th event. Acknowledged the directly operated and legal entity providers and FSP providers for their hard work and dedication. SA7 is one of the few service areas that does not have an FSP wait list. Clients being referred are coming in with more severe symptoms. Referrals are coming from service area homeless teams, hospitals and law enforcement. Spoke on the level of outreach to community members and set as an example the May and June events, data showed, reached over 6000 community members. Currently working on May Take Action event for 2026 and encouraged participants to email him with location suggestions. He			9/12/25

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	<p>also emphasized to be more conventional with some of the activities and partner with various agencies public and private, targeting difficult to reach populations and age groups. There is an increase in substance use and homelessness and it is suggested that this is an area where discussions can unfold in the next coming meetings to set up priorities in areas that can be targeted. DMH currently is hiring on emergency appointments and encouraged interested individuals to apply for the various vacancies.</p>			
<p>Dr. Karen Gunn UMOJA, Life Links Project</p>	<p>Dr. Gunn spoke on UMOJA, a community and critical resource dedicated to enhancing the cultural and educational experiences of African American and other students. This project is inclusive and services are not just limited to African American groups. Targeted populations include Jamaican, Haitian, Trinidad, Tobago, making sure that the project is attending to groups that are also coming from Latin and Central America who identify as black and Spanish speakers. The project focuses on developing a community booklet that incorporates providers, businesses, and faith-based organizations that are culturally competent. The outcome is to build a current, accurate, inclusive listing of all kinds of services and businesses not limited to just the obvious notion of mental health, healthcare, social services, but recognizing that sometimes, mental is supported by a person's local barber shop where people know your name, a safe space. The project aims to ensure that resources are going to be helpful to groups. Seeking to hear and identify people in Service Area 7 to provide feedback on viable resources.</p>			

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Provider/Public Announcements	<p>SALT 7 voted to go dark for August 8, 2025. SALT 7 meeting to resume in 9/12/25.</p> <p>Helpline Youth Counseling provide wraparound services and showers, food and laundromat services to persons in need. They receive food donations from Trader Joe's.</p> <p>Feedback received that the service area has a calendar of events and meetings. Mr. Jaime Gomez directed everyone to visit the DMH service area microsite where all meetings and events are listed.</p> <p>Question from participant regarding telehealth services available due to the current situation and people being afraid to leave their homes, participant assured that if requested, telehealth appointments are available, however at some point the perspective client needs to come in to sign needed paperwork, psychiatrist etc. but staff will work with client if they are not comfortable coming to the clinic.</p> <p>Participant encouraged participants to oppose Bill 416 which imposes a 5150 involuntary hold without county approval and client approval and forced treatment.</p> <p>Public speaking group at Pacific Clinics in Santa Fe Springs meets on the 3rd Friday of every month at 2pm. Free and open to the public.</p>	On-going	Providers and community members	9/12/25

Attendees: