Los Angeles County Directors' Report

Behavioral Health Services Act (BHSA) & Housing

Department of Mental Health (DMH) and Department of Public Health-Substance Abuse Prevention and Control (DPH-SAPC) Approach to Housing Services under BHSA

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PURPOSE

To share housing related changes under the Behavioral Health Services Act (BHSA), DMH and DPH-SAPC's approach to meeting BHSA housing requirements and increased accountability under BHSA.

HOUSING CHANGES UNDER BHSA

- Designates funds (30%) for housing programs.
- Is more prescriptive than Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) regarding the use of housing funds.
- Requires close coordination with Managed Care Plans (MCPs).
- Measures performance on population behavioral health goals and requires collaboration with other entities.
- Places greater emphasis than MHSA on providing a continuum of housing supports.

STATEWIDE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH GOALS

GOALS FOR IMPROVEMENT
Care Experience
Access to Care
Prevention & Treatment of Co-Occurring Physical Health Conditions
Quality of Life
Social Connection
Engagement in School
Engagement in Work

GOALS FOR REDUCTION
Suicides
Overdoses
Untreated Behavioral Health Conditions
Institutionalization
Homelessness
Justice Involvement
Removal of Children from Home

Health equity will be incorporated in each of the behavioral health goals

NOTE: Blue = State Mandated; Green = Locally Selected.

HOMELESSNESS SERVICES

Departments of Mental Health and Public Health – Substance Abuse Prevention and Control (SAPC) Partnerships

County's Programming to Reduce Homelessness Among Residents with Severe Mental Illness, Substance Use Disorder or Co-Occurring Conditions

1. Intensive Field-Based Services/Treatment

2. Integrated Services in Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH)

3. Coordinating Housing Resources

4. Leveraging California Advancing and Innovating Medi-Cal (CalAIM) Community Supports

HOMELESSNESS: HOUSING INTERVENTIONS

Department of Mental Health

County's Programming to Reduce Homelessness Among Residents with Severe Mental Illness, Substance Use Disorder (SUD) or Co-Occurring Conditions

Housing and Housing-Support Investments

- Interim Housing
- ERC and a new ERC + model
- Rental and Housing Assistance Program (includes rental subsidies, security/utility deposits and household goods)
- Federal subsidies (e.g. Section 8)
- Capital Investments in Permanent Supportive Housing and Licensed Residential Care facilities
- Landlord Outreach and Mitigation Funds

Intensive, Integrated Care Models

- Full-Service Partnership (*ACT/FACT & FSP-ICM) providing multidisciplinary community-based teams to support housing, employment, symptom management, and social connections for people with SMI or co-occurring SMI/SUD
- FACT adds justice-involved emphasis
- FSP-ICM offers recovery-focused, lower-intensity field based services and includes a specialty Housing Supportive Services Program (HSSP) FSP-ICM for individuals living in PSH

Crisis Stabilization and Outreach Infrastructure

- Peer Respite
- Crisis Residential Treatment Program (CRTP)
- 24/7 Crisis Stabilization with Psychiatric Mobile Response Teams (PMRTs)/Urgent Care Centers (UCCs)
- Law Enforcement Teams (LET)
- Enriched Residential Services (ERS)
- Homeless Outreach & Mobile Engagement (HOME) to de-escalate crises, connect to care, and sustain housing stability

Community-Based Access and Outreach Initiatives

- IHOP (Interim Housing Outreach Program)
- LEAP (Library Engagement & Access Program)
- UMHP partnerships, Veteran & Military Family Services (VMFS)
- Hollywood 2.0 pilot
- Skid Row Concierge Outreach
- Co-Occurring MH/IDD coordination to reduce fragmentation and improve access to housing, services, and supports

HOMELESSNESS: HOUSING INTERVENTIONS

Department of Public Health (DPH) – Substance Abuse Prevention and Control (SAPC)

County's Programming to Reduce Homelessness Among Residents with Severe Mental Illness, Substance Use Disorder (SUD) or Co-Occurring Conditions

Housing Investments

- Recovery Bridge Housing (RBH)
  - Recovery-oriented, peer supportive interim housing
  - Stays of up to 360 days
  - Concurrent enrollment in an outpatient setting
- Recovery Housing (RH)
  - Similar to RBH, but does not require concurrent enrollment in SUD treatment
  - Engaged in SUD treatment within the last 90 days
  - Stays up to 365 days
- Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH)
  - Subsidized permanent housing for individuals with SUD
  - SUD Supportive Services

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Housing Support Services

- SUD Treatment Services
  - Primarily funded by DMC
  - Levels of Care: Outpatient, Residential, OTP, MAT, WM
  - Field-based Services
- Housing Navigation
  - Funded through BHBH
  - Available to RBH and RH residents
  - Assist in identifying housing options/resources
  - Includes Participant Assistance Funds

Outreach Initiatives

- Client Engagement and Navigation Services provides SUD education, outreach and engagement, screening and referrals, and service navigation to facilitate access to SUD treatment
  - Interim Housing Outreach Program (IHOP)
  - PSH
  - Service Connection Days (Inside Safe, Pathway Home, Mainstream Services)
  - Co-located at multiple sites where they serve PEH (i.e. Courthouses, UCCs)
- The Street Addiction Consultation Team (SACT) delivers field-based care through consultation and education to improve access and quality of SUD services for PEH

BHSA ACCOUNTABILITY

- Integrated Plan/Annual Update/Intermittent Update
- Behavioral Health Outcomes, Accountability, and Transparency Report (BHOATR)
- California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) County Profile
- Individual Service Level (ISL) Data
- Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) Data
- Community Planning Team forums and quarterly updates

ACRONYM GLOSSARY

ERC	ENRICHED RESIDENTIAL CARE
FSP	FULL SERVICE PARTNERSHIP
ACT	ASSERTIVE COMMUNITY TREATMENT
FACT	FORENSIC ASSERTIVE COMMUNITY TREATMENT
SMI	SERIOUS MENTAL ILLNESS
SUD	SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER
PMRT	PSYCHIATRIC MOBILE RESPONSE TEAM
UCC	URGENT CARE CENTER
MH/IDD	MENTAL HEALTH/INTELLECTUAL DEVELOPMENT DISABILITIES
PSH	PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING
OTP	OPIOID TREATMENT PROGRAM
MAT	MEDICATIONS FOR ADDICTION TREATMENT
WM	WITHDRAWAL MANAGEMENT
BHBH	BEHAVIORAL HEALTH BRIDGE HOUSING
UMHP	UNITED MENTAL HEALTH PROMOTERS

QUESTIONS?

Thank you

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