

Department of Mental Health (DMH) Updates for the BHC Executive Committee Meeting (April 24, 2025)

Report Response: The following reports were submitted by DMH in March 2025.

- **Quarterly Update on Initiating the Hollywood 2.0 Pilot Project (Item 6, Agenda of November 2, 2021) [Link](#)**
 - The report provides a description of:
 - Implementation timeline and progress for key components.
 - Services offered: outpatient and field-based treatment, housing supports, and opportunities for meaning/purpose and connection.
 - Hosted two community engagement events in collaboration with Hollywood 4WRD.
 - Launched the H20 awareness campaign.
 - Housing: 48 H20 clients moved into permanent supportive housing from interim housing.
 - It also includes a list of:
 - Fully and partially dedicated staff positions.
 - Status on contracts for H20, including training and partnerships.

- **March 2025 Bi-Annual Update on Alternative Crisis Response (Item 18, Agenda of September 20, 2020) [Link](#)**
 - Provides an overview of the Alternative Crisis Response (ACR) data regularly monitored by DMH for 988 calls, ACCESS Crisis Calls, Field Intervention Team (FIT) dispatches and Crisis Stabilization Services (CRTPs).
 - Provides an update on the expansion of FIT, including, but not limited to:
 - 72 regularly scheduled FITs responding to crisis calls Countywide.
 - 7 teams dedicated to conducting follow-up and providing referrals to crisis patients.
 - Update on the “Who Do I Call For Help” marketing campaign.
 - Update on centralized dispatch system.
 - DMH continues to partner with the Countywide Criminal Justice Coordination Committee (CCJCC).
 - Provides updates on other ACR initiatives including equitable outcome teams, web based FIT Dispatch, ACCESS call center ACR training and reserved inpatient beds.

- **Report Response on Implementing 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 (SPAs 3 and 7), and SPA 8 to support expansion goals.
- Total enrollment numbers as of February 2025: 169 Referrals and 58 enrollments.
- DMH, FOTC-LA and DCFS have broadened outreach to additional offices including South County, Wateridge, and Commerce to increase regional reach.

Report Response on Evaluating the First Year of Community Assistance, Recovery, And Empowerment (CARE) Court in Los Angeles County (Item 5, Agenda of February 11, 2025) [Link](#)

- This report provides an overview and analysis of the first year of CARE Court. Below are a few highlights.
 - CARE Court received 485 referrals and 386 petitions. Referrals come from families, providers, DMH, self, State Hospital and California Department of Corrections.
 - Superior Court dismissed 130 petitions from December 2023-February 2025. Reasons for dismissals, include, but are not limited to, already receiving adequate mental health services (43), unlikely to benefit/needs higher level of care (29), diagnosis criteria not met (17), and moved out of/does not reside in Los Angeles County (15).
 - Provides a summary of outreach and public awareness efforts, including advertising, media and press outreach, online resource centers, community meetings and various printed materials.
 - Provided training/education to various stakeholders including individuals/community members, community based organizations, hospitals, first responders and others.
 - Experienced challenges with hiring/recruitment of psychologists, psychiatrists and nurses. Efforts to address hiring challenges included increasing intern opportunities, building relationships with colleges/universities, recruitment bonuses, loan repayments, and others.

Report Response on Acting to Expand Services For Misdemeanor Incompetent To Stand Trial Population (Item 11, Agenda of February 7, 2023) [Link](#)

- This report provides an update on the revised MIST Spending Plan for the Assembly Bill (AB) 178, amended by AB 179, funds upon clarification from County Counsel regarding the eligible uses.
 - MIST Capital Project Update:
 - Received \$99.2 million to support the Los Angeles County General Hospital Restorative Care Village (LA General RCV) Project, a 128 bed sub-acute facility and a new mental health Urgent Care Center (UCC) with a portion dedicated to the following populations:

- Office of Diversion and Re-Entry MIST, and
 - Office of Public Guardian conserved MIST.
 - Construction for Phase 4 (Residential Withdrawal Management Facility and the Mental Health UCC) is in process.
 - Design and construction documents for Phase 5 (Psychiatric Subacute Facility) completed and grading permits received.
- **Motions:**
In March 2025, the motions below were approved by the Board with reports to be **submitted by** DMH.

Revised Item 12 Implementing the Pilot to Enable County Libraries to Better Serve Their Unhoused Patrons (Revised Item 12, Agenda of March 4, 2025)

Purpose: To implement the LA County Librarian and DMH recommendations to place mental health clinicians/paraprofessionals at the identified highest needs libraries to assist unhoused patrons with mental health needs.