Los Angeles County - Department of Mental Health

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Mental Health and Disaster Services

• Overview of Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health System of Care

• Disaster Response
  • Continuity of operations for existing clients
  • Incident response to assist the public and personnel
Department of Mental Health (DMH)

- In LA County, there are 10,000,000 residents spanning over 4,000 square miles with 8 separate service planning areas.
- Oversees 21 directly operated clinics and 122 contract providers
- Over 250,000 individuals are served annually
- Offers services in more than 14 languages
DMH Continuum of Care

- MHSA funds programs offer differing levels of service

  - **Full Service Partnerships (FSP)**
    - Most intensive and individualized recovery-oriented treatment
    - Incurred high costs related to acute hospitalization or long term care

  - **Field Capable Clinical Services (FCCS)** offers field services as a step-down from more intensive FSP services

- **Wellness Centers and Client Run Centers**
  - Offer a blend of peer supporters, paid staff, medication services
  - Clients are encouraged to be in charge of their care planning
Forty-five LPS designated facilities and over 2300 beds

- Acute inpatient facilities including law enforcement beds for indigent

- Urgent Care Mental Health Centers (LPS designated)

- Non-designated acute inpatient facilities

- Non-designated Urgent Care Center
Intercept model

- Mental health emergency response
- Post arrest
- Alternatives to incarceration
- Community re-entry
- Community supports
DMH Homeless Services

DMH has worked to end homeless through:

• Specialized programs for complex needs of homeless mentally ill
  • Intensive outreach, engagement
  • Integrated health, mental health, substance abuse teams
  • Field based assessment, street counseling, case management, linkage
• Assisted Outpatient Treatment
• Law enforcement mental health teams
• Veteran’s outreach teams
• Housing resources
Housing Resources (2015)

- Temporary Shelter Program: 27 shelters, 500 clients served
- Housing Assistance Program: 940 clients
- Federal Housing Subsidies: over 1500 clients served
- Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Housing Program
  - $145 million in 2015
  - 2,254 housing units
Disaster Services

- **State of California Emergency Organizational Structure: Standardized Emergency Management System (SEMS)**

- **Los Angeles County Office of Emergency Management (OEM)**
  - During a significant incident, DMH’s Department Emergency Coordinator will be contacted by LA County OEM’s Duty Officer
Disaster Services

- DMH coordinates its response with OEM

- Some examples where DMH provides services, include:
  - Mass Care Shelters
  - Local Assistance Centers
  - Strike Teams
  - Community Meetings
  - Public Outreach
  - Family Assistance Centers
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Typical services provided to the public:

- Psycho-Education
- Psychological First Aid
- Support, Assistance and Treatment
- Crisis Intervention
- Crisis Counseling
- Linkage, Advocacy and Referrals
Disaster Services

Typical services provided to emergency/other personnel:

- Debriefings
- Crisis Intervention
- Linkage, Advocacy and Referrals

- Free Mental Health Treatment – County Mental Health
- Assist with accessing treatment through private provider
- Other assistance
Disaster Services

Catastrophic Incident

- Unmet needs
- Medical Health Operational Area Coordination (MHOAC)

- Public Health and Medical System
- Operational Area Coordinator
- Provision for medical and health mutual aid
Questions?

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