


Date: July 5, 2022

To: Thomas B. Modica, City Manager 

From: Kelly Colopy, Director of Health and Human Services 

For: Mayor and Members of the City Council

Subject: **Update on the Feasibility of Establishing a More Robust Local Infrastructure for Mental Health Services**

On November 9, 2021, the City Council directed the City Manager to work with the Department of Health and Human Services (Health Department) and local mental health providers to explore the feasibility of establishing a more robust infrastructure for mental health services in collaboration and alignment with local mental health providers in Long Beach and the County of Los Angeles (LAC). On January 4, 2022, the Health Department requested \$100,000 for the purpose of leading the mental health study efforts, convening a Mental Health Advisory Group, and retaining a consultant with specific expertise in mental health funding mechanisms, data, service delivery and referral pathways to conduct a feasibility study to move this effort forward.

The Health Department has developed an internal team of staff who support or oversee the City's mental health initiatives to oversee the development of the feasibility study. This team is engaged in active conversations with the LAC Department of Mental Health regarding existing services and gaps. This team has also convened a Mental Health Advisory Group which consists of a diverse cross-section of local hospitals, education systems, homeless services providers, non-profit mental health providers, LA County departments, and business representatives. This Mental Health Advisory Group will convene for at least five sessions over the next six months. The Advisory Group is participating in identifying gaps and solutions, enhancing communications, and identifying potential resources.

The following organizations have been invited to participate in this discussion:

- Centro CHA
- Century Villages
- City HeART
- College Medical Center
- Community Hospital Long Beach
- Community Medical Wellness Center (Khmer Federally Qualified Health Center)
- California State University Long Beach
- Didi Hirsch Mental Health Services
- Disabled Resource Center
- Downtown Long Beach Alliance
- Everyone Home Coalition

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- For the Child
- Ginger Lavender Therapy
- Jewish Family and Children Services
- Long Beach Trauma Recovery Center
- Long Beach City College
- Long Beach Unified School District
- Long Beach Area Chamber of Commerce
- Long Beach City Prosecutors Office
- Long Beach Police Department
- Long Beach Memorial Medical Center
- Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health-SPA 8
- Los Angeles County Department of Public Health, Substance Abuse Prevention and Control
- Mental Health America
- Pacific Asian Counseling Services
- Silegra
- St. Mary Medical Center
- Star View Behavioral Health Urgent Care Center
- Supervisor Janice Hahn's Office
- TCC Family Health
- Telecare
- The LGBTQ Center Long Beach
- The Guidance Center
- United Cambodian Community
- United Way
- US VETS
- VA Long Beach

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