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Health Pathways

Promoting integration and collaboration between the health care & homeless service systems in LA County

May 19, 2020

Agenda

- **Inform** multi-system partners about COVID-19 challenges
- **Coordinate alignment** between health & homeless systems
- **Focus** on the chronic health needs of PEH

1. Level Setting & Orientation

- i. Major Developments since the last call (PRK, MSEP, Unsheltered)
- ii. Initial Findings from Analysis of Seniors (65+) in Project RoomKey

2. Partner Updates

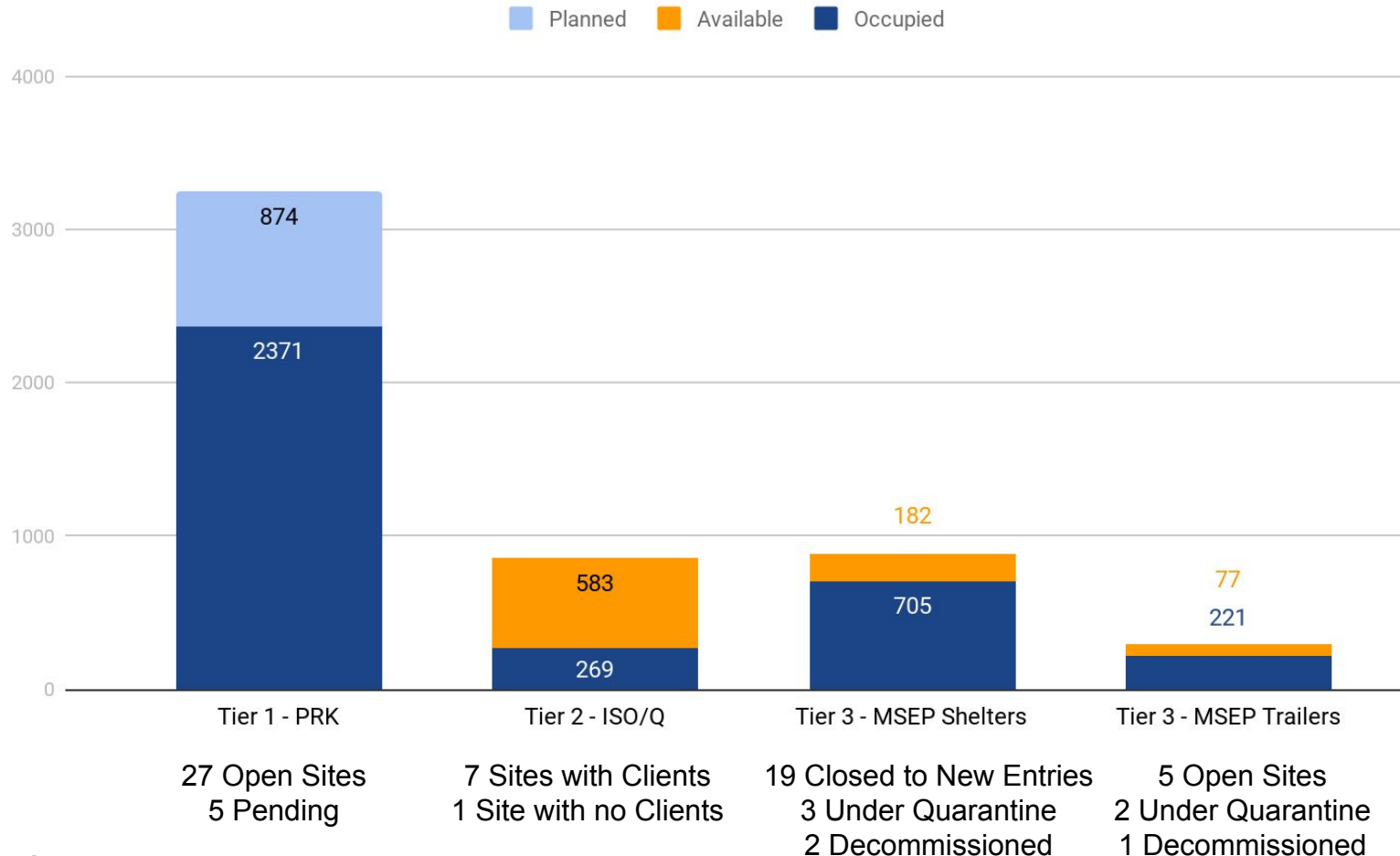
- i. **DHS Housing for Health (HFH), Libby Boyce** – HFH’s work in response to COVID-19
- ii. **LA Christian Health Center, Lisa Abdishoo & Shannon Fernando**– LACHC’s medical care partnerships at Tier 1 & 2 sites and street medicine work
- iii. **The Salvation Army, Anabel Sanchez** – medical needs at Tier 1 site
- iv. **SSG-HOPICS, Veronica Lewis** – ongoing medical needs of PEH; insights into clinic partnerships

3. Moving Forward

- i. What are we working on next?

Census Across COVID-19 Homeless Services Sites

As of May 18, 2020



Major Developments

- **PRK**
 - Large ~450-room site opened downtown
- **MSEP**
 - Clients being evaluated for Tier 1
 - New registrations have been stopped at all sites except trailers, and two shelters are decommissioned
- **Unsheltered**
 - Street Surge continues in Skid Row and other high-density encampments in partnership with FQHCs
 - Judge Carter's preliminary injunction

Highlights from Judge Carter's Preliminary Injunction

- **Focus:** individuals who live near freeway overpasses, underpasses, and ramps
 - 6,000-7,000 in the County of Los Angeles;
 - 3,000-4,000 in the City of Los Angeles; and
 - 200-300 of whom live in unincorporated areas.
- **Order:** Unless the parties reach an acceptable alternative, then effective May 22nd, the City and County of LA must begin to humanely relocate this population away from freeway overpasses, underpasses, and ramps by providing shelter—or alternative housing options, such as safe parking sites, or hotel and motel rooms contracted under Project Roomkey—to individuals experiencing homelessness.
 - All shelters and alternative housing options must have nursing staff who, upon intake, can test each homeless individual for communicable diseases and other health conditions.
- **Rationale:** Without intervention, there is likely irreparable harm from exposure to environmental pollutants and vehicular or earthquake injury.

Findings from First Report to the Board of Supervisors on PRK Clients

Table 5. Comparison of Older Adults with Other PRK Clients

	Higher	Lower	Equivalent	Mixed
Male	✓			
Black	✓			
White	✓			
Hispanic		✓		
Acuity Measure			✓	
Chronically Homeless		✓		
Disability				✓
Homeless Services Use			✓	
DHS Resource Intensive Services		✓		
DMH Resource Intensive Services		✓		
Jail Involvement		✓		

- ❑ The PRK population is more vulnerable than the broader homeless population
- ❑ The 65+ population has the same VI-SPDAT score distribution as the rest of the PRK population, and they have a lower-than expected level of chronic homelessness - **their age is THE vulnerability factor.**
- ❑ 90% report having a physical disability; 90% say they have a chronic medical condition; and 50% say they have a mental health issue
- ❑ ~60% of the overall PRK population were served by neither DHS nor DMH during the two years prior to their program start dates, which means they are either getting their needs met in the private system or not at all.
- ❑ There may be an underrepresentation of hispanic/latinx adults in the older populations at PRK

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Partner Updates

- DHS Housing For Health (HFH) - Libby Boyce
- LA Christian Health Centers (LACHC) - Lisa Abdishoo & Shannon Fernando
- The Salvation Army - Anabel Sanchez
- SSG-HOPICS - Veronica Lewis

Moving Forward - What's Next?

- What are we working on next?
 - Health Pathways Expansion (HPE) Grant
 - We will share:
 - Culhane Report
 - Judge Carter Preliminary Injunction
 - This PPT and notes from this call
- Next Meeting: COVID testing strategy for PEH

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Questions & Comments

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Background Slides

Why is the United Way convening this call?

- UWGLA uses our convening power to bring multi-sector partnership together to benefit those experiencing homelessness
- COVID-19 spurred massive and rapid systems change in both homeless and health services
- In call after call, we keep hearing about amazing ad-hoc integration with the health sector
- System-level coordination today can forever share the future of health care delivery for those experiencing homelessness

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