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# Health Pathways

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

June 16, 2020



# Agenda

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

## 1. Health Pathways Expansion RFP Release & Announcement!

## 2. Level Setting & Orientation

- Major Developments since the last call (PRK, MSEP, Unsheltered)
- Closing the Loop: Impacts of Protests and Police Actions

## 3. Updates

- 2020 Homeless Count Presentation Overview & Major Headlines
  - Four Integration Insights

### b. Moving Forward

#### i. Health Pathways Expansion Grant RFP Open

- Applications open from **now until Thursday, June 25 at 5pm PDT**
- To access the application & additional information please visit: <http://healthpathwaysrfp.weebly.com/>
- Please direct all RFP-related questions to: [rfp@unitedwayla.org](mailto:rfp@unitedwayla.org)

# Health Pathways Expansion Grant RFP Release

A collaborative effort to expand health services for people experiencing homelessness led by California Community Foundation and the United Way of Greater Los Angeles, with investment support from Cedars-Sinai, L.A. Care Health Plan, and Providence.

1. Eligibility: Non-profit health care providers that operate in LA County and have already expanded OR have immediate plans to expand the level of non-COVID health services provided to PEH at shelter or through street-based services.
2. Award: Up to \$150,000 in one-time funding; 12% indirect
3. Use: Sustain, expand, or establish health services, in partnership with one or more homeless service providers, to meet the non-COVID health needs of PEH in LA County.
4. Evaluation: Awardees will participate in an evaluation to capture lessons and impact of the overall grant program

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  - Questions will not be accepted after 3pm PDT on June 24 to allow time for response.

# Thank You!

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California Community Foundation (CCF)

Cedars Sinai

LA Care Health Plan

Providence

Center for Strategic Partnership

...and you!



**Cedars  
Sinai**



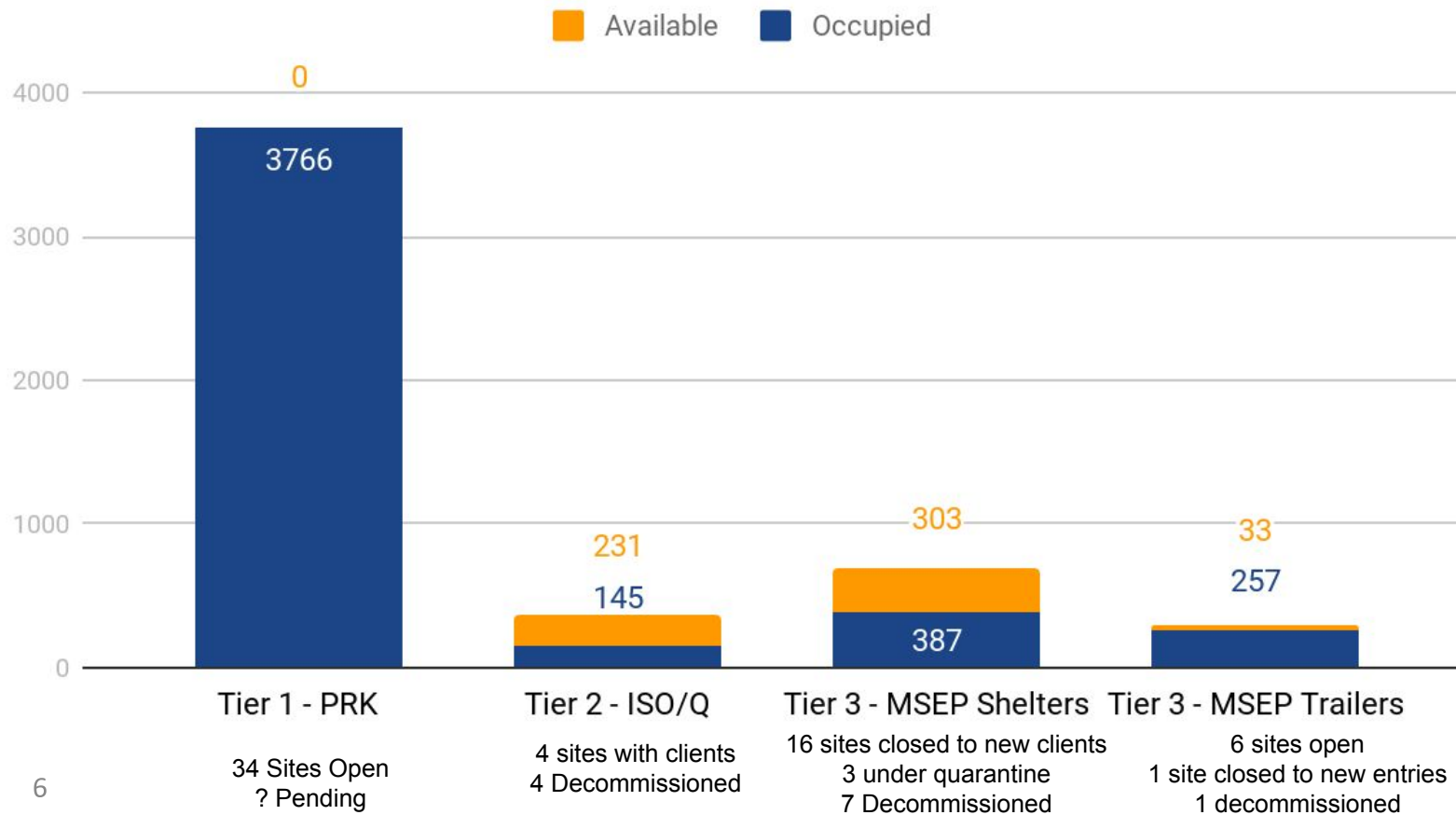
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# COVID-19 Situation Update

## Census Across COVID-19 Homeless Services Sites

As of June 15, 2020



### Confirmed Cases among PEH

- 515 cases
- 71 Hospitalized (14%)
- 16 Deaths (3.1%)

### PRK

- One new site has been added since our last meeting [15 sites have health partners and 2 sites are pending]

### MSEP

- All sites have medical partners but are closed to new registrations
- Trailers remain open for new clients

### Isolation/Quarantine

- Bell Gardens and Mayfair sites have been decommissioned

### Unsheltered

- Rate of infection among the unsheltered is increasing (currently 40% of positive cases among PEH, up from 35% in early June)

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## ***Overview of 2020 Homeless Count Results***

<https://everyoneinla.org/count/>

<https://www.lahsa.org/documents?id=4558-2020-greater-los-angeles-homeless-count-presentation>

# Major headlines from the PIT Count

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- **Homelessness went up almost everywhere in southern California, (in part because we are getting better at counting)**
  - 13.6% increase in the City of Los Angeles (16% last year)
  - 12.7% increase in the County of Los Angeles (12% last year)
- **Black people continue to be overrepresented**
- **Inflow has increased and continues to outpace outflows**
  - We place more people than ever into supportive housing
- **The sheltered population increased by 3-5 percentage points**
  - Shelter has increased even more since COVID-19



# Integration Insight #1 from the PIT Count

Homelessness among seniors age 62+ increased by 20%, and this trend is expected to continue.

## Opportunity in Homeless Services

As COVID-19 is creating a natural opportunity to increase focus on the older adult population, how are we increasing the supply of accessible units and in-home supports?

## Opportunity in Health Services

Since homeless seniors are often the highest-cost health care patients, how are they being engaged in routine primary care to get their health care managed?

# Integration Insight #2 from the PIT Count

58% more people meet HUD's definition of chronic homelessness, which can be the gateway to housing.

## Opportunity in Homeless Services

How is the homeless services system making sure health care encounters with our clients count toward their time-based chronicity calculations?

## Opportunity in Health Services

How is the health care system making sure they are getting more people engaged and diagnosed to benefit the disabling conditions aspect of chronicity?

# Integration Insight #3 from the PIT Count

Black people are 4x more likely to be homeless than members of other race and ethnicity groups.

## Opportunity in Homeless Services

How are we making sure black people have access to shelter, outreach, mobile services, and the coordinated entry system? How are we decriminalizing homelessness?

## Opportunity in Health Services

How are we ensuring black residents have disproportionate access to health coverage, and can easily access competent health care that can prevent and end homelessness?

# Integration Insight #4 from the PIT Count

24% of newly homeless residents cited a disabling health condition as the primary cause of their homelessness. (3rd leading cause)

## Opportunity in Homeless Services

How do we put prevention resources at the front door of our system upon first onset of disabling conditions?

## Opportunity in Health Services

How do we leverage the first diagnosis as a “housing is healthcare” intervention point? How is coordination with mental health and substance use services?

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## 2. Other integration initiatives? New partnerships? Upcoming system changes to keep in mind?

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## Questions & Comments

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# Background Slides

# Why is the United Way convening this call?

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- 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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