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Health Pathways

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

June 2, 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)- Carter Hewgley and Chris Ko
- ii. Health Pathways Expansion Grant- Dalma Diaz

2. Partner Updates

- i. **The United Way of Greater Los Angeles- Chris Ko** - What does the future look like for PEH beyond PRK and/or the 90 days
- ii. **Venice Family Clinic, Karen Lauterbach and Evonne Biggs** – What are the most common medical issues being treated onsite and what are the challenges with providing care?
- iii. **LAHSA, Amy Perkins**- What are the moments or instances when homeless service providers are in need of medical providers?

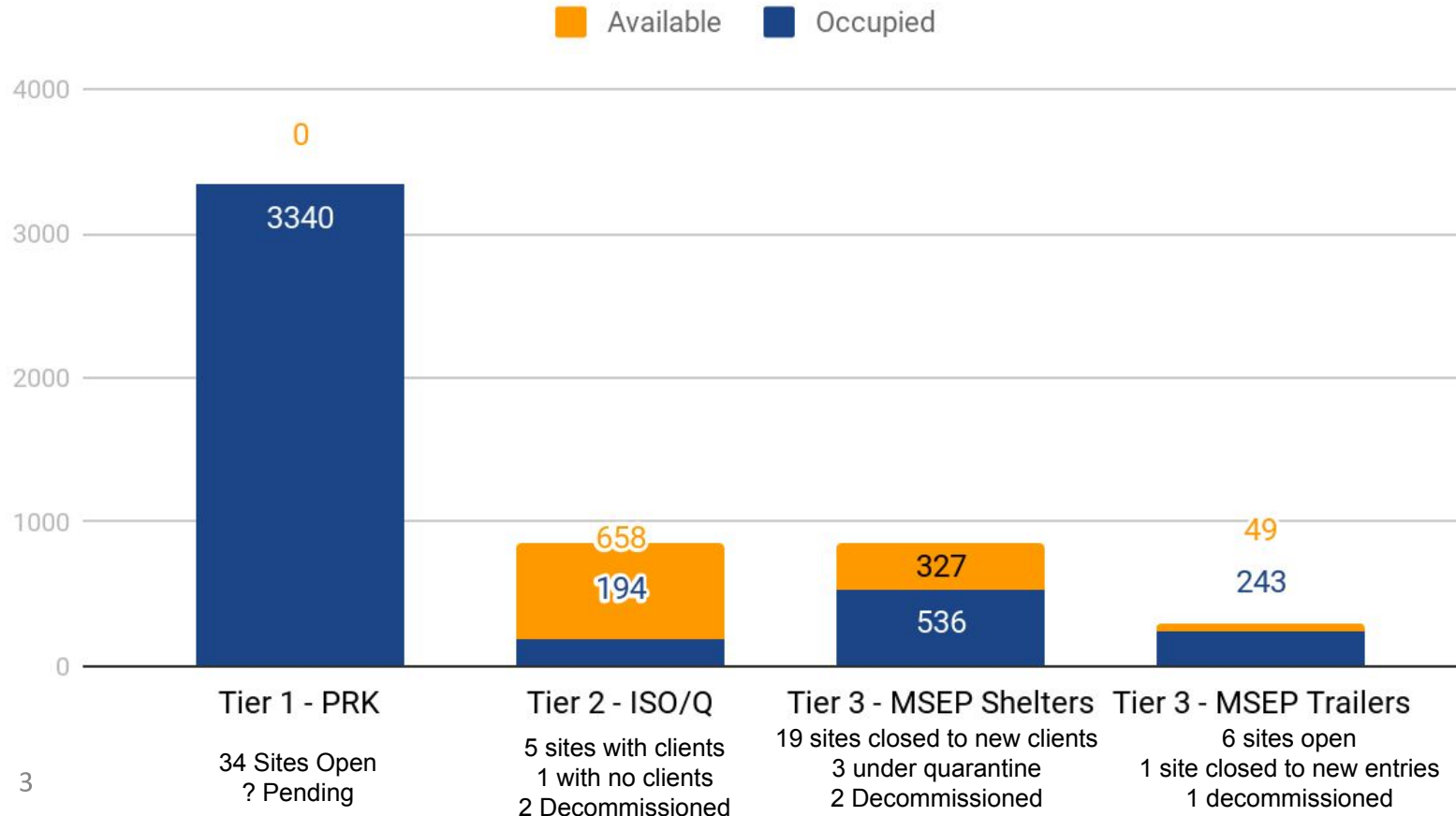
3. Moving Forward

- i. What are we working on next?

COVID-19 Situation Update

Census Across COVID-19 Homeless Services Sites

As of June 1, 2020



Confirmed Cases among PEH

- 418 cases
- 50 Hospitalized (12%)
- 11 Deaths (2.6%)

PRK

- Census increased by 40% with 6 new PRK sites opened since our last meeting [9 sites have health partners]

MSEP

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

Isolation/Quarantine

- Dockweiler and Westchester sites were decommissioned

Unsheltered

- Rate of infection among the unsheltered is increasing (currently 35% of positive cases among PEH)

Impact of Local Protests & Police Actions

- **Impact on the Unsheltered:**

- Testing: The street testing surge is on hold due to LAPD redirection, but some providers are testing.
- Outreach: LAHSA outreach is adjusting to curfew hours. Some providers continue to work in less-impacted areas.
- Street Medicine: Most providers are not doing street medicine in impacted areas.

- **Impact on Shelters & Trailers:**

- LockDowns: Pan Pacific is under quarantine and was locked down for the protest with some damage. Hollywood, North Hollywood, and Westwood are on lockdown on the advice of LAPD
- Mobile Hygiene: LADOT cannot bring mobile trailers due to protests; UW is supplying hygiene kits to trailers

- **Impact on Project RoomKey:**

- Staffing: down to 50% but workers are considered essential and are allowed to work through curfews. Partners are working on contingency planning if there are power outages.

Health Pathways Expansion (HPE) Grant

- The Health Pathways Expansion (HPE) Grant is a funding opportunity designed to support health care providers' innovative expansion of healthcare services to PEH.
- Funding will be used to expand or establish care alongside homeless service providers to meet the non-COVID health needs of PEH staying in Tier 1 and Tier 3 shelter, pre-existing interim sites, and those who remain on the street.
- This effort is possible due to the work and generous support from:



What Are We Solving For?

The COVID-19 pandemic has highlighted the urgent need to:

1. Bring our most medically vulnerable inside to prevent them from getting sicker and,
2. Create health pathways for PEH to receive ongoing high-value care to manage their chronic physical health, behavioral health, and substance use conditions

The purpose of the HPE grant is to support the health care system in expanding services alongside the homeless system by covering costs that health providers incur due to providing uncompensated care to those who are not covered by insurance or are assigned to another health provider. With the HPE grant we aim to support:

- Direct medical care
- Enrollment in insurance coverage (i.e. Medi-Cal, My Health LA etc.)
- Referrals to specialty care like dentistry or dialysis treatment
- Connections to behavioral health and substance use treatment
- Prescription drug costs and/or delivery
- Non-emergency transport etc.

RPF will be released next week

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Partner Updates

- United Way of Greater Los Angeles, Chris Ko
- Venice Family Clinic, Karen Lauterbach and Evonne Biggs
- LAHSA, Amy Perkins

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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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