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Health Pathways

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

August 11, 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. PRK Ramp Down Update
- iii. Closing the Loop - COVID Recovery Plan
- iv. Partner Upcoming Events/Announcements

2. Mental Health and Substance Use Services Overview

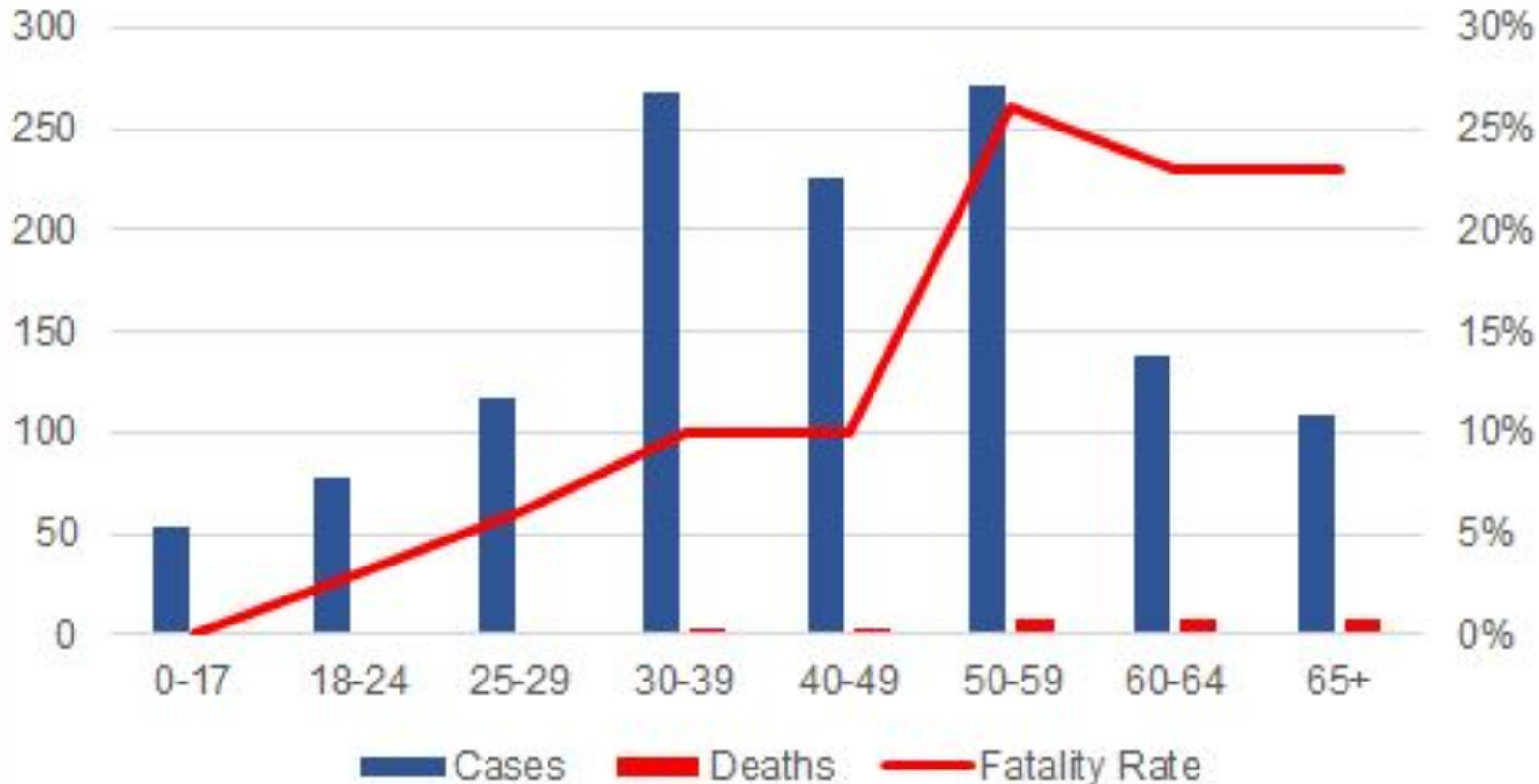
- i. Julie Hudman, PhD, Managing Partner, Vikasa Health

3. MH & SUD Service Integration at Project Roomkey - Guest Speakers

- i. Kalene Gilbert, LCSW, Mental Health Clinical Program Manager, DMH
- ii. JoAnn Hemstreet, LCSW, Clinical Director, Homeless Health Care Los Angeles
- iii. Daniel Reti, Healthcare Integration Coordinator, LAHSA

COVID-19 Situation Update

COVID-19 PEH CASES & DEATHS IN LA COUNTY



Confirmed Cases among PEH

- 1,260 cases
- 181 Hospitalized (14%)
- 31 Deaths (2.46%)
 - 23% for those age 65+

PRK

- 36 sites serving ~4,100 clients
- One site in SPA 1/Antelope Valley has been added since we last met
- 4 sites expected to close by end of August

MSEP

- 4 shelter sites serving 240
 - 0 sites under quarantine
- 6 trailer sites serving 276 clients

Isolation/Quarantine

- 4 sites serving 177 clients

Unsheltered

- Rate of infection among unsheltered PEH is the same as those in shelter (~37%)

PRK Ramp Down Update

- Sites will be ramped down over 7 month period (August 2020 – February 2021) – aiming for 2 month notice for providers at sites selected to ramp down. Providers will be asked to stop new intakes 6 weeks prior to site closure.
- Decisions on which sites will close in October will be made in early August; providers will be notified once decisions are made
- All sites within the city of LA are set to close by end of December 2020
 - Only those sites in county ESG funded areas are planned to carry over into early 2021; cities with their own ESG grants are excluded: Glendale, Pasadena, Long Beach, El Monte, Los Angeles
- Closures within SPAs will be coordinated so that no SPA region has all PRK sites closed in a single month

Closing the Loop - COVID Recovery Plan

1. LA County: LAHSA Recovery Re-Housing Services [RFI](#)
 - i. Creates two new categories within “permanent housing” for PEH that are at high risk of COVID (e.g. “PRK eligible” PEH) with mid or high range of acuity
 - ii. Supports eligible PEH with time-limited rental assistance
 - iii. RFI closes August 26
2. LA City: A Bridge Home
 - i. **+800** ABH beds are coming online throughout city of LA, marking the biggest addition of ABH beds in the initiative’s history up till now
 - ii. Outreach teams encountering challenges filling up beds due to PEH confusion over PRK vs. ABH beds

**Rumblings: Civic Center site is coming online August 18

Partner Upcoming Events/ Announcements

1. Re-Imagine LA Ballot Measure for LA County Charter Amendment

- LA County BOS approved the RELA ballot measure for November 3, 2020 election
- Require a min. 10% allocation for direct community investment & alternatives to incarceration
- To endorse: <https://tinyurl.com/y55qhegt>

2. CCALAC Hope & Health: Ending Homelessness in the Time of COVID Policy Cafe

- Friday, August 21 from 9-10:30AM
- Speaker Heidi Marston, LAHSA
- Register here: <https://ccalac.org/events/policy-cafe/policy-cafe-registration/>

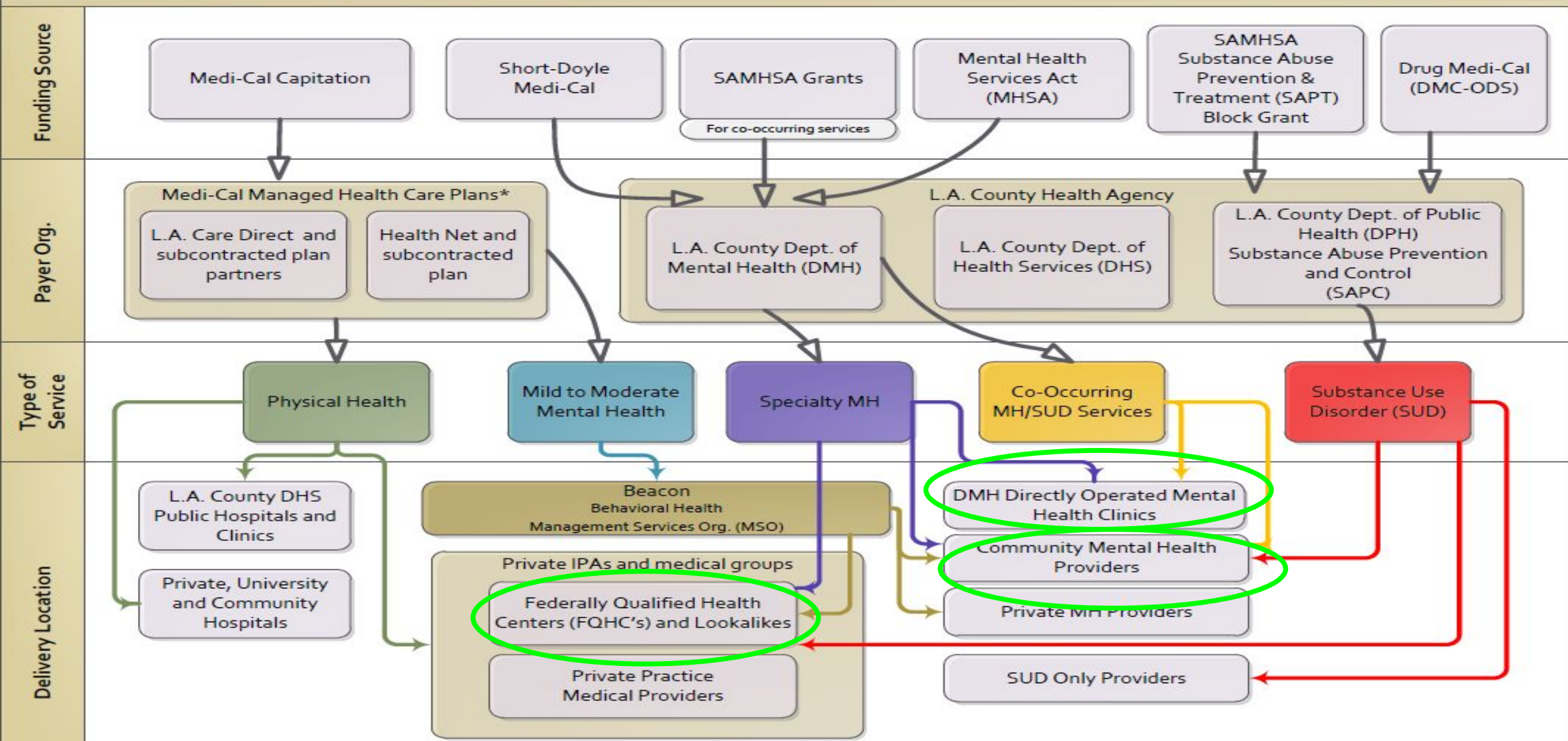
3. Unite Us Los Angeles Coordinated Community Network

- Community referral network launching next week with support from Kaiser Permanente and Blue Shield of California.
- For more information, please contact: Drew Dickson-Parham drew@uniteus.com

Mental Health & Substance Use Disorder Services Overview

- Julie Hudman, PhD, Managing Partner, Vikasa Health

Los Angeles County Payer and Provider Relationships for Adult Medi-Cal Physical Health, Mental Health (MH) and Substance Use Disorder (SUD) Services



*Provider networks vary by Health Plan

Behavioral Health & Homeless System Integration

Mental Health & Substance Use Disorder System

- Within the LA County Health System, there are different providers and funding sources depending upon the service that is needed.
- Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder services are delivered by county agencies (DMH, DPH/SAPC), and by private hospitals, health centers and medical providers.
- Collaboration is needed to ensure both the physical and behavioral health needs of persons experiencing homelessness (PEH) are met
- Whole Person Care (WPC) and Health Homes (HHP) are two Medi-Cal programs that focus on care coordination of both physical and behavioral services, and also housing navigation among other things. PEH are one of the eligible populations for these programs.

Homeless Service System

- Measure H Strategy B7: Interim/Bridge Housing for people exiting institutions such as:
 - Hospitals
 - Long-term substance use treatment centers
 - Jail, prison, juvenile detention
- DMH & DHS housing resources for PEH with mental health, physical health needs
 - Interim Housing
 - Supporting services
 - Enriched residential care programs (Adult Residential Facilities, Skilled Nursing Facilities etc.)

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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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