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# Health Pathways

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

August 25, 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. Level Setting & Orientation

- i. PRK Ramp Down Update and Homekey Updates
- ii. HPE Grant Update and Evaluation RFP

## 2. COVID-19 Testing Strategy for Unsheltered Population and Existing Interim Housing

- i. Savannah Walseth, Health Program Manager, Housing for Health, DHS
- ii. Natalia Torregrosa, Policy and Systems Change Coordinator, United Way

## 3. Closing

- i. Next call scheduled for September, 8th at 2pm

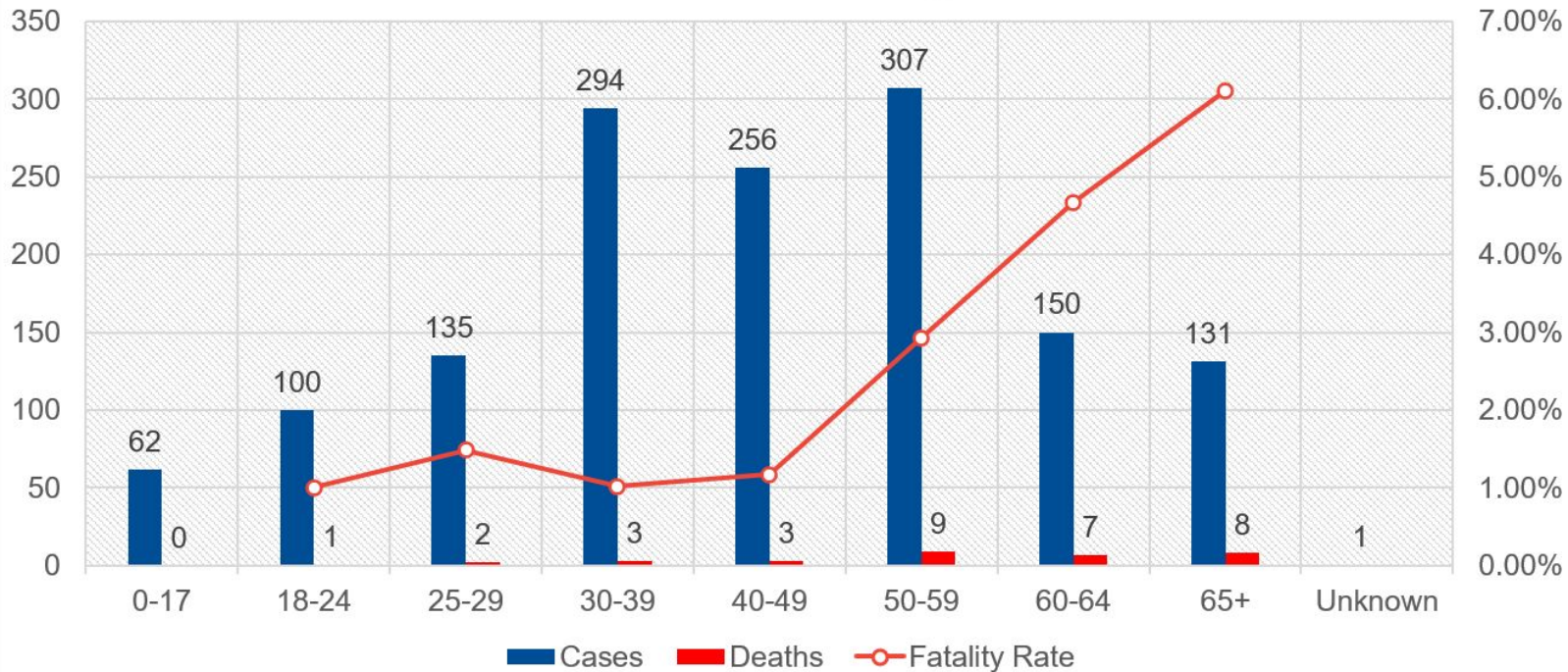
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# Level Setting & Orientation

- Carter Hewgley, Director of Homeless Initiatives, United Way
- Julie Hudman, PhD, Managing Partner, Vikasa Health

# COVID-19 Situation Update

COVID-19 Cases and Deaths in LA County



## Confirmed Cases among PEH

- 1,436 cases
- 187 Hospitalized (13%)
- 33 Deaths (2.3%)
  - 73% of deaths are age 50+

## PRK

- 38 sites serving ~4,300 clients
- One site in SPA 2/Studio City has been added since we last met
- 5 sites expected to close in August & September

## CITY SITES

- 2 ABH sites have opened since last meeting and one more expected in Sept.
- 4 shelter sites serving 138
  - 0 sites under quarantine
- 6 trailer sites serving 238 clients

## Isolation/Quarantine

- 4 sites serving 177 clients

## Unsheltered

- Rate of infection among unsheltered PEH is now lower than those in shelter (~27%)

# 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.
- Sites with a date set for decommission:
  - The Garvey Inn (SPA 3)
  - Quality Inn & Suites (SPA 3)
  - Motel 6 (SPA 3)
  - Quality Inn Lomita (SPA 8)
  - Best Western Plus South Bay (SPA 8)

## Key Integration Questions:

- Which sites are closing first?
- Where are residents going when the sites close?

# Project Homekey Update

The State has dedicated \$600M to support property acquisition.

LA will receive at least \$160M but could receive more depending on demand and competition.

Decisions expected in September.

Geography	Total Applications	Total Homekey Request	Total Units
Balance of State	13	\$42,560,142	306
Bay Area	29	\$324,043,858	1990
Central Coast	6	\$47,331,412	420
Los Angeles	40	\$367,659,378	2301
SACOG	16	\$70,049,758	631
San Diego	3	\$35,673,750	477
San Joaquin Valley	14	\$63,642,536	694
Southern California	17	\$106,334,517	858
<b>Total</b>	<b>138</b>	<b>\$1,057,295,351</b>	<b>7677</b>

# New Resource Guide Available

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## Purpose:

- To facilitate access to key health plan information and additional resources in a centralized location to support HPE grantees working with people experiencing homelessness
- This resource guide is intended for health & social service provider use in LA County; it is not designed for member/client/patient use

## Current guide topics/categories include:

- Behavioral Health
- COVID-19 Policies & Changes
- Dental Services
- Durable Medical Equipment (DME)
- IHSS, PACE & Other In-Home Supports
- Lifestyle & Nutrition

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How to request or share new resources::

- Requests for additional resources can be made to Dalma Diaz at [ddiaz@unitedwayla.org](mailto:ddiaz@unitedwayla.org);
- To share a resource, please submit to Sarah Rubinstein at [srubinstein@unitedwayla.org](mailto:srubinstein@unitedwayla.org) and include a brief description of the resource and indicate which folder category it should be added to
- The guide will be updated monthly

HPE Guide Walkthrough:

**DROPBOX**

[https://www.dropbox.com/sh/dur9xx3ir7fk82w/AABI\\_tBCiilqOQILiPSgUp4Na?dl=0](https://www.dropbox.com/sh/dur9xx3ir7fk82w/AABI_tBCiilqOQILiPSgUp4Na?dl=0)

**WEEBLY SITE**

<http://healthpathwaysexpansion.weebly.com/>



# HPE Evaluation

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- The United Way of Greater LA, in collaboration with California Community Foundation and other health funding partners, seek to find a research partner for an evaluation of the Health Pathways Expansion (HPE) program. The HPE program provides funding for health service providers to serve people experiencing homelessness (PEH) where they are in order to improve their health and well-being, including facilitating a pathway to housing.
- This 10-month evaluation seeks to address the impact of the investment on the client's outcomes, the challenges and strengths of the model, and feasibility of replicating/scaling. This research should focus on the system and the model provided by the funding, as opposed to individual grantee assessments and an overall grant evaluation.
- The Homeless Policy Research Institute at the USC Sol Price Center for Social Innovation is managing the RFP process. The RFP will be released August 28<sup>th</sup> with proposals due on September 25<sup>th</sup>. Please reach out to Victoria Ciudad-Real with any questions: [vc Ciudad-Real@price.usc.edu](mailto:vc Ciudad-Real@price.usc.edu)

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## Unsheltered and Interim Housing COVID-19 Testing Strategy

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# Unsheltered COVID-19 Testing Strategy



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<u>DHS Outreach Services 4/1/20 - 8/17/20</u>	
<u>Metric</u>	<u>Total</u>
Unique Encampments Tested	794
Total COVID Services & Referrals	21,022
COVID Testing	5,518
COVID Education	5,007
Referral – Project Roomkey and Parks & Rec Shelters	2,838
Referral - COVID Isolation Bed	294
Overall Positivity Rate	2.3%

# Unsheltered COVID-19 Testing Strategy

<b>DHS Sheltered Services 4/1/20 - 8/17/20</b>	
<b>Metric</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>COVID Testing - IH, QI, and PRK sites</b>	<b>18,383</b>
<b>Weekly Shelter Visits - Initial Assessments Completed (Clinical and Programmatic)</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>Cumulative Shelter Visits - Initial Assessments Completed (Clinical and Programmatic)</b>	<b>208</b>
<b>Cumulative Shelter Visits with Surveillance Testing Established</b>	<b>163</b>
<b>Overall Positivity Rate</b>	<b>2.3%</b>

# Unsheltered COVID-19 Testing Strategy



# Testing Strategy for Interim Housing

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- DHS conducting testing of staff and clients every **2 weeks**
- DHS will begin **training** staff to conduct nasal swab tests
- If an **outbreak** were to occur, testing of all residents and staff will occur weekly until the outbreak is cleared
- Wellness checks happening **twice daily**
- **Temperature checks** happening for staff/clients when entering the building
- If a client is exhibiting symptoms or tests positive, they are referred to the County's Quarantine and Isolation site for **quarantine**

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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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