

# **Treatment Systems of Care**

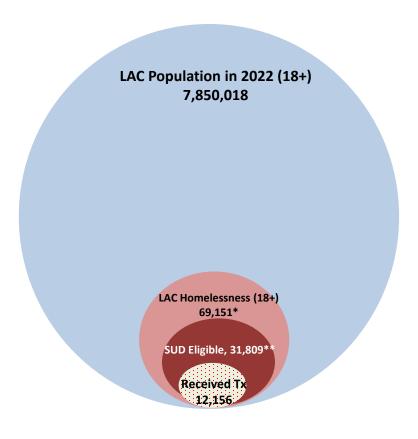
Recovery Housing & Housing Navigation

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# Homelessness and SUD in LAC (Adults only)





\*SUD <u>prevalence</u> rate among homeless individuals: 46% (very likely undercounted)

<u>Penetration</u> rate of SUD treatment among homeless SUD eligible (per PIT counts): **38%** (12,156/31,809)

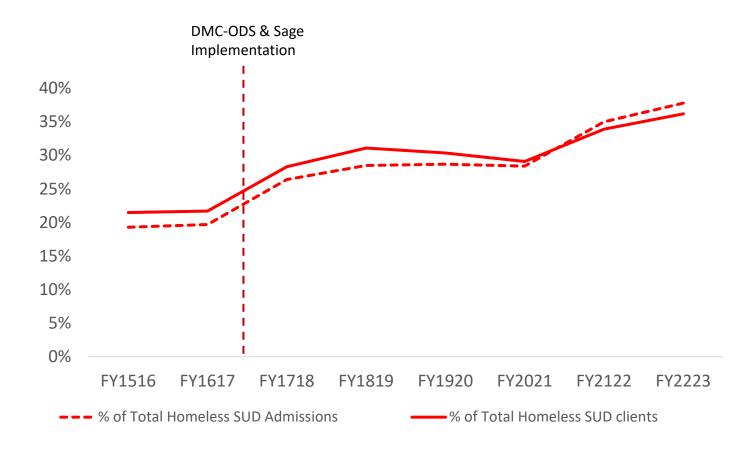
Note: The homeless population is based on a point-In-time, whereas SUD treatment utilization is based on clients served over the course of FY 2022-23; thus the numerator and denominator for the penetration rate among the homeless are not aligned.

#### Source:

- 1. California Outcome Measurement System (CalOMS)/Los Angeles County Participant Reporting System (LACPRS) data. Substance Abuse Prevention and Control, Los Angeles County Department of Public Health; Medi-Cal Eligible Data System data;
- 2. 2023 Greater Los Angeles Homeless Count Data Summary Report: https://www.lahsa.org/data-refresh



## % Homeless Clients (Admissions) Served, FY1516-FY2223



Note: Provided trends of the proportion of homeless population against the overall SUD clients (admissions).

#### Source:



## **New Benefits in FY 24-25**

#### **Behavioral Health Bridge Housing**

- The California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) awarded \$61.9 Million over 4 years in Behavioral Health Bridge Housing (BHBH) program funds address the immediate housing needs of people experiencing homelessness who have serious behavioral health conditions, including a serious mental illness and/or SUD
  - **√**300 Recovery Bridge Housing Beds
    - o Bed capacity will increase to approximately 1500 RBH beds across LA County this FY
  - √ 100 Recovery Housing Beds NEW
    - Implemented this FY
  - ✓ Housing Navigation NEW serving approximately 1600 clients
  - ✓ Participant Assistance Funds NEW
  - ✓ **Startup infrastructure NEW** for agencies to make facilities more available, including minor renovations and purchase of furniture, and appliances.

#### **Opioid Settlement**

- \$3 million annually to expand Recovery Bridge Housing and Recovery Housing
  - **√100** Recovery Bridge Housing Beds
  - √50 Recovery Housing Beds NEW



## **Recovery Housing**

## **Recovery Bridge Housing (RBH)**

Recovery-oriented, peer supportive interim housing that provides a safe living environment for patients who are homeless or unstably housed while receiving outpatient SUD treatment.

- ☑ 23 agencies spread out over 126 sites
- ☑ Stays of up to 180 days
- ☑ 1278 RBH beds across LA County (as of Jan 2024)
- ☑ Planning to add 400 additional RBH beds this FY.
- ☑ Funded through Measure H, opioid settlement, BHBH, SUBG, CFCI

### **Recovery Housing (RH)**

Same as RBH except:

- ☑ This is a **NEW** option that will be available this FY.
- ☑ Will be funded through BHBH and opioid settlement funds
- Will not require concurrent enrollment in outpatient SUD treatment, though participation in SUD treatment will be encouraged.
- ✓ Longer lengths of stay up to 365 days.
- ☑ Planning to add 150 beds



## **Housing Navigation**

- Will be available to all RBH and RH clients
- Housing Navigators will work directly with RBH and RH providers to coordinate referrals
- Individuals who are experiencing homelessness and are enrolled in the SAPC System of Care
- Clients have the option to opt-out of these services if:
  - ✓ Have already established a housing plan when they complete RBH and/or RH
  - ✓ Are already engaged in Housing Navigation services through another agency/provider
- Clients will have access to Housing Navigation services during their enrollment in RBH and/or RH as well as for up to 30 days after leaving either housing program.



## **Housing Navigation Key Duties**

- Housing Navigation (HN) key duties include:
  - ✓ Conduct intake assessment and enrollment into HN
  - ✓ Create an Individualized Housing and Supportive Services Plan
  - ✓ Coordinate with treatment setting (if client is enrolled in treatment) to ensure Care Coordination services are not overlapping with Housing Navigation efforts
  - ✓ Develop relationships with community partners, other service providers, agencies offering housing subsidies, and property owners and managers
  - ✓ Assist in housing unit viewings
  - ✓ Completion, submission, and coordination of housing subsidy and/or lease applications, including gathering all necessary documentation (identification, income verification, etc.)
  - ✓ Management and distribution of Participant Assistance Funds
    - o Identification and other vital documents
    - Costs associated with credit reports, housing applications, utility hookups
    - Transportation
    - Food, hygiene products, moderate furnishings
  - ✓ Reporting and documentation through HMIS and any other platform as directed by DPH-SAPC