



City of Arts & Innovation

# Housing and Homelessness Committee Memorandum

**TO: HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS COMMITTEE MEMBERS** **DATE: MARCH 22, 2021**

**FROM: OFFICE OF HOMELESS SOLUTIONS** **WARD: ALL**

**SUBJECT: PRESENTATION BY RIVERSIDE UNIVERSITY HEALTH SYSTEMS ON THEIR BEHAVIORAL HEALTH HOMELESS PROGRAMS – DIRECT SUBMITTAL**

## **ISSUE:**

Receive an overview presentation from Riverside University Health Systems on their Behavioral Health homeless programs and services.

## **RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Housing and Homelessness Committee receive and file this overview presentation from Riverside University Health Systems on their Behavioral Health homeless programs and services.

## **BACKGROUND:**

The 2020 Riverside County Point-in-Time Count data indicates that 28% of the total unsheltered population of 2,155 individuals experience homelessness in the County have mental health issues, with 26% indicating PTSD diagnosis, and 34% indicating substance abuse. The sub data for Cities indicate that the City of Riverside approximates the following number of individuals in each sub-category. (<http://rchi.cs.ucr.edu/>)

<b>Substance Abuse</b>	<b>75</b>
<b>PTSD</b>	<b>63</b>
<b>Mental Health Conditions</b>	<b>84</b>

The Riverside University Health Systems (RUHS) Behavioral Health (BH) Department is the County of Riverside's administrative body to administer mental health, medical health, substance abuse, and behavioral health programs and services.

RUHS-BH administers the Homeless Housing Opportunities, Partnership & Education Program

(HHOPE). HHOPE is funded through the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) as part of the original Community Services and Supports (CSS) plan. HHOPE manages, coordinates, and monitors all programs providing housing support services, including permanent supportive housing (PSH), which includes The Place, a 25 bed PSH project for individuals experiencing homelessness with chronic mental health diagnosis administered by RUHS.

In addition, HHOPE outreach teams include highly skilled homeless outreach workers for behavioral health issues. RUHS-BH also manages the Community Response Evaluation and Support Team (CREST), the Regional Emergency Assessment and Community Hospitals (REACH), and Resilient Outcomes in the Community for Kids and Youth (ROCKY). The Mobile Response Team in the Crisis Support System of Care include clinical therapist and behavioral health specialists, who work in collaboration with law enforcement and emergency departments.

RUHS-BH also oversees the Emergency Treatment Services (ETS) on 9990 County Farm Road, which treats seriously mentally ill clients who are referred to the program under the W & I Code 5150, as a danger to self or others or gravely disabled. Services are provided using a multidisciplinary approach and are available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Services include assessment, crisis stabilization, medication management, and education on community resources. Foreign language and deaf interpretational services are also available.

In addition, RUHS-BH oversees the Full Service Partnership programs, which provide intensive wellness and recovery based services for those who carry a serious mental health diagnosis and who are also homeless, at risk of homelessness, and/or have experienced numerous psychiatric hospitalizations or incarcerations related to their mental health disorder. RUHS-BH offers Adult FSP programs for adults ages 26-59 and Transition Age Youth (TAY) FSP programs for youth ages 16-18 and 18-25. All RCDMH's FSP Programs require a direct referral by RCDMH staff.

More information on RUHS-BH can be found at <https://www.rcdmh.org/>

### **FISCAL IMPACT:**

There is no fiscal impact related to this presentation from Riverside University Health Systems on their Behavioral Health Programs.

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