



Los Angeles County DMH LGBTQIA2-S Mental Health Initiatives

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Expanding/Standardizing SOGI Data Collection

- ▶ Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors motion: January 26, 2021
- ▶ CEO and Chief Information Office to report back:
 - ▶ Standardized questions to be utilized in collecting SOGI data
 - ▶ Recommendations for establishing Countywide policy requiring SOGI data collection
- ▶ SOGI Data Workgroup with SMEs from other County departments (Children and Family Services, Health Services, Public Health, Public Social Services, Sheriff's Department)
 - ▶ Informed by research from the Fenway Institute, Human Rights Campaign, and Williams Institute at UCLA School of Law
 - ▶ Engaged community advocates and stakeholders for feedback
- ▶ Ongoing collaboration with Clinical Informatics to expand/improve affirming language within DMH's EHR system

Gender Affirming Treatment Advocates: A New Clinical Role within DMH

- ▶ DMH clinicians with specialized training in writing support letters for transgender clients seeking gender affirming treatment services
 - ▶ WPATH Standards of Care
 - ▶ Informed Consent model
- ▶ Clinicians within each of 8 Service Areas in Los Angeles County
 - ▶ Targeted recruitment within Specialized Foster Care programs
- ▶ Approximately 45 clinicians have been trained
 - ▶ Plan to offer training 2x/year moving forward
- ▶ One-on-one consultation for clinicians who are working on their first letter(s) and as needed

LGBTQIA2-S Trainings for DMH Staff and Community Partners

- ▶ Virtual trainings for DMH Disaster Service Workers, COVID-19 street outreach teams, LAHSA, and other agencies focused on responsive services for gender diverse community members experiencing homelessness
- ▶ In-service trainings for DMH directly operated programs, clinical trainees on culturally responsive practice with LGBTQIA2-S community members
- ▶ Collaboration with DMH-UCLA Prevention Center of Excellence to create content for Online LGBTQ Resource Center
 - ▶ Integrating community expertise via LGBTQIA2-S UsCC subcommittee
- ▶ Forthcoming: collaborating with DMH Training Advisory Committee to establish LGBTQIA2-S competencies and inform DMH-wide training plan