

Los Angeles County – Department of Mental Health Adult System of Care



Beyond HUD VASH

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Veteran Facts

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According to the RAND Corporation, it is anticipated that 30% of returning Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF) and Operation Enduring Freedom (OEF) veterans will meet full criteria for:

- 1) PTSD
- 2) Substance Abuse
- 3) Depression
- 4) Anxiety Disorders

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According to the California Department of Veterans Affairs, the Southern California region encompassing Los Angeles and San Diego has the most returning OIF/OEF veterans in the nation.

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Los Angeles County has the most homeless veterans in the United States, including single mothers with children.

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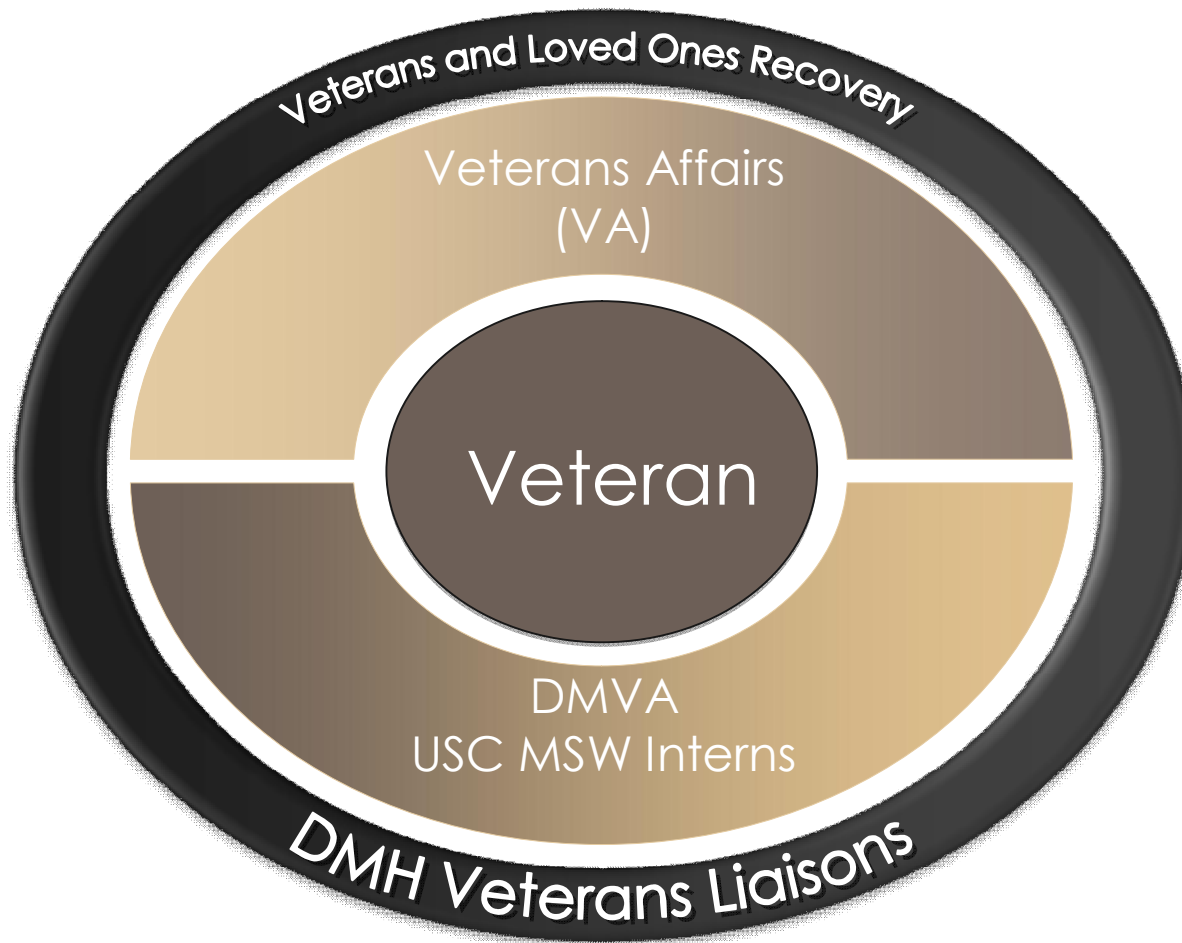
2012 Greater Los Angeles Homeless Point in Time Count, which includes LAHSA and Cities of Long Beach, Pasadena, and Glendale reported:

- ♻ **6,985 Homeless Veterans in Los Angeles County on a single night.**
- ♻ Approximately 12 percent of the National total.

Increasing Veteran's Services

- ⚙ DMH policy was changed on October 6, 2008 allowing veterans, regardless of military discharge status, to be seen at all directly-operated clinics.
- ⚙ No eligible veteran shall be denied mental health services, to the extent resources are available, based on his or her status as a veteran.

Veterans Programs



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“Veterans and Loved Ones Recovery”

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Homeless Outreach

- » Chris Tower, MH Services Coordinator
 - » Lance Asamura, Community Worker
 - » Fallon Dennis, Community Worker

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Homeless Outreach Team

1

Provide county-wide resources coordination, linkage, and field-based services for outreach and engagement to homeless veterans.

2

Provide linkage and referral to mental health and substance abuse treatment housing resources, and employment assistance programs. In addition, advocacy and coordination of veterans' mental health resources between agencies in Los Angeles County will also be an area of focus.

3

Provide mental health outreach and engagement to homeless veterans who reside in encampment, streets, underpasses, parks, library premises, emergency rooms, and other locations where homeless persons frequent.

4

Collaborate with community providers who specialize in homeless and mental health service provision for veterans, including those that provide temporary shelter beds.

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Pursue opportunities to replicate Project 50-like efforts specifically targeted to homeless veterans and their families, and select a specific program(s) for further development.

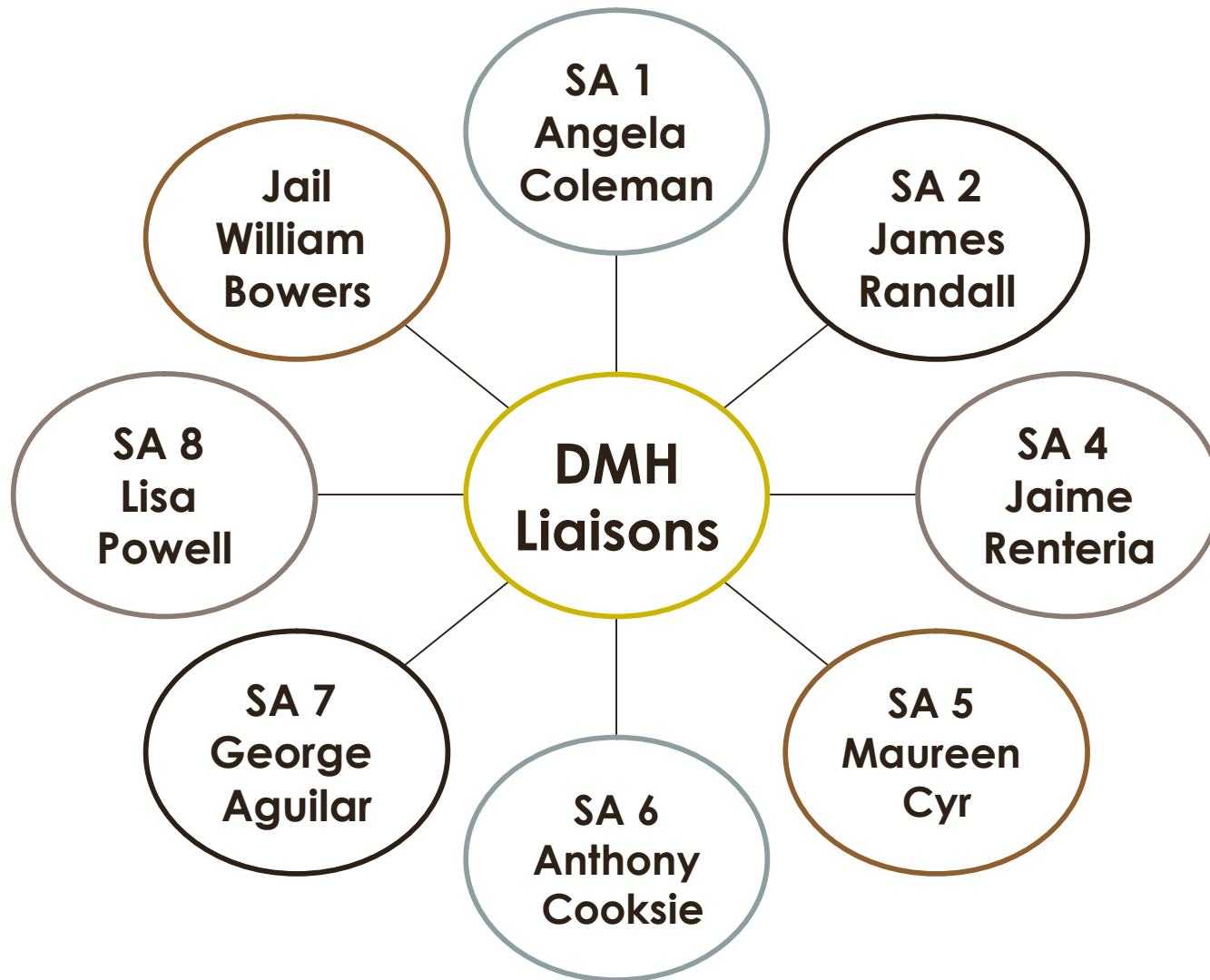


Veterans Affairs Walk-in Screening Clinic

- ⌘ Vested
- ⌘ Apply for Housing
- ⌘ Case Management
- ⌘ File Claims
- ⌘ Mental Health Services
- ⌘ Substance Abuse Programs
- ⌘ Two DMH Psychiatric Social Workers Co-located
 - ⌘ Assistance for Non-VA eligible homeless veterans
 - ⌘ Linkages to FSP and Edelman MHC



DMH Liaison



DMH Veteran Liaison

Provide outreach and engagement to communities' un-served and under-served mentally ill population.

Welcome and engage all people needing assistance

Develop and collaborate meaningful relationships with individuals and families to identify needs and match existing resources to help ameliorate problems

Seek supports and services responsive to the particular cultural , ethnic, age, occupation or gender-identity of those needing assistance

Follow-up with consumer and their families to ensure they receive the help they need.

Recruit community-based organization and professional service providers to become part of an active, locally-based support network for people challenged by mental and/or emotional health issues

Department of Military Veteran Affairs



- ⌘ Veteran System Navigator will provide targeted assistance to veterans experiencing difficulties accessing mental health treatment by referring the Veteran to DMH if they identify mental health needs.

Employment
Education

Benefits Assessments
Housing

Case Management
Substance Abuse

University of Southern California (USC)

Military Social Work Program

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Provide assistance to the Outreach Program to assure the coordination of services for the veteran homeless population and to link veterans and their families to appropriate supports and community resources.

- 1) Assessment
- 2) 8 sessions
- 3) Refer family to a primary provider

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Also, provide assistance in the development of the Veteran's Outreach Program and piloting mental health services at Long Beach Mental Health Clinic for veterans and/or their family members.



Patriotic Hall

- **Three Areas of Focus**

- 1) *Increase efficiency of homeless outreach for veterans.*
- 2) Strategic programs for military and Veterans families.
- 3) Serve as resource center for other Veterans programs housed at Patriotic Hall.