WHAT IS THE WET? - Workforce Education and Training (WET) is a component of the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) that is intended to provide funding to remedy the shortage of qualified individuals who provide mental health services by developing and maintaining a culturally competent workforce that include current and future public mental health staff, consumers, family members, and parents capable of providing services that promote wellness, recovery and resilience. The following are programs funded by MHSA WET.

COLLEGE FACULTY IMMERSION TRAINING PROGRAM – This program updates college and graduate school faculty on the best practices and expectation for the mental health services workforce in the public mental health system. In addition to consulting with faculty on curriculum integration of mental health, this program delivers classroom presentations and ½ day immersion opportunities focused on recovery-oriented and evidence-based practices for hope, wellness and recovery.

COMMUNITY COLLEGE PARTNERING PROJECT - A series of mental health symposiums held at local community colleges within the County of Los Angeles to provide learning and networking opportunities and increase awareness of mental health related issues such as stigma, discrimination, employment, education, services and resources within the respective communities. Three symposiums are planned for Fiscal Year 2013-2014: 1) Los Angeles Mission College - April 17, 2014; 2) Los Angeles Valley College - Spring 2014; and 3) Los Angeles Pierce College - Spring 2014.

INTERFAITH-BASED CLERGY ROUNDTABLE PROGRAM – This project builds relationships of trust and understanding between the public mental health system and the faith-based community. It increases the knowledge of public mental health staff on spiritual resources in counseling, as well as enhances the support received by individuals and families dealing with mental illness with assistance from their local faith-based communities. Presently Service Areas 2, 4, 6 and 7 are participating in this program. The program is being expanded to the remaining service areas. A solicitation was released on September 5, 2013 with Jewish Family Services being identified to continue the implementation. Board Letter review is pending.

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HEALTH NAVIGATORS TRAINING PROGRAM – This certificated program trains individuals interested in learning and assisting mental health consumers navigate and receive services from the public mental health and physical health care system. Offered once a year and for this year began December 3, 2013. In collaboration with Pacific Clinics, and John Brekke, Ph.D., University of Southern California, conducts this training program.

PEER ADVOCATE TRAINING PROGRAM – This certificated training targets consumers interested in working as peer specialist or enhancing peer specialist skills in the public mental health system. This program consists of the following three components:

- **Basic Peer Advocate** – Provides an introduction course on peer specialist work.
- **Advanced Peer Advocate** – Provides advanced training on selective peer specialist topics and issues. This course is offered to interested individuals that completed the basic peer advocate coursework.
- **Train-The-Trainer Peer Advocate** – This program prepares interested peer specialists to train others in the Basic and Advanced Peer Support Trainings.

The Peer Institute Program will assume the continued Peer Advocate/Peer Specialist Training. The Request for Service (RFS) solicitation for this program was completed and Mental Health America Los Angeles (MHALA) was identified as the Project Manager/Contractor. Board review is projected for early next year and implementation to begin early Spring 2014. For additional information, please contact Catherine Bond, MFT, Empowerment and Advocacy Director, at cbond@dmh.lacounty.gov or Marta Alquijay, Ph.D., malquijay@dmh.lacounty.gov.
RECOVERY ORIENTED PRACTICES TRAINING PROGRAM (FORMERLY PUBLIC IMMERSION TRAINING) - This 3-day training enhances the recovery knowledge and skills of public mental health workforce clinical staff, supervisors and administrators who are engaged in system transformation that focuses on a recovery-oriented system approach and implementation of the CSS Plan. It is free to public mental health staff from DMH directly operated and contracted agencies. Interested individuals can register at: [http://buildyourownbox.squarespace.com/immersion/](http://buildyourownbox.squarespace.com/immersion/).

RECOVERY ORIENTED SUPERVISION TRAINING PROGRAM - This program is designed to develop skill sets of clinical supervisors and managers in the public mental health system whereby promoting the integration of the philosophy, principles and practices of MHSA throughout the system. For dates and locations, please visit: [http://buildyourownbox.squarespace.com/ros/](http://buildyourownbox.squarespace.com/ros/).

REHABILITATION SPECIALIST TRAINING PROGRAM - Prepares individuals with Bachelors or advanced degrees or equivalent certification or lived experience, including consumers and family members, to work in the field of mental health as psycho-social rehabilitation specialists.

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INTERPRETERS TRAINING PROGRAM – This program is designed to enhance the interpretation skills and cultural responsiveness of interpreters and monolingual clinicians working with monolingual consumers. This training consists of the following four components:

- **Introduction to Interpreting in a Mental Health Setting** – This 3 day training is designed for bilingual staff that are proficient in English and a second language. It outlines the structure to understand and perform in the complex role of a mental health interpreter while maintaining professionalism and cultural awareness.

- **Advanced Interpreter Training** – This one day training is targeted to interpreters whom have completed the introduction training. It serves to enhance skills and address any issues experienced by the interpreter since completion of the introduction training.

- **Training Mental Health English Speaking Providers: Bridging Language Gaps in Clinical Practice** – This training provides monolingual clinicians with information necessary to work effectively with interpreters to ensure equality of access and service delivery.

- **Improving Spanish Mental Health Clinical Terminology** – This training aims to increase staff’s knowledge and skillset of psychological and psychiatric terminology in Spanish.

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LICENSURE PREPARATION PROGRAM – This is a low-cost study assistance program that prepares unlicensed staff for their respective State Board clinical licenses. With additional licensed clinical staff, the public mental health system will increase its capacity for clinicians to work independently as well as provide clinical supervision. This program is targeted to MSWs, MFTs, and Psychologists of the public mental health system.

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2ND YEAR STIPEND PROGRAM – Provides select 2nd year MSW, MFT, and Nurse Practitioner students with a $18,500 stipend in exchange for a one year commitment to work in a hard-to-fill/retain area of the County after graduation. In order to address cultural needs, priority is given to individuals that speak one of the threshold languages or represent an under- or un- served ethnic community.

POST DOCTORATE PROGRAM – This program funds six post doctorate fellows at Harbor UCLA Medical Center.

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