

2021 Strategic Priorities

All Strategic Priorities are subject to the current restrictions of the Covid-19 Pandemic, as this situation continues to evolve, the Commission will review and adjust the priorities accordingly.

Strategic Priority 1: Substance Use Disorder Treatment Efficiency and Recidivism

The Commission will focus on three goals, including:

- **Goal 1:** To ensure and improve the efficiency of the current County programs at reducing Substance Use Disorders, reducing recidivism and assisting with County homeless populations.
- **Goal 2:** Determine what is the substance use disorder's recovery success and determine what are the best metrics for appropriate measurement.
- **Goal 3:** Improve strategies involving MAT (medically assisted treatment) and needle exchange, safe injection sites, and other harm reduction methodologies.

Strategic Priority 2: Marijuana Education and Regulation

The Commission will focus on three goals, including:

- **Goal 1:** Be cognizant of all current and pending cannabis legislation and the effects throughout Los Angeles County, including our underserved communities.
- **Goal 2:** Assist with preventative efforts surrounding the legalization of recreational marijuana, especially to our children and youth.
- **Goal 3:** Determine whether the current tax structure is effective in encouraging compliance.

Strategic Priority 3: Opioids and Heroin Addiction

The Commission will focus on two goals, including:

- **Goal 1:** Ensure increase awareness and promotion of programs to treat meth and opioid addiction.
- **Goal 2:** Work collaboratively with the Board of Supervisors (BOS), other commissions, County staff and others to share information and resources regarding the opioid crisis.

Strategic Priority 4: Co-occurring Disorders & Integration of Services

The Commission will focus on five goals, including:

- **Goal 1:** Determine how the Commission can improve and increase collaboration with diversion programs.
- **Goal 2:** Advocate for improved preventive efforts and effective programs for young people across the County of Los Angeles and determine if there is a tracking system available.
- **Goal 3:** Determine the cost effectiveness of long-term recovery models and lifelong program connections by examining other jurisdiction models to replicate and incorporate their ideas.
- **Goal 4:** Ensure effective treatment is available to the men, women and children of Los Angeles County.
- **Goal 5:** Support the integration of SAPC's well-being centers throughout the County which will provide mental health and other support services to those suffering from SUDs and their families and friends.

Strategic Priority 5: Sober Living Homes and Transitional Living Homes

The Commission will focus on two goals, including:

- **Goal 1:** Examine options for State, County and local regulations (and review federal regulations) to help ensure unlicensed sober living homes are safe for patients and communities.
- **Goal 2:** Make recommendations as needed to the County BOS regarding safe and effective sober living and transitional living facilities for the patients and communities of Los Angeles.

Strategic Priority 6: Homeless Populations and Youth

The Commission will focus on two goals, including:

- **Goal 1:** Make recommendations to SAPC as needed as they continue to refine and enhance the benefit package available to the clients of Los Angeles County.
- **Goal 2:** Examine options for State, County and local regulations regarding Sober Living, Transitional Housing and Bridge Housing to help ensure the best possible outcomes for maintaining sobriety and reducing recidivism in clients.