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Department of State Hospitals – Metropolitan Facility Fact Sheet



History: In 1915 California Governor H. W. Johnson (1866-1945) signed legislation opening Norwalk State Hospital. About \$400,000.00 was allocated for the purchase of the land on which to build a state hospital designed to provide care and treatment to California's increasing population of persons with mental health challenges. The city of Norwalk was the eventual location chosen for the hospital over Beverly Hills and Signal Hill due to convenient road and railroad access. In those days, the hospital was self-sufficient with its own farm, dairy and farm animals. The facility is known today as DSH - Metropolitan LA. The current size of the facility, 162 acres, has numerous buildings which continue to display the rich heritage of days gone by. There are also buildings exhibiting modern architectural applications including the current construction of a new state of the art kitchen which will utilize the “cook chill” process of food preparation in place of the current “cook serve” method of dining for our Patients. This new process will offer more diverse food choices to our Patients and better provide for their dietary needs. It will also provide for improved nutrient retention during food preparation.

Patient Population:

Total Licensed Bed Capacity: 1,054

Current Patient Census (as of February 25, 2013):

- Incompetent to Stand Trial:	295
- Not Guilty by Reason of Insanity:	105
- Mentally Disordered Offenders:	41
- Conservatorship:	194

(For a description of commitment types at DSH facilities, please see the handout “State Hospital Population Commitment Codes,” from the DSH 2013-14 November Estimate.)

Hospital Staff: A maximum of 1,500 employees work at DSH - Metropolitan, including psychologists, psychiatrists, social workers, rehabilitation therapists, psychiatric technicians, registered nurses, and other clinical and administrative staff. The staff of DSH – Metropolitan provides a variety of individualized modes of treatment designed to promote maximum recovery from psychiatric illness utilizing the Psychosocial Rehabilitation/Recovery Model of mental health.

Union Representation: DSH - Metropolitan staff is represented by the following employee union organizations:

- Service Employees International Union (SEIU):	573
- California Statewide Law Enforcement Association (CSLEA):	58
- International Union of Operating Engineers (IUOE):	65
- Union of American Physicians and Dentists (UAPD):	52
- California Association of Psychiatric Technicians (CAPT):	358
- American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees (AFSMCE):	124
- Non-Represented Employees:	132

Treatment Services and Programs: DSH - Metropolitan provides services and programs to the following civil and criminal mental health commitments:

Welfare and Institutions Codes:

- 1756: Division of Juvenile Justice wards in need of mental health treatment.
- 5150: Three day involuntary hold due to being a danger to self, others, or being gravely disabled.
- 5250: Fourteen day involuntary hold.
- 5270.15: Certification for an additional 30 day involuntary hold.
- 5353: Thirty day temporary conservatorship.
- 5358: Full Conservatorship; renewable annually.
- 5008(h) (1) (b): Murphy Conservatorship, a previous PC 1370 still considered dangerous.
- 5304: 180 Day Post Certification for Dangerousness.
- 6000: Voluntary admission

Penal Codes:

- 2972: Prisoner who was paroled and parole has ended yet is still considered dangerous.
- 2974: Parolee previously living in community; in need of acute hospitalization.
- 1026: Not Guilty by Reason of Insanity.
- 1370: Felony Incompetent to Stand Trial.
- 1370.01 Misdemeanor Incompetent to Stand Trial.
- 4011.6 Los Angeles County or Orange Co. jail Inmate in need of involuntary inpatient treatment.
- 4011.8 Inmate from jail seeking voluntary treatment.