

DSH Independent Placement Panel (IPP)

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Introduction

The Independent Placement Panel (IPP) was developed as a pilot and one of the indirect solutions from the Governor's Budget IST Solutions proposed in January 2022 and officially funded in the May 2022 Governor's Budget revision.

IPP is a limited-term pilot with 4-years of funding to develop, implement, and assess the effectiveness of the panel.

The goals of the IPP pilot are to:

1. Indirectly assist in decreasing the IST waitlist into the hospitals by increasing the number of referrals and placements into CONREP.
 - Increased utilization of available CONREP placements will indirectly free beds in the state hospitals for IST use.
2. Develop and implement a DSH Independent Panel that will use a standardized assessment process to determine CONREP eligibility/Community Outpatient Treatment readiness.

Penal Code Changes and DSH-IPP Responsibilities

Pursuant to WIC4360.5(a) The State Department of State Hospitals shall establish a statewide panel of independent evaluators responsible for Forensic Conditional Release Program placement determinations for patients committed to the department and transitioning to community treatment settings for services pursuant to Section 4360.

As reflected in penal code sections (PC1602-1604, PC1026, PC1370, WIC4360.5)- The DSH-IPP will revise the Community Program Director (CPD) role as part of CONREP and focus on a revised evaluation process for patients committed to DSH as Not Guilty by Reason of Insanity (NGI), civilly committed Offenders with Mental Health Disorder (OMD), and Incompetent to Stand Trial (IST).

The main function of the panel will be to conduct PC 1604 evaluations for patients committed to the department of state hospitals who have been referred to CONREP.

- Implementation of the panel will consist of panel members responsible for all PC 1604 placement evaluations for the ***selected CONREP pilot programs*** across all DSH hospitals beginning **July 1, 2023**.
- Although PC 1370 is also included in the pilot proposal, as of now- the focus will be on placements referrals for PC 1026, PC 2972 and WIC6316 into the expanding CONREP continuum of care.

Panelists will be responsible for knowing the clinical and program resources for the assigned CONREP program in order to make informed PC 1604 placement recommendations

- Panelist will consider appropriateness of the new continuum of care placements (e.g., FACT, STRP)

Panelists **will not** be responsible for any CONREP placement evaluations for non-participating CONREP pilot programs and/or corresponding courts

DSH-IPP Evaluations & Collaboration

DSH-IPP is working with DSH hospitals and CONREP pilot programs to create a standard protocol for the collection of necessary documents required in IPP referral packets with corresponding time frames.

The DSH-IPP Community Placement Evaluations will be comprised (at minimum) of the following:

- Extensive Clinical Interview
- Collateral Interviews with DSH and CONREP
- Violence Risk Assessment- HCR-20v3
- *Sexual Violence Risk Assessment (only when relevant to the referral)*

CONREP programs involved in the pilot will continue to be involved in the CONREP Referral Process with DSH facilities and IMD's.

However, the final opinion for community placement recommendations (i.e., Conditional Outpatient Treatment) will be determined by the DSH-IPP evaluator.

- The level of involvement of evaluators in the CONREP/DSH collaboration process will be determined via feedback collected from stakeholders prior to the implementation of evaluations in July 2023

DSH-IPP will continue to develop the assessment process and protocols as input from CONREP programs and DSH hospitals continues to be gathered through stakeholder meetings/feedback.

Selection of DSH-IPP CONREP Pilot Programs

The following factors were considered in selecting CONREP programs to participate in the four-year IPP pilot:

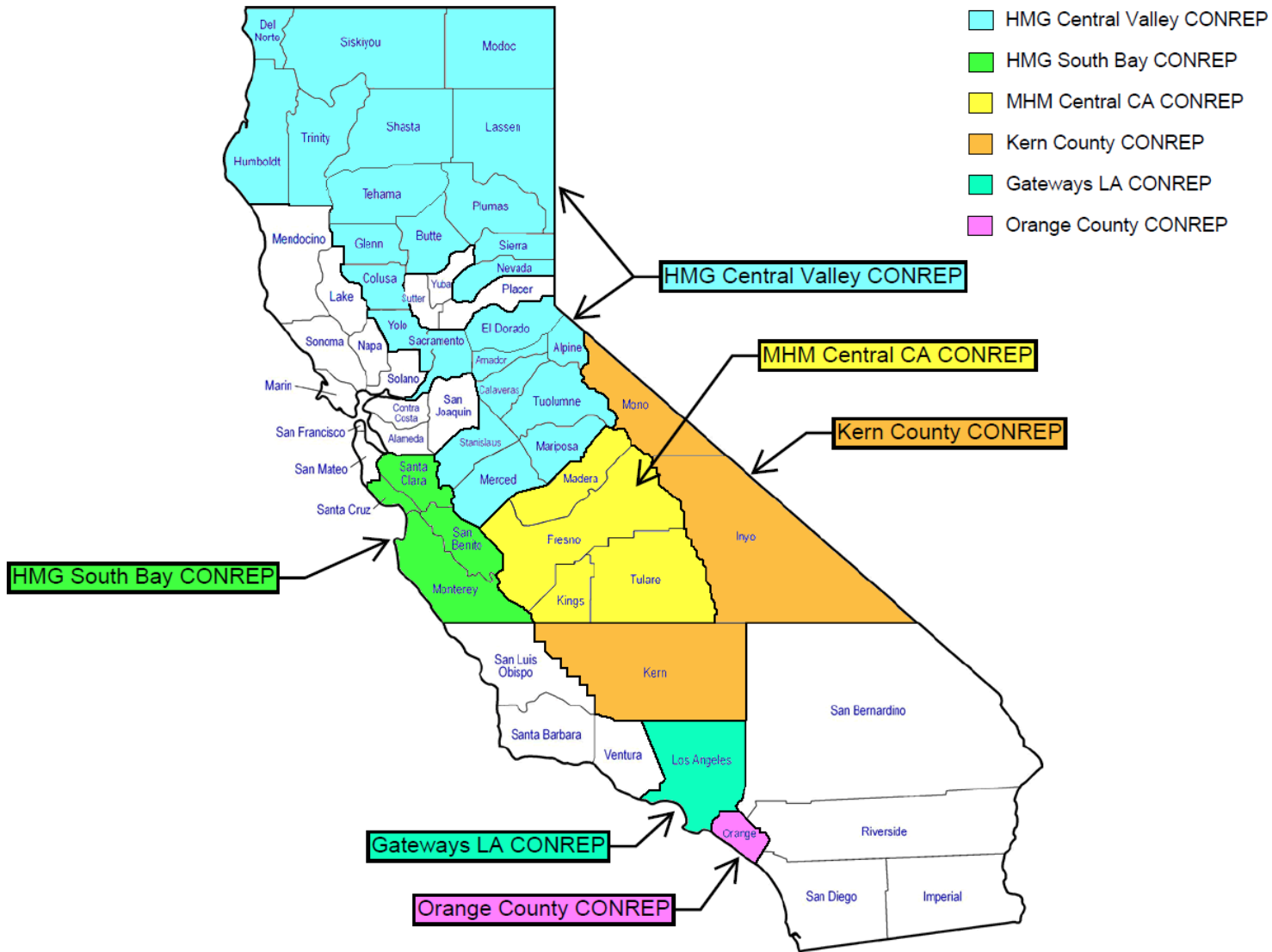
- Diversity in Program Sizes/average annual CONREP placements
- Diversity in the representation of CONREP stakeholders (i.e., county run vs. private vs. non-profit)
- Diversity in state region
- Diversity in corresponding DSH hospitals
- Diversity in representation of the types of corresponding county courts (i.e., MH courts, criminal courts, etc.)
- Diversity in the number of county courts represented within a single CONREP program (i.e., single court vs. multiple)

Selection of DSH-IPP CONREP Pilot Programs

After careful consideration of the data and key diversity factors within our CONREP programs, the following six programs were offered and accepted an invitation to participate in Phase 1 of the DSH-IPP for the 2022-2026 pilot period:

CONREP Pilot Program (6)	Counties of Responsibility (37)
HMG Central Valley CONREP	Alpine, Amador, Butte, Calaveras, Colusa, Del Norte, El Dorado, Glenn, Humboldt, Lassen, Mariposa, Merced, Modoc, Nevada, Plumas, Sacramento, Shasta, Sierra, Siskiyou, Stanislaus, Tehama, Trinity, Tuolumne, Yolo
HMG South Bay CONREP	Monterey, San Benito, Santa Clara, Santa Cruz
Gateways Los Angeles CONREP	Los Angeles
Kern County CONREP	Inyo, Kern, Mono
MHM Central CA CONREP	Fresno, Kings, Madera, Tulare
Orange County CONREP	Orange

IPP Pilot CONREP Programs



IPP CONREP Pilot Program Map

DSH IPP Pilot Goals 2022/2023 and 2023/2024

IPP Goals met 2022/2023:

The DSH-IPP team completed site visits to all pilot programs, statewide step-down facilities, and DSH forensic departments

Developed processes/ policies and procedures for the assessment implementation phase of the pilot

Stakeholder Outreach

- CONREP CPD input (pilot programs and statewide)
- DSH input from leadership at each hospital including the forensic departments
- Collaboration with DSH legal
- IPP designation letter to CONREP pilot programs and corresponding courts

IPP Goals for 2023/2024:

- DSH-IPP will assume responsibility of Community Placement Evaluation Referrals for the six CONREP programs in the pilot beginning July 1, 2023.
- Ongoing collaboration with DSH hospitals and CONREP CPD's
- Ongoing court Interface/Feedback
 - Outreach to the courts corresponding with each CONREP pilot program
- Data Collection and Status Update by July 1, 2024

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