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Pursuant to the Budget Act of 2020, AB 89, Chapter 7, Statutes of 2020, Control Section 24.60 and Government Code 8880.5, the Department of State Hospitals shall annually report to the Governor and the Legislature on Lottery Education funds.

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Executive Summary

Pursuant to the Budget Act of 2020 (Chapter 7, Statutes of 2020), Control Section 24.60 and Government Code 8880.5, the Department of State Hospitals (DSH) submits this report to the Governor and the Legislature regarding the allocation of Lottery Education funds for special education and/or adult education services for eligible individuals served by DSH.

DSH provides services to individuals in state hospitals who are moderately to severely disabled with behavioral, psychiatric, and medical conditions. The education programs at the state hospitals focus on life skills training designed to help individuals develop techniques needed to function as independently as possible in the community. DSH education programs place emphasis on basic skills for adult literacy, employment responsibilities, community living, personal health and wellness, and interactions with technology.

In Fiscal Year (FY) 2020-21, the DSH budget included \$80,000 in Lottery funds to support special and adult education services for 537 patients. Of these 537 patients considered students for the purposes of the Lottery Education Funds, 524 (98%) received adult education services, and 13 (2%), received special education services.

The Lottery Education funds were allocated amongst four hospitals that serve patients who are eligible for the specific categories of adult/special education programs: DSH-Atascadero, DSH-Metropolitan, DSH-Napa, and DSH-Patton.

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Overview

DSH manages the nation's largest inpatient forensic mental health hospital system. The DSH mission is to provide evaluation and treatment in a safe and responsible manner by seeking innovation and excellence in state hospital operations, across a continuum of care and settings. DSH is responsible for the daily care and provision of mental health treatment of its patients. DSH oversees five state hospitals (Atascadero, Coalinga, Metropolitan, Napa, and Patton) and employs nearly 13,000 staff. In addition to state hospital treatment, DSH provides services in contracted jail-based competency treatment (JBCT), community-based restoration (CBR) and pre-trial felony mental health diversion programs, and the conditional release program (CONREP). DSH is responsible for the daily care of over 7,000 patients. In FY 2020-21, DSH served 7,813 across the state hospitals, 2,403 in JBCT and CBR contracted programs and 841 in CONREP programs. In addition, as of December 31, 2020, a total of 276 individuals were diverted into county programs funded by DSH.

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Background and FY 2020-21 Summary of Lottery Projects

DSH utilizes a quarterly school calendar that includes at least 210 days per school year. Average daily attendance for FY 2020-21 was 58 students (55 adult education and 3 special education students).

Education services included various skills-based classes designed to meet clinical treatment objectives. Students may choose classes regarding daily life skills training, High School Equivalency Test (HiSET) preparation, vocational training, academic skills, physical education, health, technology, and social skills. The core objectives of these courses are to prepare patients for success in the transition to community living.

The following data represent the budget authority and final expenditures for DSH for FY 2020-21.

	Expenditures (\$)	Patients Served
Atascadero	3,000	167
Metropolitan	36,000	97
Napa	27,000	199
Patton	14,000	74
	\$80,000	537

DSH-Atascadero

Opened in 1954, DSH-Atascadero is located on the Central Coast of California in Atascadero (San Luis Obispo County). The hospital is a forensic mental health hospital and is a self-contained psychiatric hospital constructed within a security perimeter. Most of the all-male patient population is remanded for treatment by county superior courts, or by the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) pursuant to various sections of the California Penal Code (PC) and the Welfare and Institutions Code (WIC). DSH-Atascadero primarily serves the following four patient types: Offenders with Mental Health Disorders (OMD) – PC 2962 and PC 2972, *Coleman* patients (inmates with serious mental illness) from CDCR -PC 2684, Incompetent to Stand Trial (IST) - PC 1370 and PC 1370.01, and Not Guilty by Reason of Insanity (NGI) -PC 1026.

Treatment programs at DSH-Atascadero include evaluation upon admission, community planning, intensive psychiatric care, cognitive restructuring, family interaction skills, self-governing skills, neurobehavioral evaluation and treatment, court readiness, substance

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abuse education, self-assertiveness, interpersonal communications, and social orientation.

DSH-Atascadero's vocational rehabilitation program offers patients the opportunity to learn work trades and job skills under the direction of trained vocational instructors. Through the Aztec Adult School curriculum, students can develop adult basic education skills, receive a high school equivalency diploma, or pursue advanced independent studies. Special education services are available to patients who qualify.

DSH-Atascadero FY 2020-21 Lottery Funded Projects

Lottery funds supported vocational education programs that foster the development of prosocial abilities along with work skills. These activities and training develop skills and knowledge needed for a patient's successful transition to the community.

Math, reading, writing, community living skills, as well as English Language Learning (ELL), are some of the programs offered through Aztec Adult School. Students are offered individualized instruction and encouraged to become lifelong learners. A variety of supplemental materials help those with varying skill levels and challenges. These tools include teaching materials directed at pre-literacy through high school levels, Spanish language packets, American Sign Language (ASL) resources, teacher kits and student books.

Updated high school equivalence preparation resources allow more choices for meeting the needs of adult learners. ASL resources were purchased to enhance an ASL class offered to patients who are deaf, have hearing loss or are hearing impaired. Work packets were provided to enrolled students when COVID restrictions prevented them from attending off-unit groups such as classes in the school area.

DSH-Metropolitan

Opened in 1916, DSH-Metropolitan is located in the city of Norwalk (Los Angeles County). The hospital is an "open" style campus within a security perimeter. Due to concerns raised by the community, DSH-Metropolitan maintains a formal agreement with the City of Norwalk and the Los Angeles County Sheriff not to accept patients charged with murder, sex crimes, or having a high risk for escape. DSH-Metropolitan primarily serves the following four patient types: Lanterman Petris Short (LPS) civil commitments - WIC 5358, IST - PC 1370, OMD - PC 2972, and NGI - PC 1026.

At DSH-Metropolitan, patient education and treatment are designed using trauma informed care principles to address each patient's needs and to assist the patient in meeting their specific discharge criteria, consistent with generally accepted professional

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standards of care. The patient and treatment team regularly meet to plan, review, and coordinate the service delivery of planned, scheduled treatment that is provided in the structured treatment program (STP). Treatment groups are designed and facilitated by interdisciplinary team members to support rehabilitation, develop knowledge and skills, and transition the patient towards discharge through a wide range of individualized treatment interventions that are identified in the patient's treatment plan. In addition, the provided services and supports are designed to stimulate and support functional capacities that address safety, make life more meaningful by addressing quality of life, and address discharge readiness through skill-building for patients transitioning from the hospital setting to their next level of care such as community re-entry, returning to court to stand trial, or transferring to a conditional release program (CONREP).

DSH-Metropolitan FY 2020-21 Lottery Funded Projects

Lottery funds supported the purchase of fine arts materials and supplies to aid in the transitional and vocational planning for adult basic education (ABE) students that participated in weekly academic workshops in fine arts and vocational education. In the Arts in Mental Health (AIMH) Adult Basic Education (ABE) Program, the artist facilitator coordinates the work of contracted professional artists who teach fine arts education through art fundamentals, creative writing, drumming for health and wellness, pro-design and theater arts.

Lottery funds also support the DSH-Metropolitan Beautification Project, which is a vocational educational training program that supports patient workers learning about landscaping with an emphasis on sustainable botanical studies through real-life experiences in the field. This program provides patients with the opportunity to learn a vocational skill in preparation for returning to the community work force.

DSH-Napa

Opened in 1875, DSH-Napa is in Napa County. Most of the hospital is a forensic mental health hospital. DSH-Napa is the oldest California state hospital still in operation and has an "open" style campus with a security perimeter. DSH-Napa primarily serves the following four patient commitment types: LPS - WIC 5358, IST - PC 1370, OMD - PC 2972 and NGI - PC 1026.

DSH-Napa is composed of five residential programs with four of the programs inside the Secure Treatment Area (STA) for forensic commitments and one outside the STA for primarily civil commitments. On the admission units, members of the treatment team meet with patients, start the assessment process and develop treatment plans. Once developed, the plan is reviewed regularly by the treatment team, updated as the patient progresses and their treatment objectives change. Family, significant others, conservators, CONREP and the courts may play a role as the patient moves through the continuum of care from admission to discharge.

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Units have a focus on a particular population and treatment. In addition to the living units there are other service sites. Mall Services provides a variety of off unit services for patients including core treatment groups, physical education, leisure groups and educational services. Vocational Services provides opportunities for patients to develop job skills and expectations of a workplace, as well as earn funds. Clinicians and vocational instructors teach patients specific skills, e.g., landscaping, sewing, recycling and janitorial. Magnolia Enterprises is a community rehabilitation center and teaches carpentry, upholstery, and entry level job skills. Educational Services enables patients to continue their education, high school or college, and provides skills groups for anger management and development of interpersonal skills. Classes are provided for patients needing beginning literacy and math, computers, high school equivalency and English language learners.

The goal of treatment services is to assist patients to recognize and manage psychiatric symptoms and progress through the continuum of care. Patients also work on developing socially responsible behaviors, independent living skills and coping skills to address their mental illness and forensic issues.

DSH-Napa FY 2020-21 Lottery Funded Projects

Lottery funds for DSH-Napa supported the purchase of equipment and supplies to expand the patient school settings to benefit the patients in their education goals. The purchases included additional furniture to comply with COVID-19 distancing restrictions (shelving, desk, chairs, and carpets).

Additional funding was used to purchase equipment and supplies to expand patient education with technology-based materials (ink & paper and group-patient laptops)

DSH-Patton

Opened in 1893, DSH-Patton is in the city of Highland in San Bernardino County. Most of the hospital is a forensic mental health hospital and has an “open” style campus with a security perimeter. Due to concerns from the community about the risk of a patient escape, CDCR correctional officers provide perimeter security and transportation at DSH-Patton. DSH-Patton primarily serves the following four patient types: LPS –WIC 5358, IST – PC 1370, OMD - PC 2972 and NGI - PC 1026.

Patients at DSH-Patton are assigned to one of four residential treatment programs. Treatment is delivered through a combination of unit/program based and centralized services. Patients and staff throughout the hospital come together to participate in programs in an environment that is culturally sensitive, and strength based. The goal of the STP is to operate centered on the current functioning level of the patients served.

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Thus, treatment extends beyond the context of a building or place; its services are based on the needs of the patients, not only those of the program, the staff members, or the hospital. The goal is to promote patients' personal wellness and an increased capacity to function in the real world.

Enhancement Services delivers and adds dimension within the STP by providing job-training prospects through its Industrial Therapy and Supported Employment Program. Other vocational and educational opportunities are developed, piloted, continued or discontinued according to a dynamic understanding of changing patient needs and interests. Examples include experiences in a horticulture program, multimedia program, computer labs, culinary arts, craft entrepreneurs, academic skill building, bicycle repair, diversity awareness, leadership academy, basic English conversation, conversational Spanish, and community integration. Additional treatment is provided by DSH-Patton Enhancement Services, and includes arts in mental health, court competency preparation and a recovery lifestyles program to treat substance abuse.

DSH-Patton FY 2020-21 Lottery Funded Projects

Lottery funds supported the purchase of computer hardware and video productions equipment needed to enrich the existing programs and expand availability to all students residing at DSH-Patton.

DSH-Patton used Lottery funds for vocational services and to purchase the Easy Street Transitional Program supplies. The Easy Street Transitional Programs such as food services-hospitality, culinary arts groups and independent living classes as designed for individual development that can help with the transition to living in the community.

Summary

Lottery Funds support DSH's adult and special education programs with a focus on life skills training designed to help patients develop skills needed to function independently in the community. These programs place emphasis on teaching skills in the areas of work, community living, health, technology, and literacy.