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## **Beacon House Association Partners with Los Angeles Harbor College to Expand Treatment Options**

### **Partnership will Focus on Bringing New Educational Opportunities for Men in Long-Term Rehabilitation Programs**

Wilmington, CA – Beginning October 2nd, 2020, the Beacon House Association will be partnering with Los Angeles Harbor College to begin integrating some of the school's curriculum with the in-patient treatment plans of those in recovery for drug and alcohol addiction. The program will be coordinated through the counseling staff at the Beacon House and the Dean's Office at LAHC.

The unique partnership is designed to implement educational development into the treatment of drug and alcohol addiction. Residents of the Beacon House who are receiving care will now be able to take courses geared toward life skills and financial literacy.

Beacon House Administrative Analyst Archie Hoggan stated that "a union with Los Angeles Harbor College will allow Beacon House to expand into different treatment modalities and offer classes in vital life skills so when our men return to the workforce, they can market themselves for employment opportunities. Ultimately, I believe this partnership will provide a more well-rounded and sustainable recovery for our residents."

Priscilla Lopez, Dean of Adult and Community Education, is coordinating the effort with the Beacon House to include the project as part of LAHC's mission of "Education Changes Everything".

"We are very excited to be providing the Beacon House residents with career readiness training and financial literacy classes to help them get a start on their new path in life." Lopez said.

LAHC President Dr. Otto Lee is confident that the partnership will prompt a ripple effect in the community as a whole. He said that "Los Angeles Harbor College is happy to work together with the Beacon House to meet the needs of the community."

Many people leaving substance abuse programs have not had the necessary job training or life skills education that allows for a healthy reintroduction to society. Both Los Angeles Harbor College and the Beacon House Association agree that combining a life skills curriculum with long-term treatment is vital to a healthy, productive and sustainable recovery.

*Los Angeles Harbor College is one of 116 public two-year community colleges in the California Community Colleges and one of nine colleges in the Los Angeles Community College District, the largest district in the state. Established in 1949, this 86-acre campus is located in the City of Wilmington and also serves Harbor City, Harbor Gateway, San Pedro, Carson, Gardena, Lomita, Palos Verdes Estates, Rancho Palos Verdes, Rolling Hills Estates, Rolling Hills, and some parts of Torrance, Long Beach, and Redondo Beach. The College's support services and comprehensive curriculum serves a diverse community by providing access to associate degrees, certificates, economic and workforce development, and adult and noncredit instruction.*

*About Beacon House: The Beacon House Association of San Pedro is a licensed residential long-term treatment center for men recovering from alcohol and drug abuse. Located in San Pedro, Beacon House has treated men from 39 states throughout the U.S. If you or you know someone who needs help, please contact us at 310-514.4940 for a confidential conversation with one of our counselors. Beacon House does not require insurance or payment from men in treatment or their families.*

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