



MEMORANDUM

To: Division of Student Affairs and USC Student Health

From: Sarah Van Orman, Associate Vice Provost for Student Health
and Chief Health Officer, Student Health

Date: August 10, 2018

Subject: Transitions regarding the Office for Wellness and Health Promotion

Dear Colleagues,

The **Office for Wellness and Health Promotion** (OWHP) within USC Student Health is undergoing departmental changes with a new scope of work and program transitions.

Led by Director Paula Swinford, OWHP's mission is to support the University of Southern California with health promotion that advances public health, student learning and the unique USC experience. Over the years, OWHP has been known as the home of several health-promoting initiatives and prevention efforts towards student well-being. Some notable services and programs include Happy Hour with OWHP (yoga and tai-chi classes), and weekly therapy dog visits as part of the Pause for Paws program. Students interested in exploring behavior change in their alcohol consumption were seen through the BASICS consultation program. The Wellness Lounge, a space where students relaxed and picked up wellness resources and supplies, became a haven for students to connect, take a nap, or enjoy a massage chair.

In the spring of 2018, Vice President for Student Affairs, Ainsley Carry and I restructured OWHP's primary function to serve as the "backbone" as part of an evidence-based organizational framework called Collective Impact. This transition in scope of work allows the office to facilitate a higher level of health promotion and build infrastructure towards the common agenda of advancing USC student well-being. As part of the transition and effective August 10, 2018, the department will serve under a new name, **Office for Health Promotion Strategy**.

While the mission of the office has not changed, the office will transition from a direct service-oriented department into an infrastructure role that will assist in the planning and cross functional coordination of our shared [Strategic Plan](#) across the University Park and Health Sciences Campuses. In alignment with the Division's mission to *strengthen a culture driven by student well-being*, the Office for Health Promotion Strategy will now support the units within the Division, USC Student Health, and across campus with training, communication and metrics, and connection with campus partners to align and magnify efforts towards that common agenda.

In order to effectively approach the new infrastructure work, the office has transitioned its direct services to designated campus partners. Effective **August 10, 2018**, the table below reflects the new departments/units that will serve as the primary holders of the following programs, resources and services:

Program/Resources/Services	Department/Unit	Phone	Website
Pause for Paws (<i>Therapy Dog Program</i>)	USC Recreational Sports	(213) 740- 5127	usc.edu/recsports
Safe sex supplies (<i>for Residential Colleges & Cultural Centers</i>)	USC Residential Education	(213) 740-2080	resed.usc.edu
Safe sex supplies (<i>for all students</i>)	USC Student Health (Engemann and Eric Cohen Health Centers)	(213) 740-9355	usc.edu/studenthealth
Happy Hour (<i>Tai Chi + Yoga</i>)	USC Office of Religious Life	(213) 740-4110	orl.usc.edu
BASICS (<i>Brief Alcohol Screening and Intervention for College Students</i>)	The Haven at College	(310) 822-1234	thehavenatcollege.com
Student Wellness Lounge* (<i>Wellness Resources/Supplies</i>)	Trojan Event Services	(213) 740-6728	N/A; visit RTCC 222 (new location)

* Professor Beau will remain as part of the Office for Health Promotion Strategy team and will host office hours at the new lounge location in addition to other locations by request.

If you receive student inquiries about the programs listed above, please refer them to the appropriate departments/units using the respective contact information.

The office will remain in its current location on the second floor of the Engemann Student Health Center (ESH 201, 202, 203), and the phone number has not changed (213-740-4777). Please direct any questions to the new central email address: hpstrategy@usc.edu.

The Office for Health Promotion Strategy looks forward to working with you in an effort to collectively create a health promoting campus.