

Yolo County Health and Human Services Agency

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES

Local Mental Health Board Mental Health Director's Report October 24, 2016

Public Guardian

Our workgroup continues to meet to discuss the Public Guardian/Public Administrator transition. The Public Guardian's office has hired extra help staff to assist with services and discussions regarding cases will begin shortly. This item will be returning to the Board of Supervisors on October 25.

Budget

As discussed at last month's LMHB meeting, we have undertaken several initiatives to assist with a \$3 million structural deficit in behavioral health. One of these includes adding staff to billing to re-submit denials. This group has already billed more than \$500,000 that wouldn't have been billed otherwise. Additionally, we have dramatically increased staffing in our quality management team to ensure that our charts are audit ready, thus avoiding giving back money for services provided. On the direct service side we will be purchasing beds from Safe Harbor and a nearby Psychiatric Health Facility (PHF) in an effort to reduce our inpatient utilization. Finally, we will be identifying staff to assist clients in stepping down from Institutions for Mental Diseases (IMD) and ensuring that they have adequate supports upon returning to the community.

MHSA Housing

Yolo County's application, associated with the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Housing, for the 9% tax credit was officially approved this month. This means that we will be breaking ground on the site within 180 days.

MHSA 3 Year Plan

The planning process for our next 3 year Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) plan has officially kicked off. RDA will be providing a session with LMHB specifically.

Continuum of Care Reform

As previously discussed, effective January 1, counties must have a mechanism for providing mental health services to all foster youth. Our internal team has been meeting and planning for this addition. We have embedded mental health clinicians and case managers on the child welfare teams to assist with this transition.

Stepping Up Initiative

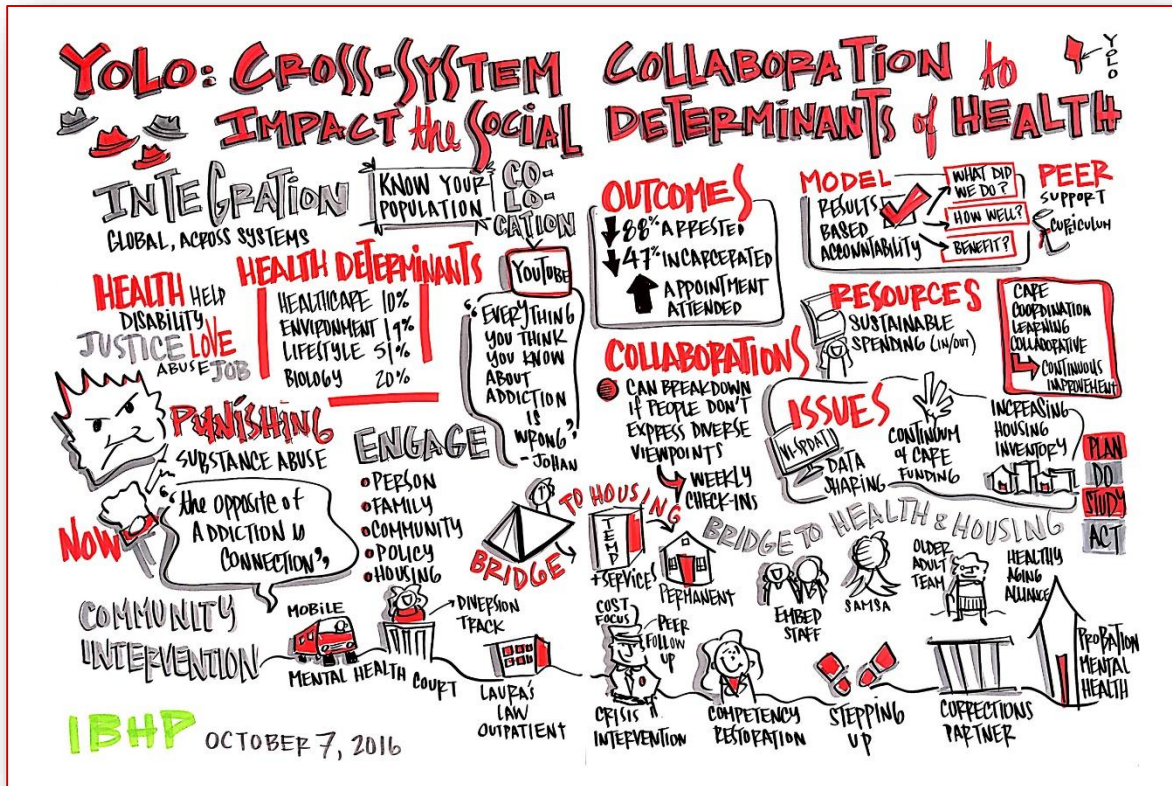
Our County workgroup continues to meet regarding the strategic plan goal of "Creating a Continuum of Care from Prevention through Intensive Services." The focus of our most recent meeting was around creating sub-committees around each of the intercepts in the Stepping Up framework. Mashan Wolfe from the Sheriff's department was selected to attend the Leadership Conference associated with Stepping Up and there will be a California Stepping Up summit in the spring that many of us will attend.

Mental Health Wellness Center

A contractor has been selected through a bid process for the Mental Health Wellness Center at Bauer. The contract will be before the Board of Supervisors October 25.

The Fourth Annual Innovations Summit on Integrated Care

On October 7, Karen Larsen, Sandra Sigrist, and Julie Freitas presented at the Fourth Annual Innovations Summit on Integrated Care conference. Below is the visual representation that was created during our presentation.



An Evening of Inspiration and Hope

On October 3, Yolo Community Care Continuum (YCCC) hosted their inaugural gala dinner and auction and honored Mayor-elect and former State Senate President pro Tem Darrell Steinberg. The event was well attended and raised funds for YCCC’s services. See snapshots of the event on the following page.

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